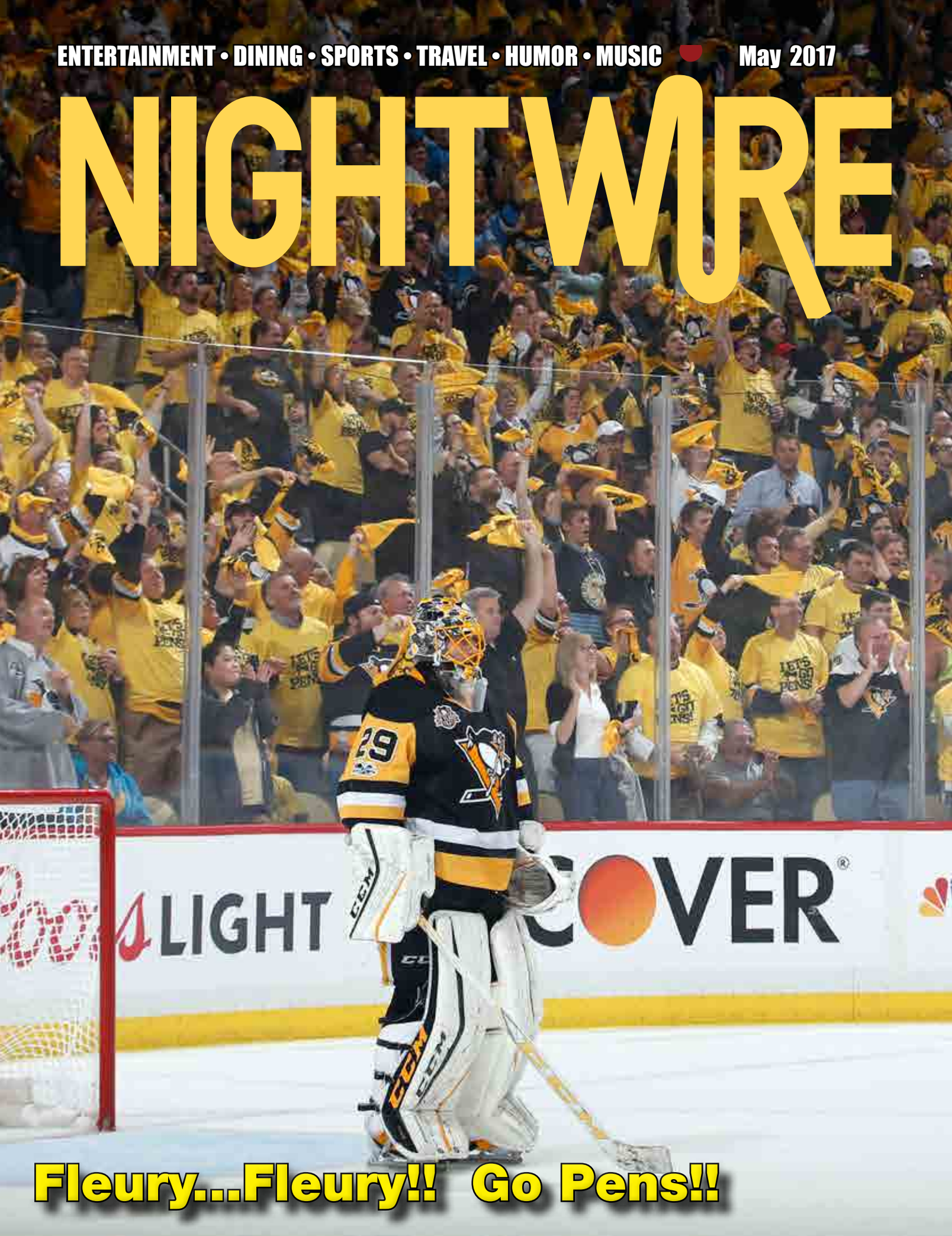


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SPORTS:

It's Deja Vu All Over Again.

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine
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Stop me if you've heard this one before. The Washington Capitals are the best team in the NHL regular season. The Penguins are the two seed in the Metropolitan Division. They meet in the second round of the playoffs. We all know how last year's story ended. Will this year end with the Penguins as the first back-to-back Stanley Cup Champions since the Detroit Redwings in 1997-98? And if it doesn't, was the season a failure? Let's explore.

Dispatching the Capitals will be tough, as it always is in a seven-game series against a worthy opponent. The teams split the regular season series, with the home team winning each game. Washington Head Coach, Barry Trotz knows it will be tough for the Caps to eliminate the Penguins as well. "We're going to play the Stanley Cup Champions. They had a wonderful season. They had a lot of injuries, and we didn't pass them really or really pull away from them until the last week of the season, so we know how good they are and they knocked us out last year, so we get a chance to go back at them."

Washington has a couple more pieces than they did last time around. Namely, defenseman Kevin Shattenkirk. The Capitals remembered the tough time they had in their own end versus

the Pens and addressed it at the trade deadline. They can get scoring from their big names as well as secondary scorers. Justin Williams had points in five of six games in the first round, including the overtime winner in Game 5. Alexander Ovechkin and T.J. Oshie scored three goals in the series as did goon, Tom Wilson. With all six games determined by one goal and five





going to overtime, Washington has been battle tested so far this postseason.

In last year's series, the Caps kept a lid on Captain Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin, who combined for just four points in the six games. But the Penguins' depth was too much to handle, as the now infamous HBK line of Carl Hagelin, Nick Bonino and Phil Kessel filled the scoresheet with 18 points. The HBK line is

broken up, with Hagelin injured and Kessel winging it with Malkin, but Phil is still putting up points, with eight in the first round.

Rookie Jake Guentzel racked up six points with five goals and an assist and the Eastern Conference Finals hero of a year ago, Bryan Rust has four goals. Balanced scoring is key, but if the Pens allow the Capitals 51 shots on goal like they did to the Blue Jackets in Game 5, they will be in trouble.

Marc Andre Fleury has played well in these playoffs, with his goals against average at 2.52 thanks to a 5-4 loss in Game 4, and a save percentage of .933, better than his counterpart, 2016 Vezina winner Baden Holtby at .925. Winning faceoffs is important to get in the offensive zone quickly and stay there, hunting for rebounds in the crease. Patric Hornqvist will be the x-factor, as would Chris Kunitz if he returns to the ice, they make a living in the goalie's face.

What if the Capitals send the Penguins home? Will the season be a big dud? Expectations are high of course, but there hasn't been a repeat champion for nearly 20 years for a reason. It's a grueling season and playoff, add in the World Cup of Hockey this year and the schedule is merciless. After being near the top of the league in man games lost to injury, there would be no shame in not reaching the conference final. But there's a lot working in





their favor too.

The Penguins are 8-1 all-time against the Capitals in playoff series and Ovechkin's group has never made it past the second round. The "Great 8" hasn't stepped onto conference final ice. As we know, winning the Presidents' Trophy means nothing. Just eight of the last 31 winners have hoisted the Stanley Cup.

Each time the Penguins have won it all, they went through the Capitals to do it. They can do it again.

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EQT Children's Theater Festival Coming to Pittsburgh's Cultural District Features Six Award-Winning Theater Companies and Live Performances For All Ages



The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is pleased to present the EQT Children's Theater Festival, May 18 through 21, 2017 in Downtown Pittsburgh's Cultural District. During the 31st annual celebration of children's international programming, attendees are encouraged to enjoy six sensational performances, including

a United States premiere, as well as a variety of family-friendly activities.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating the 31st EQT Children's Theater Festival with wonderful national and international performances and expanded programming for all ages," shared Pamela Komar, Director of Theater, Music and Youth Programming and Executive Director of the Children's Theater Series and Festival at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. "Once again, we are excited to invite performers from around the globe to foster cultural exchange and wonder through the performing arts. From popular stories coming to life to interactive outdoor theater performances to festival activities created to inspire and engage all ages, we look forward to creating memories at this year's festival!"

The 31st EQT Children's Theater Festival features ticketed performances by six award-winning theater companies from Australia, Mexico, the United States, Denmark and Ireland. A mix of teen-focused performances, like Simple Gifts, and child-centric shows such as The Way Back Home, this year's festival has something for everyone. The schedule includes the United States premier of Pulse, a theater experience carefully designed





for the youngest of theatergoers using texture and lively games to invite infants and toddlers into a creative space. Don't miss the outdoor interactive installation We Built This City presented by Polyglot from Australia where everyone can participate using cardboard boxes to build something unique! More than 35 free activities designed to complement featured performances, including hands-on activities, public art and music at numerous



indoor and outdoor spaces will take place throughout the Cultural District. For the fourth year, the EQT Foundation, the charitable affiliation of EQT Corporation, will serve as the lead and title sponsor of the Children's Theater Festival. Information about the festival is available by visiting www.TrustArts.org/PGHKIDS, by phone: 412-456-6666 or in person at Theater Square Box Office, 655 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

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Movie Reviews

NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

GHOST IN THE SHELL

I had the ability to see GHOST IN THE SHELL without knowing anything about the character or the storyline. As such, I can say I enjoyed this movie, which was really a mishmash of several high profile sci-fi classics. For my part, this movie combined enough weird sci-fi/fantasy elements and action to make it well worth viewing.

It is the future, and the distinctive line between man and machine is diminishing rapidly. Most humans are robotically enhanced. The industrial military complex design a complete artificial life (AI) robot, and simply drop a human brain into the apparatus. The concept is to have an unstoppable weapon, with the ability to think, reason and make human decisions in the field.

The first of these AI weapons is Major, played by Scarlett Johansson. She is the supreme warrior. She commands a team of mercenaries that includes: Batou (Pilou Asbeak); Han (Chin Han); Ladriya (Danusia Samal); and Ishikawa (Lasarus Ratuere). They are all under the tutelage of Aramaki, played by Takeshi Kitano, a wise old warrior, much in the vein of Yoda.

The merc team is very similar to Michael Biehn's team in ALIENS. Major is nearly a carbon copy of Peter Weller's ROBOCOP, except with the enhanced ability to teleport. In fact, the central conflict in GHOST IN THE SHELL is exactly the same as ROBOCOP. Major begins to remember her past, and her memories of the past are interfering with her functions. As an AI, she must come to terms with what she is, and who she was. The key plot point is Major's discovery that she is indeed, not the first of her kind. There are others, and they all share a bond. Like Will Smith's I, ROBOT, this is a familiar theme to



robot movies, so viewers will feel comfortable with it, while enjoying the enhanced SFX.

Technically, GHOST IN THE SHELL looks great. The futuristic city is filled with moving things, and all free air space is filled with advertisements. In this, the city looks like and copies stylings from Harrison Ford's BLADE RUNNER. Credit Production Designer Jan Roelfs with the look.

Jamie Moss and William Wheeler handle the screenplay based on the comic by Masamune Shirow. They do a fine job introducing the characters, setting up the plot and then keeping within the established framework.

Overall, Director Rupert Sanders helms a decent sci-fi flick that has enough purloined elements from other films to emit an air of comfort, especially for a movie more seeped in Japanese culture.



Without the chains of familiarity of the GHOST IN THE SHELL comic, I was able to enjoy this movie version. It looks impressive on the big screen, and if you have the chance, see it in 3D.

GOING IN STYLE

GOING IN STYLE is a cute movie. It's formulaic and somewhat predictable, but it's the type of feel good film that allows venerable actors a chance to work with each other in a light, frivolous manner, much to the delight of the audience.

Starring in GOING IN STYLE are Morgan Freeman, Alan Arkin and Michael Caine. They are three retirees who opt to rob a bank, once they learn the company they worked for most of their lives is dissolving the pension fund. Each of the characters is pension dependent, which allows Director Zach Braff (SCRUBS) to insert commentary on working for large companies, the moving of business to foreign countries, the place of the elderly in society and the inadequacies of society and culture in taking care of its elderly. All good themes, and the all-star trio manage to convey them with just a few lines of dialogue and the appropriate look.

Old folk, scorned by the system and deciding to revolt, finally, after decades of restrictive compliance, always makes for solid comedy. Other films to tackle the topic include: STAND UP GUYS; THE CREW; DIRETY ROTTEN SCANDALS; and ANALIYZE THIS, to name a few.

While these other films had slightly different approaches, there is no denying the interplay between the stars in all these endeavors, carries the effort. Also appearing in GOING



IN STYLE are Ann- Margaret, who even in advanced years manages to exude sensuality; Matt Dillon as Agent Hamer, determined to capture the old coots; and Christopher Lloyd as the trio's lodge friend, and an older version of his "gentlemen Jim" character from TAXI.

Technically, Braff depends on the behind the camera crew he used in his previous films. Editor Myron Kerstein keeps the film at just the right length; Composer Rob Simonsen provides a yeoman score supplemented with great songbook tunes. The one gaff is screenwriter Theodore Melfi. He penned Bill Murray's ST. VINCENT; a film that had much more potential than its final version. Melfi felt the need to insert so much commentary it detracted from the comedy. Braff reigns in



Melfi enough to make *GOING IN STYLE* more fun to watch than *ST. VINCENT*.

GOING IN STYLE provides comfort for those theatre goers traumatized recently by films filled with agendas. One knows what to expect when purchasing the ticket, and the movie does not disappoint. These types of films serve as sorbet to the summer blockbusters about to burst on the screens. *GOING IN STYLE* is good for a few laughs. It certainly won't offend anyone, or cause awkward moments. It will play as well on TV, as it does on the big screen.

THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE

Every year, Hollywood releases at least one film pertaining to the Holocaust. It is good Hollywood continues to produce these films. The Holocaust was a horrific time in history; and unfortunately, it is receiving short shrift among the Millennials. I'm not certain if this is due to the revisionist history permeating text books today, or if the entire generation is only concerned with matters originating on their birthdays.

Whatever the cause, too many today have forgotten the horrors of the Holocaust. Even more important, they have forgotten the attitudes and ideologies that led to the Holocaust. Tragic, indeed, for those who do not learn from history, are doomed to repeat it. So, I, for one, am glad Hollywood continues to make these films.

That said, *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE* is not a particularly good film, even though it has a good subject. Starring Jessica Chastain, Johan Heldenbergh and Daniel Bruhl, it is based on true events of Jewish smuggling through the Warsaw Zoo during the Nazi occupation of Poland. The film is choppy and tediously slow. It serves more as a showcase for Jessica Chastain, who seems to be on a personal mission to create politically relevant



films. In her efforts to be a celluloid crusader, Chastain mugs for the lens too frequently. Her German/Polish accent is spot on in some scenes, but weak and strained in others.

The film begins as if it is a female-driven remake of *DR. DOOLITTLE*. Chastain whirls through a zoo, talking, in her own manner, to all the animals, who love her endlessly. The opening scene sets up the running theme through *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE* that animals are better than humans.

Act two of *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE* is like watching paint dry. Screenwriter Angela Workman takes a sabbatical from face-paced writing and drags the technicians, actors and viewers through a quagmire of needless scenes. The problem is one of adaptation. To concentrate on the star's role, scenes are established so Chastain can shine at the expense of the flow of the story. Because of this, a key character transition, where Chastain's husband, Jan, played by Heldenbergh, suddenly shifts from zoo keeper to freedom fighter, is glossed over, creating a sequential rift in the plot. Jan's story is more compelling, unfortunately, Heldenbergh is not the star.

The antagonist in the film is obviously the Nazis. The Nazi malevolence is embodied in Bruhl's character of Lutz Heck. He plays the part well.

Director Niki Caro weaves a meandering tale, and receives little help from Editor David Coulson. As a result, *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE* loses its impact, and then endures for at least 40 minutes longer than necessary. The tale's time transitions are sporadic and perplexing.

There are many good films about the Holocaust. *THE PIANIST*; *DEFIANCE*; *THE READER*; *IN DARKNESS*; *OUT OF THE ASHES*; *LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL* to name just a few; but *THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE* doesn't come close to the lofty heights those films attained.



Ambassador Daniel M. Rooney... Touched So Many Lives And Will Be Sadly Missed

Steeler Nation will forever remember Dan Rooney, he touched so many lives and truly made a difference. We shall keep him in our hearts and celebrate his life! He was truly a Pittsburgh icon.

In celebration of his life we wanted to share some quotes from his family and Steelers.....

Steelers President Art Rooney II - It is a sad day for my family and me. My father meant so much to all of us, and so much to so many past and present members of the Steelers organization. He gave his heart and soul to the Steelers, the National Football League, and the City of Pittsburgh. "We will celebrate his life and the many ways he left us in a better place."

Former Steeler Ike Taylor: "I was born and raised in New Orleans, a city that celebrates a person's life after death with a second-line parade rather than gathering around a casket and mourning at a funeral. These gatherings feature brass bands, dancing in the street and folks decked out in brightly colored suits and hats. So, let's cue the music for former Pittsburgh Steelers chairman Dan "Papa" Rooney."

I remember the first time I met Papa Rooney. The Pittsburgh Steelers selected me in the fourth round of the 2003 NFL Draft. When I arrived at the facilities, I was met by head coach Bill Cowher, director of football operations Kevin Colbert and owners Art and Dan Rooney. We shook hands and the rest was history. Papa Rooney was a father figure to me, and I often sought his advice throughout my 12 years with the Steelers. Yet most of the time, he taught me without saying anything. After a tiring practice early in my career, I fell asleep on the couch in his office. He picked up his things and headed to his son's office next door, letting me sleep. He always displayed this type of kindness.

The relationship Papa Rooney had with his players was rare. I never felt like just a player or employee. He



genuinely cared about the well-being of myself and my family, and I kept in touch with him until his death. Papa Rooney showed me that love has no color and no price, as he treated everyone with respect and fairness. I will always be grateful for the opportunity the Pittsburgh Steelers gave me to play in the National Football League. It led me to so many great people. I think it goes without saying that Papa Rooney sits at the top of my list, so let's give him the greatest second-line parade Pittsburgh's ever seen. "

Steeler Antonio Brown: Posted on Instagram:

Dear Mr. Rooney, When we first met in 2010 you embraced me with open arms. You made me feel welcome. You looked at me as more than just another jersey number. One of the most genuine, and humble human beings I've had the pleasure of knowing. You motivated me not only to excel on the field but also in life. This season, the number 84 on my uniform will represent the 84 years you spent on this earth making an impact on the lives of others. I'll miss you my friend. Thank you for everything -AB

Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin

"The passing of Mr. Rooney is a difficult time, not just for myself, the Pittsburgh Steelers organization and the National Football League. But for everyone in the City of Pittsburgh and Steelers Nation. In 2007, Mr. Rooney afforded me the opportunity to lead the football team he helped guide throughout his life. For that, I am forever grateful and am honored to have done so. After every game, win or lose, Mr. Rooney would enter our locker room, look me in my eye and shake my hand along with every player who stepped foot on the field. He embodied professionalism and was a man who created a family-like atmosphere that will continue on. Football examples only scratch the surface of how he impacted mine and the countless other lives he touched."



Summer Suds

by Brian Meyer

Summer. Just the thought of the word brings back thoughts of warm weather, vacations, and kicking back on the porch with a few beers.

Good beer is a crucial part to summer, so picking the right one is as important as choosing the best beach to visit on vacation.

From shandys to pale ales to wheat beers and beyond...summer beers are all about refreshing you and beating the heat. There's a special bond that exists between warm weather and cold beer. While beer is pretty great all year; there's just something about a hot day that makes a beer taste better than normal.

Since choosing the right beer for your summer fun is so important, we did the legwork for you and compiled a list of our favorite summer beers to match just about any beer preference. Take a look, get some sunscreen on, and get out there and enjoy some cold beer, warm weather, and make the most of your summer.

Anderson Valley Brewing Summer Solstice

Unlike winter and fall beers, summer beers fall into quite a few categories and run the gamut of flavors. Take for example Anderson Valley's Summer Solstice. This beer is slightly sweet with a malty backbone and a clean finish. Summer Solstice is considered a session beer, coming in at 5% ABV, making it perfect for having a few beers while barbecuing or cutting the grass. Bravo hops give this beer a slight hop flavor



and the light spice addition gives the beer a hint of caramel and spice, making it a "cream soda for adults" without being too sweet.

Bell's Brewery Oberon

What's better than one of the best summer beers ever in a 12oz can? One of the best summer beers in a 16oz can of course! Summertime favorite Oberon from Bell's Brewery is out once again this summer with a twist, thanks to the "pounder" can and a true pint pour. Light and refreshing, both sizes are available this year to help you with all your porch sitting and grass cutting, koozie not included. Of course if glass is more your style, Oberon is always in the bottle, too.

Heavy Seas Beer Smooth Sail

The folks at Heavy Seas Beer know a thing or two about great beer in cans. Adding to their lineup of canned beverages comes Smooth Sail. Not your average summer ale, this 4.5% ABV wheat ale includes lemon and orange peel to give it a nice citrus kick. While some Heavy Seas beers are available in bottles, this seasonal treat is only in cans, making it an easy choice for the beach or tailgating.

Otter Creek Brewery Fresh Slice

The call of the lawn chair and fresh cut grass is a strong one, and Fresh Slice from Otter Creek Brewing is here to answer. This 5.5% white IPA includes a little clementine and coriander along with some very dank and delicious hops. The Belgian yeast used in this beer makes it nice and fresh tasting while being extra refreshing for nice hot days. Best of all, this is the first can ever offered by Otter Creek, so check it out while you can, as this one is only seasonal.



North Country Brewing Co. Bucco Blonde

Blonde ales are typically light and refreshing, making them a perfect match for warm weather, and North Country Brewing's Bucco Blonde is no exception. This 4.9% blonde ale has a great malt body with a hint of bitterness to balance things out. This beer was brewed specifically for Pittsburgh's very own Pirates. More specifically, for the Bucco's pitching coach Ray Searage, also known as Uncle Ray, and proceeds go to benefit the Make a Wish foundation.

Victory Brewing Summer Love

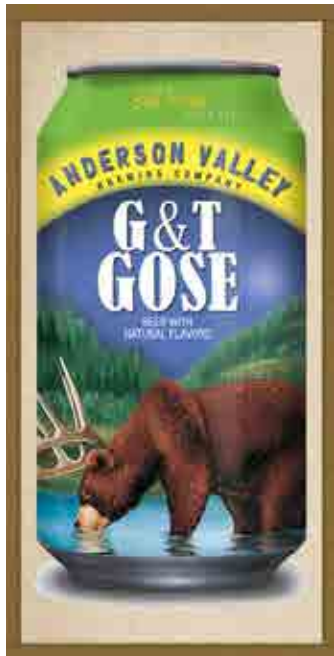
Coming out this summer again in a can is Victory's seasonal Summer Love. While there are many reasons to love summer, Summer Love is possibly the best. This golden ale comes in at 5.2% ABV and features tastes of fresh, clean German malts with earthy and spicy noble European hops, finishing up with a lemony aftertaste thanks to some whole flower

American hops. Even though that can will keep your beer fresh longer, Victory Summer Love is available in bottles, too.



Anderson Valley G&T Gose

When it comes to classic cocktails, it's hard to beat a gin and tonic. Simple, straightforward, and full of bright botanical flavors, it's a real go-to drink. The brewers at Anderson Valley Brewing Company felt the same way, which is why they decided to translate this classic drink into beer form. Using a tart sour Gose beer as the base for the concoction, you'll also find lemon peel, juniper, lemongrass, and grains of paradise along for the trip to give this bright, tart beer a truly refreshing edge that's perfect



for warmer months. Like many Gose-style beers, G&T Gose comes in at 4.2% ABV.

Dogfish Head Brewing Co. Romantic Chemistry

It's a pretty big understatement to say that the bread and butter of Dogfish Head Brewing Company's beer lineup is the IPA, but it's the truth. This wildly popular style is once again being refreshed and made even better, this time by brewing the beer with mango, apricot, and ginger. Together these flavors and aromas join forces to make a beer that's one serious IPA! Coming in at 8% ABV, this beer will be available in 12-oz bottles and on draft now. If you were a fan of Aprihop, then this beer is right up your alley.



Jacks Cider Conewago Orchard Cider

Sometimes a cider is exactly what you need on a nice hot summer day, and when that need hits, you definitely want to keep it craft and thanks to Jack's, you can. Jack's Conewago Orchard Hard Cider is made from apples picked from Jack's Conewago Orchard, hand-pressed on site, and fermented and aged to perfection. This 5.5% ABV hard cider has just a touch of sweetness to balance out the natural acidity of the apples and some spiciness. In short, this is one cider that is hard to pass up.

Lancaster Blue Trail Shandy

Shandys are a style of beer made specifically for enjoying when the weather gets warm. A mix of fruit juice and lager beer, a shandy is light, refreshing, and definitely easy to drink. Lancaster Brewing Company couldn't agree more, and gave us just that with their Blue Trail Lemon Blueberry Shandy. This 5% ABV beer uses natural lemon and blueberry flavors, pure cane sugar, and expertly brewed beer to give us a light, refreshing warm weather beer. Best of all, this canned beer helps support Barkin' for Parkinson's trail hike "16."

Saugatuck New Daze on Saison

Farmhouse ales are typically light yet flavorful with a funky yeast flavor that makes them very well-rounded beers. Saugatuck Brewing Co. brews their Daze On Saison with a blend of four different hops and six different malts to give it the farmhouse

flavor you'd expect with an interesting twist of bitterness that will make you want to have another. Daze On Saison comes in at 5.5% ABV and is available starting in early summer.

Stone Brewing Ghost Hammer IPA

Not one to rest on their laurels, Stone Brewing loves to take a common style of beer and give it just enough of a tweak to make it their own. Their latest foray into the world of beer experimentation is their new Ghost Hammer IPA. This 6.7% ABV beer will be released in cans as well as draft, and features coriander, grains of paradise, and is blended with an assortment of citrus fruits. The result is a bright, flavorful IPA that's heavy on the hops and bitterness while keeping the added fruits and spices forefront.



Troegs Crimson Pistil

What do you think of when you think of summer? Pools, grass cutting, and the beach are all good candidates, but one thing that's probably present in every image is bright, colorful flowers. Summer is when the beautiful hibiscus flower blows, and Troegs Brewing decided to take full advantage of it this year for their new Crimson Pistil Hibiscus IPA. This 6.2% ABV beer features a mix of berry-like tanginess, tropical hop notes, and a hearty dose of bitterness to give you your new favorite summertime beer.

Victory Kirsch Gose

Bright, sharp, and sweet are all commendations that are applied to the nicer of our population, but they're also the perfect description of Victory Brewing's Kirsch Gose. This 4.7% ABV beer pours light ruby red with a white foamy head, and thanks to the addition of fresh sour cherries, the tart sourness of the Gose style of beer are complimented and enhanced. Refreshing and light, Kirsch Gose is so good you'll be sad it's only available in spring and early summer.

Weyerbacher Wit

When it comes to warm weather beers, the king of the hill is without a doubt the Witbier. This light, refreshing style of beer is exemplified by Weyerbacher Brewing's Wit. This 4.6% ABV beer has next to no bitterness at all and features coriander, orange peel, grains of paradise, and star anise to give it a light spiciness and crisp, clean finish.





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You'll Want to Kiss Kissimmee By Suzanne Ferrara



If you haven't been to a Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Kissimmee, Fla., you are missing out on a most impressive and thrilling experience.

Your step back in time to medieval Spain begins the moment you walk across the castle's drawbridge. Inside the replicated 11th century fortress is a huge arena in which the tournament and royal feast takes place. Your role is that of a special guest of the King of the Realm, who invited you to his royal banquet. Once the action-packed festivities begin, you can't help but be a part of this one-of-a-kind experience and its spirited atmosphere.

You will witness all the pomp and circumstance and pageantry that goes with a medieval tournament. Six highly-



skilled knights engage in a heated competition for Princess Catalina's hand, and the tournament includes jousting, hand-to-hand combat and sword fighting.

The knights, who are costumed interpreters, take their roles and aptitudes seriously; they not only go through extensive training, but have astonishing physical strength and have proficient steed skills as well. (Fact: Stallions and Pure Spanish horses, including the revered Andalusian, that are used for the production, live on the grounds and many of the knights are their actual caretakers). The horses are trained by a master mount trainer, and after they retire from performing, are treated like royalty for the remainder of their lives at the Medieval Times' Chapel Creek Ranch).

The dignified sport of falconry is also part of the show. The majestic and powerful bird of prey soars above the audience, all the while following the direction of the expert Royal Falconer. Throughout the show, it will be hard to take your eyes off all of the action-packed talent, even while you are



being served a feast fit for a king.

Did I say 'feast'? Guests are served a scrumptious four-course dinner on pewter plates and bowls. Everyone eats Middle Ages-style, without utensils! What's on the menu? Tomato Bisque Soup, Castle Bread, BBQ Spare Ribs, Roasted Chicken, Herb-Roasted Potatoes, and a Pastry of the Castle (an apple turnover). (Tip: Non-alcoholic beverages are included with your admission ticket, and there's a cash bar for alcohol. Before the show, grab a refreshing libation in



the main hall, then stroll around the castle and the medieval village).

Speaking of... the Medieval Village is comprised of eight cottages that feature coppersmiths, weavers and potters of the era. Be sure not to miss the Hall of Arms which is chock-full of medieval artifacts. There's also a dungeon, full of centuries-old relics and instruments; this exhibit, however, may be too intense for some children. (Tip: Doors open 75 minutes before the show which is the best time to arrive and take in all the sites). (Seating Tips: The King's Royalty Package includes VIP seating, a framed group photo with the king and princess, a knight's cheering banner and a behind the scenes DVD. There's first-come, first-serve seating for all regular admission tickets, so arrive early).

Wondering which knight wins the princess' hand? After their epic battles, one of the King's brave knights is named 'Champion Knight', and it could be the one you were rooting for during the night!

From knights on horses to a display of thundering horse power—we're talking high performance engines at the Old



Old Town, Classic Car Cruise, Experience Kissimmee

Town, Kissimmee's Muscle Car Show and Cruise each and every Friday night. American-made Muscle Cars (cars with a V-8 engine) from 1964- on and American classics right up until 1988 rev their engines and parade down Main Street, but that's not all; every Saturday night, Old Town plays host to one of America's longest-running weekly car show and cruise. The Saturday Nite Classic Car Cruise invites all 1979-and-older street and hot rods, and antique classics to show off their stuff down Main Street, too. For car enthusiasts, it is definitely a dream come true, and perhaps, just a little bit of motorized heaven!!

But there's a lot more to Old Town than just a display of engines, that's for sure; this recreated turn-of-the-century Florida town has been a destination for family-friendly fun for over three decades. This walking district, which boasts historical architecture, has something for everyone, and offers a plethora of attractions, entertainment, shops and restaurants! It's the perfect opportunity to get in your steps and, at the same time, take in the culture and sights of an amazing community!

Need more excitement? Board an airboat in Kissimmee and tour the stunning headwaters to the Florida Everglades; for example, Boggy Creek Airboat Rides, which the Long family began back in 1994, offers a variety of thrilling tours. (Tip:



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The sunset tour is a must if you want to be awestruck by the sun setting over the lake, but if wildlife is something in which you are interested, take the half-hour or full-hour tours during the morning). In addition to soaring across the swamps at speeds of 45 miles per hour, riders will come across the Florida alligator, exotic birds and much more. (Tip: The best time to see alligators is on summer days before 10:00 a.m.).

Did you know? Kissimmee is known for being the 'Vacation Home Capital of the World', which means there are thousands of unique houses which you can use as your home base during your vacation. Want a pool? A hot tub? An entertainment room? These homes have every amenity you



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could desire, from pools to movie theaters, and a number of these vacation rentals come with a beautiful lakefront setting.

Oh, and did I mention that Kissimmee is just fifteen minutes away from Orlando's Walt Disney World and Universal Studios? Just checking. Those spots seem to bring in a visitor or two as well.

For more information go to: <http://www.medievaltimes.com>, <http://www.experiencekissimmee.com>, <https://myoldtownusa.com/http://bcairboats.com/our-story/>, <http://www.experiencekissimmee.com/places-to-stay/vacation-home-rentals/>.

A PERFECT CIRCLE CONCERT IN LAS VEGAS

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A Perfect Circle, Las Vegas. April 7, 2017

On the opening night of their first North American tour in six years, A Perfect Circle debuted a new song called "Feathers." The concert, at The Pearl in Las Vegas, was the first of a 21-date tour the Maynard James Keenan-fronted super group "A Perfect Circle", is taking through the U.S. this spring. For more information and tour dates please visit www.aperfectcircle.com



The Coach:

At one point during a game, the coach called one of his 9-year-old baseball players aside and asked, "Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?" The little boy nodded in the affirmative. "Do you understand that what matters is whether we win or lose together as a team?" The little boy nodded yes. "So," the coach continued, "I'm sure you know, when an out is called, you shouldn't argue, curse, attack the umpire, or call him a pecker-head. Do you understand all that? Again the little boy nodded. He continued, "And when I take you out of the game so another boy gets a chance to play, it's not good sportsmanship to call your coach 'a dumb butt' is it?" Again the little boy nodded. "Good," said the coach. "Now go over there and explain all that to your grandmother!"

WHY SENTENCE STRUCTURE IS SOOO IMPORTANT:

The boss had to fire somebody, and he narrowed it down to one of two people, Debra or Jack. It was an impossible decision because they were both super workers. Rather than flip a coin, he decided he would fire the first one who used the water cooler the next morning.

Debra came in the next morning with a horrible hangover after partying all night. She went to the cooler to take an aspirin. The boss approached her and said: "Debra, I've never done this before but I have to lay you or Jack off." "Could you jack off?" she says. "I feel like crap."

IRISH JOKE:

Into a Belfast pub comes Paddy Murphy, looking like he'd just been run over by a train. His arm is in a sling, his nose is broken, his face is cut and bruised and he's walking with a limp "What happened to you?" asks Sean, the bartender. "Jamie O'Conner and me had a fight," says Paddy. "That little shit, O'Conner," says Sean, "He couldn't do that to you, he must have had something in his hand." "That he did," says Paddy, "a shovel is what he had, and a terrible lickin' he gave me with it." "Well," says Sean, "you should have defended yourself, didn't you have something in your hand?" That I did," said Paddy. "Mrs. O'Conner's breast, and a thing of beauty it was, but useless in a fight."

An Irishman who had a little too much to drink is driving home from the city one night and, of course, his car is weaving violently all over the road. A cop pulls him over. "So," says the



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cop to the driver, where have ya been?" "Why, I've been to the pub of course," slurs the drunk. "Well," says the cop, "it looks like you've had quite a few to drink this evening." "I did all right," the drunk says with a smile. "Did you know," says the cop, standing straight and folding his arms across his chest, "that a few intersections back, your wife fell out of your car?" "Oh, thank heavens," sighs the drunk. "For a minute there, I thought I'd gone deaf."

Brenda O'Malley is home making dinner, as usual, when Tim Finnegan arrives at her door. "Brenda, may I come in?" he asks. "I've somethin' to tell ya". "Of course you can come in, you're always welcome, Tim. But where's my husband?" "That's what I'm here to be telling ya, Brenda." There was an accident down at the Guinness brewery... "Oh, God no!" cries Brenda. "Please don't tell me." "I must, Brenda. Your husband Shamus is dead and gone. I'm sorry. Finally, she looked up at Tim. "How did it happen, Tim?" "It was terrible, Brenda. He fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned." "Oh my dear Jesus! But you must tell me truth, Tim. Did he at least go quickly?" "Well, Brenda... no. In fact, he got out three times to pee."

Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?" She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night." The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?" She says, "That he did, Father." The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?" She says, He said, 'Please Mary, put down that damn gun...'

AND THE BEST FOR LAST

A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth, sits down, but says nothing. The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues to sit there. Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall. The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin, there's no paper on this side either!"

OLE BLUE:

A young farm lad from North Iowa goes off to college, but about 1/3 of the way through the semester, he has foolishly squandered away all of the money his parents gave him. Then he gets an idea. He calls his daddy. "Dad," he says, "you won't believe the wonders that modern education is coming up with! Why, they actually have a program here at Iowa State that

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will teach our dog Ole Blue how to talk!""That's absolutely amazing," his father says. "How do I get him in that program?""Just send him down here with \$1,000" the boy says. "I'll get him into the course. So, his father sends the dog and the \$1,000. About 2/3 way through the semester, the money runs out. The boy calls his father again."So how's Ole Blue doing, son," his father asks."Awesome, Dad, he's talking up a storm," he says, "but you just won't believe this - they've had such good results with this program that they've implemented a new one to teach the animals how to READ!""READ," says his father, "No kidding! What do I have to do to get him in that program?"Just send \$2,500, I'll get him in the class. His father sends the money.The boy now has a problem. At the end of the year, his father will find out that the dog can neither talk, nor read. So he shoots the dog.When he gets home at the end of the semester, his father is all excited. "Where's Ole Blue? I just can't wait to see him talk and read something!""Dad," the boy says, "I have some grim news. Yesterday morning, just before we left to drive home, Ole Blue was in the living room kicked back in the recliner, reading the Wall Street Journal, like he usually does. Then he turned to me and asked, 'So, is your daddy still messin' around with that little redhead who lives in town?'The father says, "I hope you SHOT that SOB before he talks to your Mother!""I sure did, Dad!""That's my boy!"(The kid went on to be a successful lawyer.....)

ONE (1) QUESTION TEST:

This test only has one question, but it's a very important one. By giving an honest answer, you will discover where you stand morally.The test features an unlikely, completely fictional situation in which you will have to make a decision. Remember that your answer needs to be honest, yet spontaneous.Please scroll down slowly and give due consideration to each line.

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Woman Aren't Smarter Than Men

Three men and three women are traveling by train to the Super Bowl. At the station, the three women each buy a ticket and watch as the three men buy just one ticket. "How are the three of you going to travel on only one ticket?" asks one of the women.

"Watch and learn," answers one of the men.

They all board the train. The three women take their respective seats but all three men cram into a toilet together and close the door. Shortly after the train has departed, the conductor comes around collecting tickets. He knocks on the toilet door and says, "Ticket, please." The door opens just a crack, and a single arm emerges with a ticket in hand. The conductor takes it and moves on. The women see this happen and agree it was quite a clever idea; so, after the game, they decide to do the same thing on the return trip and save some money. When they get to the station they buy a single ticket for the return trip but see, to their astonishment, that the three men don't buy any ticket at all!! "How are you going to travel without a ticket?" says one perplexed woman. "Watch and learn," answer the men. When they board the train, the three women cram themselves into a toilet, and the three men cram into another toilet just down the way. Shortly after the train is on its way, one of the men leaves his toilet and walks over to the toilet in which the women are hiding. The man knocks on their door and says, "Ticket, please." I'm still trying to figure out why women ever think they are smarter than men.



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Larry gets home late one night and his wife, Linda, says, "Where in have you been?" Larry replies, "I was out getting a tattoo." "A tattoo?" she frowned. "What kind of tattoo did you get?" "I got a hundred dollar bill on my privates," he said proudly. "What the hell were you thinking?" she said, shaking her head in disdain. "Why on earth would an accountant get a hundred dollar bill tattooed on his privates?" Well, one, I like to watch my money grow. Two, once in a while I like to play with my money. Three, I like how money feels in my hand. And, lastly, instead of you going out shopping, you can stay right here at home and blow a hundred bucks anytime you want." Larry is recovering in room 232 at John Hopkins Hospital.

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...

Enough money within her control to move out and rent a place of her own, even if she never wants to or needs to...

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...

Something perfect to wear if the employer, or date of her dreams wants to see her in an hour...

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ..

A youth she's content to leave behind....

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...

A past juicy enough that she's looking forward to retelling it in her old age....

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE

A set of screwdrivers, a cordless drill, and a black lace bra...

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE .

One friend who always makes her laugh... and one who lets her cry...

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE

A good piece of furniture not previously owned by anyone else in her family...

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...

Eight matching plates, wine glasses with stems, and a recipe for a meal, that will make her guests feel honored...

A WOMAN SHOULD HAVE ...

A feeling of control over her destiny.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

How to fall in love without losing herself.

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

How to quit a job,
break up with a lover,
and confront a friend without;
ruining the friendship...

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

When to try harder... and WHEN TO WALK AWAY...

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

That she can't change the length of her calves,
the width of her hips, or the nature of her parents..

EVERY WOMAN SHOULD KNOW...

That her childhood may not have been perfect...but its over...

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What she would and wouldn't do for love or more...

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@ +70 degrees

Texans turn on the heat and unpack the thermal underwear.
People in Pennsylvania's go swimming in the Rivers.

@ +60 degrees

North Carolinians try to turn on the heat.
People in Pennsylvania's plant gardens.

@ +50 degrees

Californians shiver uncontrollably.
People in Pennsylvania's sunbathe.

@ +40 degrees

Italian & English cars won't start.
People in Pennsylvania drive with the windows down.

@ +32 degrees

Distilled water freezes.
The Monongahela river water gets thicker.

@ +20 degrees

Floridians put on coats, thermal underwear, gloves and woolly
hats. People in Pennsylvania throw on a flannel shirt.

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People in Miami all die.

Keystone Stater's lick the flagpole.

@ 0 degrees

Californians fly away to Mexico.

People in Pennsylvania get out their winter coats.

@ -10 degrees

Hollywood disintegrates.

The Girl Scouts in Pennsylvania are selling cookies door to door.

@ -25 degrees

Polar bears begin to evacuate the Arctic.

Boy Scouts in Pennsylvania postpone "Winter Survival" classes until it gets cold enough.

@ -30 degrees

Mount St. Helen's freezes.

People in Pennsylvania rent some videos.

@ -40 degrees

Santa Claus abandons the North Pole.

Pennsylvanians get frustrated because they can't thaw the keg.

@ -45 degrees

Microbial life no longer survives on dairy products.

Cows in Pennsylvania complain about farmers with cold hands.

@ -60 degrees

ALL atomic motion stops (absolute zero in the Kelvin scale).

People in Pennsylvania start saying, "Cold 'nuff for youin's?"

@ -100 degrees

Hell freezes over.

The Cleveland Browns win the Super Bowl

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And I had to answer "yes".

He told me to get off my fanny

And tidy up the house.

And so I started cleaning up...

The smudges off my mouse.

I wiped and shined the topside.

That really did the trick...

I was just admiring my work...

I didn't mean to 'click'.

But click, I did, and oops I found

A real absorbing site !

That I got SO way into...

I was into it all night. Sigh

Nothing's changed except my mouse

It's very, very shiny.

I guess my house will stay a mess...

While I sit here on my hiney.

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Bubba:

Bubba went to a psychiatrist. "I've got problems. Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it. I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy. Just put yourself in my hands for one year, said the shrink. Come talk to me three times a week, and we should be able to get rid of those fears. How much do you charge eighty dollars per visit, replied the doctor! "I'll sleep on it," said Bubba. Six months later the doctor met Bubba on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me about those fears you were having?" asked the psychiatrist. Eighty dollars a week for a year is an awful lot of money! A bartender cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought me a new pickup "Is that so! And how, may I ask, did a bartender cure you? He told me to cut the legs off the bed! Ain't nobody under there now !!



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Tennessee:

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

Alabama:

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

Louisiana:

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

Mississippi:

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

West Virginia:

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

North Carolina:

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

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Son asked his mother the following question:

"Mom, why are wedding dresses white?"

The mother looks at her son and replies, "Son, this shows your friends and relatives that your bride is pure." The son thanks his Mom and goes off to double-check this with his father. "Dad why are wedding dresses white?" The father looks at his son in surprise and says, "Son, all household appliances come in white."

CATHOLIC HEART ATTACK:

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had an open heart bypass surgery. He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic Hospital. As he was recovering, a nun asked him questions regarding how he was going to pay for his treatment. She asked if he had health insurance. He replied, in a raspy voice, "No health insurance." The nun asked if he had money in the bank. He replied, "No money in the bank."

The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?"

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, who is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced loudly, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God." The patient replied, "Then send the bill to my brother-in-law."

HEAVEN OR HELL?

An old lady dies and goes to heaven. She's chatting it up with St. Peter at the Pearly Gates when all of a sudden she hears the most awful blood curdling screams. "Don't worry about that," says St. Peter, "it's only someone having the holes put into her shoulder blades for wings." The old lady looks a little uncomfortable but carries on with the conversation. Ten minutes later, there are more blood curdling screams. "Oh my God," says the old lady, "now what is happening?" "Not to worry," says St. Peter, "She's just having her head drilled to fit the halo." "I can't do this," says the old lady, "I'm going to hell." "You can't go there," says St. Peter. "You'll be raped and sodomized." "Maybe so," says the old lady, "but I've already got the holes drilled for that."



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Mary had a little pig,
She kept it fat and plastered;
And when the price of pork went up,
She shot the little b.....d.

MARY HAD A LITTLE LAMB

Her father shot it dead.
Now it goes to school with her,
Between two hunks of bread.

JACK AND JILL

Went up the hill
To have a little fun.
Stupid Jill forgot the pill
And now they have a son.

SIMPLE SIMON

met a Pie man going to the fair.
Said Simple Simon to the Pie man,
"What have you got there?"
Said the Pie man unto Simon,
"Pies, you Dumb Ass"

HUMPTY DUMPTY

sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the kings' horses,
And all the kings' men.
Had scrambled eggs,
For breakfast again.

HEY DIDDLE, DIDDLE

the cat took a piddle,
All over the bedside clock.
The little dog laughed to see such fun.
Then died of electric shock.

GEORGIE PORGY

Pudding and Pie,
Kissed the girls and made them cry.
And when the boys came out to play,
He kissed them too 'cause he was gay.

There was a little girl who had a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead.
When she was good, she was very, very
good. But when she was bad.....
She got a fur coat, jewels, a waterfront
condo, and a sports car.

To those of us who have children in our lives, whether they are our own, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or students... here is something to make you chuckle. Whenever your children are out of control, you can take comfort from the thought that even God's omnipotence did not extend to His own children. After creating heaven and earth, God created Adam and Eve. And the first thing he said was "DON'T!" "Don't what?" Adam replied. "Don't eat the forbidden fruit." God said. "Forbidden fruit? We have forbidden fruit? Hey Eve..we have forbidden fruit!" "No Way!" "Yes way!" "Do NOT eat the fruit!" said God. "Why?" "Because I am your Father and I said so!" God replied, wondering why He hadn't stopped creation after making the elephants. A few minutes later, God saw His children having an apple break and He was ticked! "Didn't I tell you not to eat the fruit?" God asked. "Uh huh," Adam replied. "Then why did you?" said the Father. "I don't know," said Eve. "She started it!" Adam said. "Did not!" "Did too!" "DID NOT!" Having had it with the two of them, God's punishment was that Adam and Eve should have children of their own. Thus the pattern was set and it has never changed.. BUT THERE IS REASSURANCE IN THE STORY! If you have persistently and lovingly tried to give children wisdom and they haven't taken it, don't be hard on yourself. If God had trouble raising children, what makes you think it would be a piece of cake for you?



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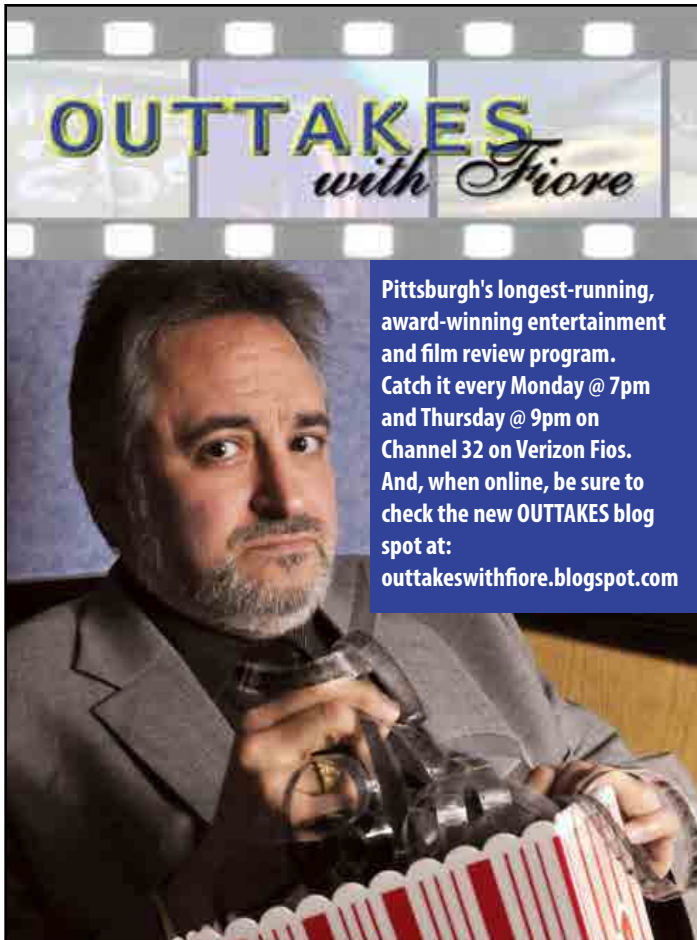
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1. You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen telling them to sit down and shut up.
2. Grandchildren are God's reward for not killing your own children.
3. Mothers of teens now know why some animals eat their young.
4. Children seldom misquote you. In fact, they usually repeat word for word what you shouldn't have said.
5. The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children more awful than your own.
6. We childproofed our homes, but they are still getting in.

ADVICE FOR THE DAY:

Be nice to your kids.

They will choose your
nursing home one day.

AND FINALLY:

IF YOU HAVE A LOT OF TENSION

AND YOU GET A HEADACHE,

DO WHAT IT SAYS

ON THE ASPIRIN BOTTLE: "TAKE TWO ASPIRIN"

AND "KEEP AWAY FROM CHILDREN"!!!!!!

Immigration Officer

The Immigration Officer said, "Mujibar, you have passed all the tests so far, there is only one test left. Unless you pass it you cannot enter the United States of America. Make a sentence using the words Yellow, Pink and Green." Mujibar said, "The telephone goes green, green, green, and I pink it up, and say, 'Yellow, this is Mujibar.'" Mujibar now lives in a neighborhood near you and works at a Verizon help desk. I talked to him yesterday.

Things Found Only in America

1. Only in America.....can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.
2. Only in America.....are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink.
3. Only in America.....do drugstores make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.
4. Only in America.....do people order double cheese burgers, large fries, and a diet Coke.

5. Only in America.....do banks leave both doors to the vault open and then chain the pens to the counters.
6. Only in America.....do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and put our useless junk in the garage.
7. Only in America.....do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place.
8. Only in America.....do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages of eight.
9. Only in America.....do we use the word 'politics' to describe the process so well: Poli' in Latin meaning 'many' and 'tics' meaning 'bloodsucking creatures'.
10. Only in America.....do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering.

There were two nuns..

One of them was known as Sister Mathematical (SM), and the other one was known as Sister Logical (SL). It is getting dark and they are still far away from the convent.

SM: Have you noticed that a man has been following us for the past thirty-eight and a half minutes? I wonder what he wants.

SL: It's logical. He wants to rape us.

SM: Oh, no! At this rate he will reach us in 15 minutes at the most! What can we do?

SL: The only logical thing to do of course is to walk faster.

SM: It's not working.

SL: Of course it's not working. The man did the only logical thing. He started to walk faster, too.

SM: So, what shall we do? At this rate he will reach us in one minute.

SL: The only logical thing we can do is split. You go that way and I'll go this way. He cannot follow us both.

So the man decided to follow Sister Logical.

Sister Mathematical arrives at the convent and is worried about what has happened to Sister Logical.

Then Sister Logical arrives.

SM: Sister Logical! Thank God you are here! Tell me what happened!

SL: The only logical thing happened. The man couldn't follow us both, so he followed me

SM: Yes, yes! But what happened then?

SL: The only logical thing happened. I started to run as fast as I could and he started to run as fast as he could.

SM: And?

SL: The only logical thing happened. He reached me.

SM: Oh, dear! What did you do?

SL: The only logical thing to do. I lifted my dress up



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SM: Oh, Sister! What did the man do?

SL: The only logical thing to do. He pulled down his pants.

SM: Oh, no! What happened then?

SL: Isn't it logical, Sister? A nun with her dress up can run faster than a man with his pants down.

And for those of you who thought it would be dirty,
Say two Hail Mary's...

ITALIAN BOY'S CONFESSION

"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl!". The priest asks, "Is that you, little Johnny Parisi?" "Yes, Father, it is. "And who was the girl you were with?" "I can't tell you, Father, I don't want to ruin her reputation." "Well, Johnny, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later, so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?" "I cannot say." "Was it Teresa Volpe?" "I'll never tell." "Was it Nina Capelli?" "I'm sorry, but I cannot name her." "Was it Cathy Piriano?" "My lips are sealed." "Was it Rosa Di Angelo, then?" "Please, Father, I cannot tell you." The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped, Johnny Parisi, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself." Johnny walks back to his pew, and his friend Nino slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?" "4 months vacation and five good leads."

Wimpiest dad:

Two kids are arguing over whose father is the wimpiest. The first one says, "My dad is so scared that when lightning strikes, he slides underneath our bed." The second kid says, "That's nothing. My dad is so scared that when my mother works nightshift, he sleeps with the woman next door."

Riddles

While on my way to St. Ives,
I met a man with seven wives.
Each wife had seven sacks;
Each sack had seven cats;
Each cat had seven kittens.
Kittens, cats, sacks, wives;
How many were going to St. Ives?
**** *Just one*

There more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?

**** *Footsteps*

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