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Emporio Tobacco - For All Your Smoking Pleasure

by Joyce Campisi, Photos By Tom Strong



In the heart of downtown directly across from Macy's on Forbes Avenue is where you will find Emporio Tobacco.

This upscale tobacco shop is definitely not your father's tobacco store! The store is extremely inviting, providing you with a very comfortable place to smoke your favorite cigar or tobacco product. For the cigar enthusiast, Emporio Tobacco offers a wide range of impressive, premium cigars, which will surely please even the most discerning cigar aficionado, or even a beginner or occasional cigar smoker. Shop owners Gina Medwid, Joanie DiMichele, and Sunny Medwid, as well as their friendly staff, are always available to help or make recommendations about cigars and other tobacco products that they carry.

The interior of Emporio Tobacco is decorated with built-in cozy and comfortable seating and tables. Co-owner Gina Medwid chose colors and decorations that are masculine but still very appealing to women, with zebra print accents and wall hangings, pale green walls accentuated by black humidors and display cases. The lighting is ambient, soft yet glowing, highlighting and showcasing their display cases. Gina definitely nailed it with her talent for decorating and her knowledge of tobacco products.

Prefer to enjoy a cocktail with your cigar? Well, you've come to the right place. Emporio Tobacco is BYOB, and they will even store your liquor on the premises so it will be there for you the next time you visit. Emporio Tobacco is the perfect before or after dinner spot to enjoy a cigar and a cocktail. It is also a great place to stop before heading out for the evening for a bachelor party or birthday celebration. Who could ask for anything more? Fine cigars, your own private stash of your personal liquor, at a place that is so inviting and comfortable; you'll want to stop in every night! It is truly the perfect place to stop after work to sit back, chill, and not worry about the traffic, or the hassle of your favorite watering hole not allowing you to smoke, or not carrying your favorite liquor.

Whether you're a connoisseur searching for the perfect smoke, an occasional smoker treating yourself to a nice cigar, or someone shopping for a bachelor party, or for that perfect birthday cigar, come in and visit Emporio Tobacco. The high-end quality cigar selection will be sure to please. And if you are unsure of what to buy, the friendly staff at Emporio will be happy to make fantastic recommendations and guide you

toward the perfect cigar.

In addition to premium cigars, Emporio Tobacco carries pipes, pipe tobacco, cigar and pipe accessories, cigarettes, luxury cigarettes, hookah shisha, and all the roll-your-own cigarette products. Their smoking lounge is open to all customers, and free WIFI is provided. A variety of gourmet coffees, teas, soft drinks, and snacks are available for you to purchase. A lottery machine and ATM are on site for your convenience as well. So get in out of the weather, bring in your laptop, sit back, and enjoy the treasure trove of products that Emporio Tobacco has to offer in their unique lounge atmosphere. Emporio Tobacco is the best destination for your fine cigars and all other tobacco products.



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Sports – Football: A Family Tradition

By: Stacy Kauffman Nightwire – Sports Feature Writer, Photos by Karl Rosen, Pittsburgh Steelers Staff Photographer



November makes me think of Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving makes me think of food, family and especially FOOTBALL. Traditions are born during this feast of a holiday, not to mention the need for stretch pants and detox diets. Some may have family recipes they make only during the holiday with their moms, daughters or sisters. Some devise Black Friday shopping strategies as they get ready to brave the crazy midnight deal-seeking crowds. And some have serious backyard football matches where championship status and bragging rights hang in the balance until the following year. But for me, it was about my dad and watching NFL games together, side by side. It was about John Madden and the “turducken” drumsticks he gave out to the best players of the day. My undying passion for the pigskin was carved out on Thanksgiving Thursday football. Before there was Thursday night football every single week and it was a treat to watch a game not played on a Sunday afternoon.

A regular event since the NFL's inception in 1920, Turkey Day football is a time-honored tradition that has become a centerpiece of the holiday. I know a few families, including my own, around Pittsburgh and across the country, that schedule dinner around the games. We would eat at noon so we could be firmly planted in our seats for the next six hours, digesting and screaming at the television.

Bouts of heartburn and unbuttoned pants induced by the over 675 million pounds of turkey that is consumed by Americans on this day of thanks, flank families as they take in the tradition. Of course, one or two uncles might lose their Tryptophan battles and inevitably doze off. Until a big play happens and they are startled awake by the rest of the family's cheers, that is.

Although with a 2-4 record in games played on Thanksgiving, Pittsburgh fans haven't had much to cheer about during those six appearances, certainly not in most of our lifetimes, anyway. They played back-to-back years against the Philadelphia Eagles during the “Franksgiving” controversy back in 1939 and 1940. They were the only two teams that played as President Franklin Roosevelt was trying to change the date of Thanksgiving for economic purposes. Some states agreed and others didn't. Since the Steelers and the Eagles were in the same state, they could schedule the holiday game easily. The Steelers went 1-1 in the two games against their cross-state rivals.

The only other win the Steelers logged in the Thanksgiving Classic was in 1950 against the Cardinals, who were still in Chicago at the time. Since then, they've been on a three game losing streak. Their last showing was in 1998, in one of only four Thanksgiving games to go to overtime, that has been aptly dubbed the “coin flip” game. Steelers' captain Jerome Bettis said he called “tails” during the coin flip, but the official disagreed and awarded the ball to the Detroit Lions who swiftly marched down the field and kicked the winning field goal. This situation inspired a rule change where the captains are required to call the coin toss before the coin is flipped in the air. I'm sure it also inspired more than a few choice words from an outraged Steeler Nation.

And who happened to be on the winning side of that coin flip? Hometown kid, the Steelers' own Charlie Batch, quarterbacked the Lions to that comeback victory.

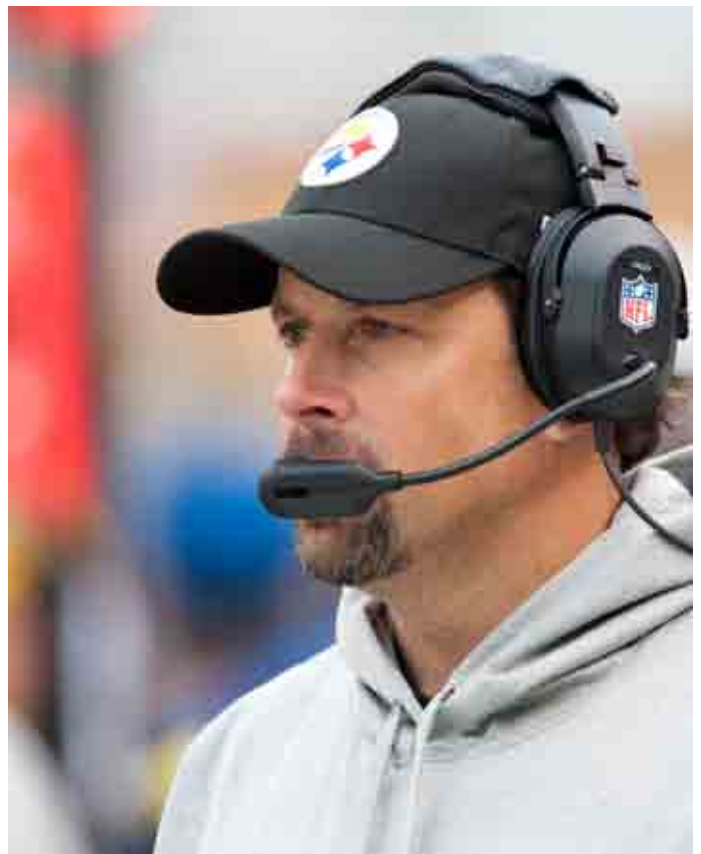
Another hometown kid made his way back to Pittsburgh and onto the Steelers payroll before this season began. Former Kansas City Chiefs' Head Coach, Todd Haley, became the first offensive coordinator hired from outside of the organization in 13 years, as he replaced the much maligned Bruce Arians.

Of course, the Steelers were no strangers to the Haley family. Todd's father, Dick Haley, was Director of Player Personnel from 1971 to 1990. During that span, a young Todd Haley spent a lot of time with the organization watching films with his dad, going to training camp at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe and was even a ball boy for the team.

This family vibe permeates the entire Steelers organization. From the well-documented involvement of many members of the Rooney family all the way down to the unifying power Steelers fandom has across the city, country and globe. If you root for the black and gold, you are family.

During the official introductory press conference announcing





him as the new offensive coordinator back in February, Coach Haley echoed those sentiments: "I just want to let everybody in this room know just how genuinely excited I am to be a part of the Steelers' family. I say family because that's what I know it as. All of my early memories in life somehow were revolved around the Steelers. My earliest memory was watching the Immaculate Reception. Those things have stayed with me, and they are a big part of who and what I am."

As we get into the thick of the NFL season, and adversity comes his way, as it usually does, Steelers fans will get to see exactly what the homegrown Coach Haley is made of. After his mid-season firing in Kansas City last year, and somewhat of a tumultuous coaching career dotted with explosive sideline

confrontations, I'm sure Todd Haley is thankful to be back in the city he grew up in and to be working for the team his father helped mold into a dynasty back in the seventies.

"The Steelers are just such a great part of this town, and that is where my excitement is, to come back and be a part of this great tradition," confirmed Coach Haley.

Isn't that what Thanksgiving is all about? Coming home?

Giving thanks? Tradition?

And football, of course!



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aWearness - New and Gently Worn Fashions by Joyce Campisi



Amanda Hajduk - Marie Sugarmann - Kristen McClure

designer clothing. This gem of a store offers a unique shopping experience. Here you will definitely find hidden treasures. They offer a great selection of designer jeans, tee shirts, dresses, shoes, hats, scarves, purses, jackets, sweaters, blouses, shirts, jewelry, shoes and so much more. Their experienced staff is extremely knowledgeable, and they can help and guide you through the store, offering expert advice. All major credit cards are accepted and for your added convenience, they also offer layaway. Currently they are offering an additional 50% off all summer clothing!

aWearness is currently the only distributor in Pittsburgh of Wicked Liquid, the very best in vapor electronic cigarettes and e-smoking liquid that you can smoke anywhere/anytime. So what exactly is Totally Wicked Liquid? It's an electronic cigarette using a pre-filled fluid tank system, which is required to produce the inhaled vapor. It contains nicotine, the stimulant in cigarettes; the substance that is addictive in cigarettes is the nicotine. Nicotine is a relatively simple alkaloid, called pyridine. It is naturally formed in tobacco leaves and is released, along with all the related toxic products of combustion, when a cigarette is burned. The nicotine used in e-liquid, is natural nicotine produced from tobacco leaves. It is produced by mechanically and chemically stripping the nicotine from the leaves and then under the most stringent control, distilled out of solution, using fractional distillation techniques, to produce the highest possible levels of purity – purity standards that are used in UK pharmaceutical grade regulations.

Flavoring: Nicotine is produced from tobacco leaves. The distillation process produces extremely pure nicotine, which has no residual tobacco flavor. To provide an e-liquid that has a taste that resembles a normal cigarette, flavors must be reintroduced to the nicotine solution. Due to the development of the e-liquid industry, there are an infinite number of flavors that can be added to make whatever flavor you desire. Totally Wicked offers a wide range of flavor concentrates that can be added to their 'pre-mixed' e-liquids for those who want to boost the flavor or add a personal touch.

Diluents: The third ingredient of e-liquid is a diluent. The diluent essentially performs two functions. First, it is added to dilute the mixture of nicotine and flavors to the correct strength.

aWearness store hours are:

Mon/Wed/Fri/Sat: 12-6, Thur: 12-8.

Located at 5171 Butler Street, Lawrenceville.

Ph: 412.782.2730

or visit them on Facebook.com/awearness5171

This month we want to tell you about an exciting new store located in Lawrenceville called aWearness! Owner Roz Sugarmann has created a very unique and upscale clothing store and is the only distributor and outlet for the famous Totally Wicked Liquid e-cigarette.

The store's name to us means awareness of fashion, a sense of being fashion savvy. aWearness offers gently worn and new upscale designer fashions at a fraction of the cost. The clothing in aWearness is straight out of New York featuring high-end designers from around the world. I was recently browsing when I found a fabulous to die for item... a Michael Kors winter knitted silver metallic scarf for only \$30 – what a fashion find at only a fraction of the cost!

This unique store is a treasure trove for those seeking



Jester's Court - Named "One of The Best Tattoo Shops In Pittsburgh"

- Pittsburgh City Paper



Owner Sean McCarthy has been tattooing since 1991. His talent and creativity definitely shines through as evidenced in the quality of his artwork. This Pittsburgh native is a master of his trade and a very savvy businessman. He just recently opened his fourth shop, this one in the North Hills. Year after year, Jester's Court, has been named as one of the best tattoo shops in Pittsburgh, and this year is no exception: The *Pittsburgh City Paper* declared them to be "one of the best tattoo shops in Pittsburgh for 2012." Congratulations, Sean!!

At Jester's Court, Sean employs only professional, experienced tattoo artists who specialize in custom body art. Here you will find only the most talented and creative artists from around the country. The amazing array of talent is what has contributed to the success of Jester's Court. Why would you go anywhere else? Jester's Court is simply the best, better than all the rest!

Each location is unique and different, catering to the local needs. The Etna location was Sean's first shop and has stood the test of time in this quaint little suburban town. Their Oakland shop is located in the heart of the University of Pittsburgh campus and nearby CMU. The South Side location is on East Carson Street in the center of this thriving nightlife epicenter of bars and restaurants. Their newest location in the North Hills, on Perry Highway close to CCAC North, is an upscale tattoo shop with easy access and plenty of free parking away from the hustle and bustle of his other three locations. Plus, in the North Hills, international tattoo artist and expert body piercer Scott Rader will wow you with his talents. He also specializes in piercing implants and will guide and help you through the process. His years of experience make him an expert and authority on body implants. We found Scott to be full of insight and extremely knowledgeable. If you are even thinking about an implant, you need to talk to Scott first!

Jester's Court artists rotate between their locations. They include the owner, Sean McCarthy, with over 21 years experience; Ricky Knuxx, originally from NYC, tattooing for over 13 years; Andy Yoder, 5 years tattooing and a lifetime of drawing; Jessi Cramer, originally from Wyoming and tattooing since 2009; Lindsey, who started her career in NY and has traveled all over the country and has over 5 years experience;

Josh McQuade has been tattooing for over 20 years; Ed Junulewicz, from parts unknown, just moved to Pittsburgh from Columbus, Ohio and Jessica Kreh, brings years of experience as a member of this highly talented and experienced Jester's Court team of artists!

If you have ever thought about getting a tattoo, which is truly a unique piece of body artwork, stop in at any of Jester's Court four locations for a free consultation from any one of their experienced and talented artists. Or visit www.jesterscourttattoos.com.



Locations:

Etna -
338 Butler St. -
Pittsburgh, PA 15223
412-784-8282

South Side -
1410 East Carson St. -
Pittsburgh, PA 15203
412-488-8287

Oakland -
115 Oakland Ave. -
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
412-621-2412

Ross Twp: -
7935 Perry Highway -
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
412-310-4175

Misaki Restaurant

Sushi and Seafood Buffet

by Joyce Campisi, Photos By Tom Strong



Misaki, located just minutes from downtown on Route 51 south, is taking buffet dining to an exciting new level. Their eclectic buffet features traditional Asian cuisine and western classics as well as a reinvention of Asian cuisine. They feature an extensive seafood buffet. Their mission is to provide an exceptional dining experience in a unique and memorable way, enveloped by charm and gracious service. Their buffet includes a complete and extensive sushi selection of freshly made-on-premise sushi, sashimi, traditional maki and handmade rolls. Some of their offerings include salmon, white tuna, octopus, fluke, red snapper, yellow tail, eel, shrimp, crabmeat, salmon roe and squid.

The seafood portion of the buffet is stocked with crab legs, shrimp, lobster, crawfish and so much more! There is so much fresh seafood, as well as other entrees, from which to choose. In addition to seafood and Asian offerings, you will also find traditional western food, ranging from beef, chicken, salad and fruit. They even have a hibachi grill, (pick your meat, seafood or chicken), and their master chefs will cook up something exclusively for you.

The desserts were as delicious as they looked and with so many items to choose from, you will be in sweets heaven!

Misaki offers a full service bar with a great list of wines, beers, cocktails and of course sake!

So whether you need a power lunch with clients or friends or a leisurely meal by yourself or a night out with friends and family, Misaki is the place to go. There is something for everyone!

Misaki is opened daily for lunch and dinner or takeout. Plus, they offer a full catering service. This is the perfect place for wedding receptions, rehearsal dinners, bridal showers, anniversaries, corporate parties and all other special occasions. Their banquet section can accommodate from 20-300 guests. Call ahead today to book your holiday party!

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Perfect Flooring

Absolutely the Best Choice for Flooring - Joyce Campisi



When I was shopping for carpeting, I chose Perfect Flooring and I can't wait to tell you why! With my busy schedule and hectic lifestyle, I found I had no time to run around looking for carpeting. Perfect Flooring brought the showroom to me. They had tons of samples to choose from with great unbeatable prices. It was so nice to have a professional and carpet expert help me with my selection. Plus, having the samples brought to me in my home made it easier and super convenient.

The process began with one phone call. I spoke with the owner, Chico Kadosh – I knew from the moment we spoke that this was the man for flooring. Chico immediately set up an appointment and worked around my schedule, meeting me in the evening at my home, at my convenience.

After coming in and looking around, he immediately had suggestions and carpet samples to present to me. He wasted no time and he was right on the money, helping me select the perfect carpeting. I had stopped and looked for carpeting at two big box stores. I found it extremely frustrating; their staff was neither helpful nor knowledgeable and their pricing was confusing. I left both stores very unhappy with their attitudes and unhelpfulness. What I find refreshing, as a small business owner, is that Perfect Flooring is also a small business, one that cares and services their customers with professionalism. His expertise definitely shines through.

The whole process was quick, easy, simple and I know I saved money, while not sacrificing value. Chico measured and quickly calculated how much carpeting I would need. His goal is to make sure you are getting the best value for your dollar. The price quoted was a total price for installation, removal and disposal of my old carpeting. No hidden fees, no hidden costs, which totally put me at ease. And the pricing was hundreds of

dollars lower than I had expected.

When the carpet installers arrived, I found them to be totally professional and extremely careful and respectful of my furnishings and walls. It was great to be able to sit back, relax and watch them work. The expert Perfect Flooring installation team was amazingly fast and efficient. They worked busily and intently, and they were always cleaning up after every step of the installation process. The transition from old worn carpeting was so easy and simple, I didn't have to lift a finger!

After the carpeting was installed and everything was put back in place, the installer walked me through the rooms to inspect and make sure I was 100% satisfied. He went over the warranty and explained how to care for my new carpeting. From start to finish, I have to say this was the best experience and easiest way to shop. Perfect Flooring offers the lowest prices; they will never be undersold on any flooring products. They offer one competitive price for labor, materials and installation. Plus most carpeting is available for next day installation or a very quick turnaround with no hassle and worry-free installation scheduled around your schedule. So, whether you are looking for carpeting or any type of flooring, I would highly recommend Perfect Flooring...as their name implies...perfect!!

So dear readers, if you are looking to upgrade your carpeting or any type of flooring, I would highly recommend that you call Perfect Flooring. Remember, when you support small businesses you are not paying for a jet plane or a condo in the Caribbean for some CEO, you are helping a small business owner, pay for his or her children's education, clothing, food and housing. Let us all band together and begin now more than ever to support small businesses. We need your help!

NIGHTWIRE Annual Holiday Gift Guide



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Emporio Tobacco



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This store is full of hidden treasures and a place where you will definitely find something for everyone on your list. They offer new and gently worn designer clothing, shoes, handbags and accessories at amazingly low prices. They are the distributor of the newest and hottest trend in vapor electronic cigarettes Totally Wicked E-Smoking Liquid. Stop in and check it out! Located in Lawrenceville - 5171 Butler Street - 412.782.2730



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Lush - Mr. Punch Soap



Mr. Punch certainly packs a wallop with a concoction of fruity essential oils to help fend off the winter cold - there's cleansing juniper/ry oil, blackcurrant absolute, stimulating lime oil and softening coconut oil with a dash of gin in there to help tone the skin. It does look a bit like a punch bowl after all; there are whole bits of fruit in there and everything! Vegan

Zeroll Ussentials

Say hello to Ussentials! Your new kitchen utensils that will make cooking more colorful. At Zeroll, we believe that cooking is an art form. Whether you're Food Network Star or the executive chef of your own kitchen, you deserve contemporary tools that are both functional and fun. Made with an unparalleled attention to detail, each Ussential is engineered to offer ergonomic handles with a non-slip grip, guaranteeing comfort and safety while ensuring durability. Ussentials will out-cook and out-color the competition, thanks to Zeroll's signature craftsmanship and mouthwatering color palette. Enjoy this complimentary set of tools to cook in color and bring creativity to your kitchen!



Omega Vert Juicer

The Omega Model VRT350 VERT Juicer is a revolutionary product that features the high efficiency of a masticating style juicer in a vertical design. The VERT is designed to be compact, contemporary and productive. A processing speed of 80 rotations per minute prevents the oxidation and degradation of freshly juice product and an oversized spout serves up drinks with style and efficiency.



Excalibur Food Dehydrator



The Excalibur 3500 5-Tray Food Dehydrator is the most popular choice for active families who live a healthy lifestyle. This dehydrator contains 5 large polycarbonate trays with 8 square feet of tray area. The unit boasts a built in on/off switch, a convenient removable door, a timer and an adjustable thermostat, allowing temperatures from 85° to 145° F. With 35 years of manufacturing excellence, the Excalibur Food Dehydrator sets the industry standard for design, quality, and dependability.

NBA Baller Beats For XBOX Kinect

NBA Baller Beats is the first ever motion-based sports video game that requires you to actively play using a real basketball in an interactive beats-driven experience exclusively on Kinect™ for Xbox 360. NBA Baller Beats is easy to play, but hard to master. Players of all skill levels – from rookie to pro – will dribble to the beat of 30 popular and chart-topping music tracks, across various genres including hip-hop, rock, and old school favorites from artists like Kanye West, Common, Queen, Skrillex, Wiz Khalifa, Interpol, Wale, Lady Gaga, and many more. NBA Baller Beats challenges players to time their dribble to the beat of each song and perform a variety of skill moves displayed on-screen to score points, earn achievements and unlock assets and additional game play.



Lush - Father Christmas Bath Bomb



Drop this festive little fellow into your bathtub and marvel as he fizzes around turning the water bright red to vivid green (returning Santa to his traditional colors) and filling your tub with a zingy, fruity fragrance of mandarin oil, ylang-ylang oil and orange blossom absolute. These oils stimulate the mind, banish the winter blues and induce feelings of goodwill to all. Vegan.

Izzazu

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East End Brewing

by Steph Doan



East End Brewing is a craft brewery success story. This brewery started with one very small 4,000 square foot space, making The East End Brewing Company the ultimate microbrewery located in, as the name claims, Pittsburgh's East End.

From its inception, the owner and original beer master, Scott Smith, kept his staff small, with just him and his wife, which gives new meaning to 'behind every successful man there is an awesome woman'! With the help of his wife, Scott takes on all the brewing, the keg washing, the recipe creating, the grain ordering, the books, the graphics and the other tasks that come with running his small-scale brewery. Since opening in 2004, he has added some additional help and is currently overseeing a major upgrade to the space.

"We're actually in the final stages of a relocation and expansion that initially will double our capacity for brewing and allow us to better serve all our currently rather thirsty customers," Scott said. Nightwire got a sneak peak at the new space, and it's an amazing growth step for Scott. His new brewery space will give East End Brewery the room they desperately needed and afford them the opportunity to expand and continue to grow. The new growler room is roomy and comfortable and their new walk in cooler is gigantic compared to the small cramped cooler and growler room at their current location.

This native microbrewery keeps things local. Right now, they only distribute (through Millvale's - Vecenie Distributing Company) in the western part of Pennsylvania and only offer kegs, so you presently can only find East End Brewing on tap at your local bar, or in Growlers at the source. They do hand bottle limited specialty beers on a very limited basis.

Scott's told us that East End keeps at least 8 beers on tap

at the brewery at all times, with new beers popping up every month. Most recently this includes an English Bitter beer ("Slartibartfast") and SnowMelt Winter Ale, released just as the weather cools. Last year alone, the brewery crafted over 30 35 different beers.

"With the expansion, we'll be able to add even more to that list, as well as revisit some old favorites in wider distribution," Scott said. Future plans include either bottling or canning their beers for wider distribution to their beer-drinking consumer.

The brews are totally unfiltered, for environmental and taste reasons, so the beer is not perfectly clear. But Scott uses a yeast strain that is "highly flocculent" and the sediments settle into transparency when reaching the right time and temperature, ultimately making the beer clear.

East End Brewing takes part in beer events throughout the Pittsburgh community, like the crazy reverse keg ride that happened at the end of last month. That's one of the things, besides their great product, that make this neighborhood brewery such a local gem.

"It's such an incredible time for beer in this city. If people have any interest in learning more about beer or trying something new, I strongly encourage them to go directly to the source," he said. "Go visit your local brewery. Talk to the people that make the beer. That's the best way to experience what we work so hard to bring to you... Drink local!"

Sustainability

Not only does Scott want to make good beer, he wants to do so using as little energy as possible. East End Brewing



Beer Master Scott Smith



“reclaims heat, water and CO² consumed in the brewing process.”

The brewery also buys locally, supporting local merchants and choosing fresher ingredients. Plus that saves on gas. The hops crafted into the beers come from local organic farms, and Scott encourages Pittsburghers to drink local beer also.

To stay on track, the brewery buys used equipment whenever possible and reduces waste emissions as much as they can. The amount of solid waste that the brewery puts out is close to none. And despite avid cleaning and beer making, the brewery keeps tight reigns on its water usage.

Scott says he is always looking for new ideas on increasing his brewery’s sustainability and encourages Pittsburghers to share theirs with him.

Growler Hours

There’s no brewpub hitched onto this fine establishment, so East End and Scott can’t legally sell you a pint! However, there are times drinkers can catch a tour or visit the tasting room, which is open six days a week. During the “Growler Hours,” the brewery invites in eager visitors and encourages them to take home some fresh brew. On the website there’s a map and list of tour times. Be sure to check it out to not miss seeing this mini Mecca of craft beers.

“Come on in, bring a friend, try before you buy, and if you like, you can take home some of the freshest beer you’ve ever had, straight from the source!” Scott encouraged.

Also, the beers fill taps all throughout Pittsburgh. For a full list of where to find a mug, checkout the list of pubs and restaurants on the website.

Beers

Monkey-Boy

This monkey brew is truly bananas, despite not containing a single one! It’s actually the German yeast that tricks taste buds into sensing the yellow fruit. The sweet banana taste and crisp fruit finish craft the perfect Hefeweizen beer. The aromas compare to banana bread with hints of both walnuts and citrus. It’s a medium body beer made with Czech Saaz hops and Pils, plus barley malts. It has a 5 percent ABV.

Session Ale

Looking to devote some serious sippin’ time on your new favorite beer? This limited edition batch is perfect for you. The taste and style differs from batch to batch and the malts are “all over the map.” The session ales actually change with every batch depending on the brew master’s choice, but no matter the choice, it’s always worth a try.

Big Hop IPA

One of the hoppiest IPAs around! It’s the brewery’s flagship beer as well as its most popular. Scott said that if anyone’s had an East End beer, it’s most likely this one. This India Pale Ale is truly an American style brew, using Centennial and Cascade hops with smidges of barley. The hop aromas waft of strong pine and the taste is bold and bready with mild citrus. The beer’s bitterness, however, plays low key. It’s a medium-low bodied beer with a 5.8 percent ABV.

Fat Gary Nut Brown Ale

Palate prefers steering clear of hops? This beer is for you. It started as a temporary session beer but quickly settled into becoming year-round. The brew smells and tastes of roasted malts and caramel sweetness, and it is a very drinkable beer. Despite its dark color, this brew is light bodied and low in alcohol at just 3.6 percent ABV.

Black Strap Stout

Roasty and strong, this beer strikes brilliance with its chocolate and black coffee notes. It is an extremely dark brew with light sweetness balancing against American hops Centennial and Cascade. It has over five different malts. There’s even actual molasses and brown sugar thrown into the brew. Be careful of the higher alcohol level of 6.2 percent; this brew is a slow sipper.

In addition to craft beers and available only at the brewery are handcrafted and brewed root beer and ginger ale. If you want true ginger ale, this is all natural make with pure fresh ginger, and it’s absolutely incredible. Their root beer is the best we’ve ever had; brewed to perfection. Stop in and take home a growler of each!

The brand new East End Brewery is located at 147 Julius St. off Hamilton Avenue in the East End. You can call them anytime for directions if you get lost: 412.537.2337. It’s definitely worth finding this hidden treasure!



Brewmaster Brandon McCarthy

When it comes to craft beer in Pittsburgh, certain breweries jump right to mind; The old standards, the new frontrunners, the exciting upstarts. One that might not come to mind for some people is the Rock Bottom Restaurant and Brewery in Homestead. Despite being located in the highly trafficked Waterfront for the past 10 years, the fact that they brew all their own beer on-premise seems to be, at best, a well-kept secret. At worst, some attach a stigma to Rock Bottom's beer because of its nature as a chain brand. "Pittsburgh is an intensely local city, and there's this strong urge to support the little, local guy over what's perceived as a faceless corporation," says Brandon McCarthy, who took over the Brewmaster position here in August. "The thing in this case is, the guys in the brewery, Brandon McCarthy and Steve Ilnicki are two born and raised Pittsburghers who just want to make really good, interesting beer."

The taps at Rock Bottom change frequently, with between 8 and 11 beers available at any given time, plus one cask-conditioned beer. Four of these (Kolsch, Red Ale, IPA, and White) are standardized national recipes, with the rest being left up to the Brewmaster. "I think there's this common misconception that Rock Bottom brewers come in every morning and put on their corporate mind-meld helmet to receive instructions," says McCarthy. "It's not like that at all. We're given a tremendous amount of creative latitude here." Indeed, a look at the beer list yields some interesting results. A few examples:

Rambler Rye, a rye ale spiced with caraway and black pepper
High Level Brown Ale aged in oak barrels with cacao nibs for six months

Pumkelweizen, a Dunkelweizen (dark wheat beer) brewed with pumpkin and spices

Portergeist, an intensely smoky, but well-balanced porter
Between their barrel-aging program, their constantly changing "Rotating Dark" tap, and their one-off and annual seasonals, McCarthy estimates that in the next year, he and Assistant Brewer Steve "The Ukrainian Hammer" Ilnicki will be tapping around 25 original beers, unique to the Pittsburgh location.

Kolsch: Pale, light bodied, crisp, refreshing German ale.

Red Ale: Bold, complex, hoppier than most red ales

White: Belgian white ale brewed with orange peel and coriander, fruity / spicy characteristics from yeast





IPA: Bright, grapefruity, floral, west-coast style IPA.

Uppity Jagoff: Strong (7%), deep-red, hoppy and malty, we call it "aggressively balanced"

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Sometimes there is an event that you have seen before that looks like a copy of another event, Oktoberfest, Beer Festivals, Haunted Houses, but here is an event that no one has seen before, 30+ Christmas Style Beers on tap, all at the same time.

From Tuesday November 13th thru Sunday the 18th, the Sharp Edge Brasserie will be introducing the first annual "Christmas Draft Invasion." The Brasserie has 55 different taps but for this week they will be turning a total of 30 of the taps over to all Christmas Beers. There will be 20 Craft & 10 Belgian beers for a total of 30. Every day at least one new Christmas beer will be rotated onto our Draft selection. All of the beer will only be sold in taster glasses, \$3 for Crafts and \$6 for any Belgian, the taster glasses are 5.5 ounces, but you can purchase a collector item glass that is 8 ounces for \$10 and receive more beer for the same taster price (you can bring that glass back anytime during this week for this price). There will also be a taster rack called "The Pentagon", a 5-paddle glass rack for \$25 that you can pick any different beers that you would like.

In addition every night at 7:30 there will be free tasters given away from our local distributors and Brett McMahan, Sharp Edge Cellarman, will be doing formal beer tastings at 7:00pm that will include 5 different tasters of Christmas beer and a cheese plate for \$25.

The highlight of the beer tastings, will be on Saturday and Sunday when Brett will be having a vertical beer tasting of vintage Corsendonk Christmas beer with all the years between 2008-2012. The price for these very special tastings will be \$30. The earlier years of the Corsendonk Christmas beer has been cellared for the purpose of tasting the difference and complexity of the same beer, but brewed in different years. Truly a very unique experience not available anywhere else!

Tickets for these tasting events can be purchased thru the website and for additional information "sharpedgebeer.com" or at the Sharp Edge Brasserie, located on Rt.19, Peters Township @ Peters Town Center, 724-942-2437 or E-mail brett.pub@comcast.net.

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Christmas Draft Invasion



Jeff Walewski

is the owner of five Sharp Edge Restaurants in the Pittsburgh area. In 2005, he was knighted by the Belgian government for his promotion of Belgian beers in the United States. His establishments have been the recipient of numerous awards, including "Best Belgian Beer Bar in the USA." E-mail Sir Jeff at www.sharpedgebeer.com



Usually we find breweries that take European beers and craft them into the realm of the amazing by using all-American hops, but this month's brew is straight from the horse's mouth. Really! Over in Yorkshire, England, one brewery still makes local deliveries by horse and cart. Samuel Smith's famous Shire horses may not do water, but that hasn't stopped this British invasion from distributing in America.

This foreign beer with a truly foreign craft imports to Tukwila, Washington-based Merchant du Vin, which was founded in 1978, the year it began distributing Samuel Smith beers. The company brought European beer back to America at a time that marketing representative Craig Hartinger refers to as "back when all beer was yellow." The English craft is now in distributed in all 50 states.

Each bottle of Samuel Smith holds so much tradition and is filled to the brim with a passion for flavor – or flavour-- as our English brew buddies would write.

Craig works with Frank Fuhrer Wholesale in Pittsburgh at keeping Steeltown drinkers well fed. The import industry is tightly regulated at the state and federal levels and not many drinkers know the ins and outs of the community. But Craig said that never stopped the company from committing itself to introducing the joy of a great import.

"The flavors were great, but no one really knew it. No one had tried it," Craig said.

Tadcaster is a small village north of Yorkshire. The Sam Smith brewery is still the same family-owned brewery, pulling from the same 85-foot well as when it began in 1758. The crafts ferment in open slate containers, and the brewery still has a cooper making oak casks, or barrels. The yeast used in the beers dates back to last century, and all hops are hand-weighed. All these maintained customs build a long-lasting reputation for one of the first European beers shared in America.

"The brewery, being 250 years old, gives people perspective," Craig said.

He compared the American and English IPAs, which is a classic English beer typically transformed by American brewers, saying that American brews are typically more bitter. The English IPA has subtle taste and focuses more on stronger floral aromas.

"English IPAs are generally more balanced, but I love them both!" he added.

When picking a Samuel Smith beer to enjoy, there's a vast variety from which to choose. The beers are not bottle-conditioned, and so there are no worries of sediments settling at the bottom, but don't forget the frosty mug.

"I still recommend drinking out of a glass. You can really engage with the surface of the beer better; you get the aromas," Craig said.

Cider Celebration

Besides great brews, the brewery also crafts many ciders. Ciders have a role in both English and American history. Craig reminds us of the childhood stories we all grew up with about Johnny Appleseed scattering apple seeds and relates it to how versatile cider was for early Americans.

"It would last, it would travel, people could drink it with other things," he explained.



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Samuel Smith brought back the easy drink about six years ago. All of the cider is naturally gluten-free and all organic. In fact, I can count the number of ingredients on one hand, that's how simple this delicious cider is. With its straw body color and apple blossom finish, it's no wonder this cider is blossoming.

"It's growing faster than the beer right now," Craig said.

Samuel Smith's Organic Cider is even a two-time Gold Medal winner from the 2010 and 2011 World Beer Championships. In 2009, the Chicago Tribune deemed it a "superb quenching style with lots of rich apple character and excellent balance."

These ciders fit well into beer culture, Craig said. Drinkers who do not normally like the taste of beer can opt for a cider, which has only a 5 percent ABV, over something harder. It also pairs well with light dishes like salads tossed in vinaigrette dressing but also as a palate cleanser after spicy meals. Whether complementing winter dishes or subbing for a brew, these ciders are just as nifty for drinkers now as they were 200 years ago.

Up & Coming

Wintertime is perfect for comfort foods and sweets; releasing in time for snowy weather is the Samuel Smith Organic Chocolate Stout. As the name says, it's a certified organic treat that's pairing the perfection of chocolate with roasted barley. It was released in the UK last September and has a five percent alcohol level. The taste is full bodied and still has the fruity notes typical of the brewery's aged yeast strain. The cocoa taste finishes at the tail end of the sip.

The satisfying concoction, paired with a big bowl of mixed nuts, is perfect for holiday parties or cozying around the fire.

Beers:

Oatmeal Stout

Not only is this Samuel Smith's flagship beer, but also it's this year's Gold Medalist at the Beer Championships. Craig describes it as inviting and silky. Dating back to the late 1800's, it was labeled to have nutritional value thanks to the oats, and it was even suggested for lactating mothers! The brew stopped being made before WWI and didn't reappear again until Samuel Smith revamped the craft in 1980. The flavor is complex with a medium-dry palate and bitters in the finish. Pair with heavier seafood dishes, pizza, Italians and shish kebabs. With a 5 percent ABV, this oatmeal stout is perfect for warming up on cold days.

Nut Brown Ale

Almost older than dirt, this North England regular dates back to the 16th century. The amber beer is packed with dark malts showcasing its dark amber colors and roasted flavors.

Although there's no nuts in the brew, the distinct hints of walnut and hazelnut leads the medium-bodied brew to its fruity finish. Pair the amber with cheese, roasted poultry and spicy or peppered steaks for a great meal. It's also a 5 percent ABV and is a "must try."

Organic Apricot Ale

Certified organic and brand spanking new, this beer came to the states last February. It's not uncommon for beers to contain apricots, but this one is a topnotch standout. It already won a Gold Medal in the US Open for beers as the "Top Fruit Beer" and received "Five out of five mugs" when reviewed by Modern Brewery Age. You'll also want five mugs of this rich and full-bodied tart brew. It has a 5.1 percent ABV and pairs well with Moroccan and India food, or a nice vanilla ice cream-smothered custard dessert.

India Ale

Classic English beer – this hoppy and amber-colored brew overflows with aromas. The hops are the finest in all of England. The maltiness is more conservative than in American versions and slightly less hoppy. While so many American breweries focus on piling on the hops, the Samuel Smith pulls back in favor of heightened florals, as Craig explained earlier. It has a five percent ABV and has been voted "England's finest IPA" by Barleycorn Beer Newspaper. Pair with pork, chicken and warm dishes like risotto or potatoes.

In addition to the above the following Samuel Smith beers are also available:

Imperial Stout: Opaque, ebony color with rich espresso-like depth. Strong but refined.

Organic Lager: A full bodied all-lager with lots of malt and hop character, effervescent and refreshing.

Organic Cider: Apple cider from organic ingredients – clean, dry flavor with apple blossom finish.

Organic Cherry Ale: Deep cherry flavor, aromatic, rich. Made from all-organic ingredients.

Organic Raspberry Ale: Raspberries melded with ale – a beautiful match. Amber-red color with purple highlights.

Taddy Porter: Full, rich dark; velvet mouth feel with beautiful dark-malt complexity.

Winter Welcome Ale: Honey amber color, deep and rich caramel malt flavors – a satisfying winter seasonal.

Yorkshire Stingo: Deep, flavors of toffee, raisin, dried fruit, caramel; waves of flavor ascend and ebb leaving soft oak notes.

Selection Box: A hand picked collection of benchmark English beers, packed with an authentic brewery glass. Pale Ale: Copper-colored; rich caramel malt flavor, sophisticated.



Wines That Rock



It's actually quite an interest concept. As passionate wine lovers and die-hard music fans, Wines That Rock is creating its own category in the wine industry - "Great Tasting Wines Inspired by Music". Wine and Music: with classic tracks from The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd and The Woodstock Festival blasting in the cellar, the winemaker Mark Beaman crafted custom wines for each of these legendary artists and their timeless albums - blending one-of-a-kind wines with Rock 'n Roll mythology.

Although winemaker Mark Beaman, grew up in the wine country of Walla Walla, Washington, it wasn't until a move to East Africa as a Peace Corps member that he first made wine. "I learned to make honey wine with a fellow named Ngowi, who made and delivered his product on the back of his bike to the village. It was there I learned that the combination of three things I love, agriculture, science and art, could make a product that delivers cheer to a community."

Upon his return to the States, Mark worked in the laboratory of Columbia Crest Winery for the 2000 harvest. Shortly thereafter he moved to Mendocino County to work for Ste. Michelle Wine Estates laboratory and as Napa's Conn Creek and Villa Mt. Eden's viticulture technician. The combination of working with the vines and wines complimented with U.C. Davis college courses led Mark to a better understanding of how very important location, farming, winemaking, and a great cellar crew are to the character of a wine.

In 2004 Mark joined the Mendocino Wine Co. winemaking team and there ventured into the world of sustainable, organic and Biodynamic® winemaking alongside Bob Swain and Paul Dolan in the up and coming wine region of Mendocino County.

1997: B.S. in Environmental Geology at Whitman College

1997-2000: Peace Corps, Tanzania

2000: Columbia Crest Winery

2001-2004: St. Michelle Wine Estates

2004-present: Mendocino Wine Co.

Acclaim

Parducci Sauvignon Blanc 2007 vintage

- Best of Class, 2009 San Francisco Chronicle Wine Comp.

Parducci Petite Sirah 2006 vintage

- 90 points, Wine Enthusiast
- #22, Top 100 Best Buy Wines for 2009

Parducci True Grit Petite Sirah 2005 vintage

- 92 points, Wine & Spirits
1. New Years Day, U2
 2. Cherub Rock, Smashing Pumpkins
 3. Given to Fly, Pearl Jam
 4. Gimme Shelter, Rolling Stones
 5. Show Me How to Live, Audioslave
 6. The Rolling People, The Verve
 7. The Song Remains the Same, Led Zeppelin
 8. Remedy, The Black Crowes
 9. Joker and the Thief, Wolfmother
 10. Yell Fire, Michael Franti and Spearhead
 11. Live Forever, Oasis
 12. Brothers in Arms, Dire Straits
(For the crew I work with)
 13. This is Us, Mark Knopfler and Emmylou Harris (For the drive home, so I can shift my focus back to my wife)



"The harvest mix is just straight up kick you in the ass music to counter the state of exhaustion from constant observation that inevitably settles over me this time of year". - Mark Beaman

"Blending music mix triggers a positive emotional state of relaxation for cognitive priming. Music inspires to achieve more in the blend and the wine's message". - Mark Beaman

Dining: Melange Bistro Bar

by Suz Pisano , Photos by Tom Strong



This month the Nightwire crew found ourselves in the heart of Downtown Pittsburgh at Melange on 6th Street. We love late night bites, and I can't wait to tell you all about our new discovery.

I hate it when I'm hungry after 9 pm and my choices are so limited. Owner and Executive Chef Bobby Bilder met us the minute the bar opened at 9 pm on a Monday night, and he began to wow us immediately with some signature drinks- a Pittsburgh Long Island, house made sangria, and some amazing martinis. It is a bar after all and a bit unusual for us to actually be out this late sampling cuisine. Our curiosity was soon alleviated as Bobby began to bring out his culinary creations starting with the Tempura Shrimp accompanied with a sweet and tangy house made sauce. The tempura was so light that it didn't weigh down the shrimp but provided a nice exterior to hold the sauce. Next came the Chicken Tenders: so tender and moist, drizzled with honey and dusted with a spicy surprise. The entire crew commented on how these were probably the best chicken tenders we've ever had. Bobby does chicken well, and to elaborate on that point, he serves chicken wings with his own special sauces. We tried a blueberry barbecue that had a nice balance of sweet and tangy. The wings were crispy on the outside and so moist, plump and juicy on the inside. So delicious! An award-winning burger was delivered next, and Bobby was proud to tell us about a recent competition at Rivers Casino where he beat out all the new burger joints in town. I would definitely suggest a knife and fork to eat this, but if you're hungry, give

it a try. Homemade fries are served on the side, and we had a hard time leaving any behind: they were perfect! Some other menu options include: Shrimp tempura, Bruschetta and even homemade Crab Cakes. At the writing of this review, the Melange menu was out to the printer so prices were not available, but everything ranges from \$8 to \$10. I would deem Melange a great value for the money. With a late night kitchen, I'm definitely a fan.



Tempura Shrimp With House Sauce



Chicken Wings with Blueberry BBQ Sauce



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Melange is located right down the street from Heinz Hall and right around the corner from the O'Reilly and the Benedum. The next time you see a show, stop in afterward. Plus, they are open on Sundays for home games. Tell Bobby that your friends at Nightwire sent you- he'll be there cooking! Oh, and I almost forgot to mention that many of the Steelers hang out there, and you might even find one guest bartending! With a beautiful and relaxing décor, a nice crowd and great food, it's no wonder that it's become kind of a secret hangout.

Melange hosts a Happy Hour daily from 5pm to 8pm with daily drink and food specials. On Fridays there's a complimentary Happy Hour Buffet from 5 pm to 8 pm. Free Live Karaoke on Thursdays 10 pm to 2am. The kitchen is always open until 2 am!



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Pittsburgh Public Theatre Presents - Good People

In David Lindsay-Abaire's sharply funny play, a struggling single mother discovers that her old boyfriend is a successful doctor.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's MADE IN AMERICA season continues with the Pittsburgh premiere of Good People, David Lindsay-Abaire's 2011 Tony-nominated play set in contemporary Boston. Directed by Tracy Brigden, Good People runs Nov. 8 – Dec. 9, 2012 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. The Elmhurst Group is the Production Sponsor.

In Good People, things aren't going well for South Boston single mom Margaret (Kelly McAndrew). She's fired from the Dollar Store by manager Stevie (Paul Terzenbach) and landlady Dottie (Glynis Bell) wants the rent. Then bingo pal, Jean (Helen Coxe), tells Margaret that her old boyfriend, Mike (David Whalen), has come a doctor and is living back in Boston. Thinking he might help her find a job, Margaret attends a party at the upscale home of Mike and his wife, Kate (January LaVoy). What the evening turns into is both hilarious and heart-wrenching in this play about what contemporary Americans will do to survive.

The design team is Jeff Cowie (Scenic), Michael Krass (Costumes), Phil Monat (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Don Wadsworth is the Dialect Coach. Casting is by McCorkle Casting. The Production Stage Manager is Fred Noel and the Assistant Stage Manager is Alicia DeMara.

David Lindsay-Abaire received the 2007 Pulitzer Prize and five Tony nominations for his play Rabbit Hole. He was nominated for a Grammy (Best Musical Show Album) and two Tonys (Best Book of a Musical and Best Score) for Shrek the Musical. His plays include Fuddy Meers and Kim/rly Akimbo. Screen credits include: Rabbit Hole and the upcoming Dreamworks animated movie Rise of the Guardians and Oz: The Great and Powerful with James Franco and Michelle Williams.

About the MADE IN AMERICA season and the Town Hall Project

All the plays at The Public in 2012/13 are by American writers and set in cities across the USA. In addition, their themes illuminate issues, from money and class, to race and real estate, to equality and individual responsibility. To amplify the MADE IN AMERICA message, The Public has created the Town Hall Project, which will throw open the O'Reilly Theater's doors for a variety of Town Hall Meetings. The meetings are free of charge but reservations are necessary. To make reservations call the Box Office at 412.316.1600 or RSVP online at <http://www.yelp.com/events/pittsburgh-yelp-helps>

Next Town Hall:

Doing Good. Mon., Nov. 19. Moderated by KDKA TV's Lynne Hayes-Freeland
6 pm: Yelp Helps Volunteering Expo. Presented with Yelp
7 pm: Pittsburghers talk about causes that moved them to take action with: **Heather Starr Fiedler**, creator of Play It Forward, Pittsburgh toy drive **Kristen Holloway**, founder of Operation: Troop Appreciation **Thomas Hughes**, volunteer with Assemble, a space for arts and technology **Mac Howison**, of The Sprout Fund, supporting activities to enrich our region.
An open mic will/provided for audience participation
Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents: Good People. Nov. 8 – Dec. 9, 2012.



Performance Schedule: Tues. at 7 pm; Wed. thru Sat. at 8 pm; Sat. at 2 pm (except Nov. 10 & 17); also 2 pm on Thurs. Dec. 6; Sun. at 2 & 7 pm (except Sun. Dec. 9 when the final show is at 2 pm). No show on Thanksgiving, Thurs., Nov. 22.
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Differences Between Christmas & Chanukah Defined

1. Christmas is one day, same day every year, December 25. Jews also love December 25th. It's another paid day off work. We go to the movies and out for Chinese food and Israeli dancing. Chanukah is 8 days. It starts the evening of the 24th of Kislev, whenever that falls. No one is ever sure. Jews never know until a non-Jewish friend asks when Chanukah starts forcing us to consult a calendar so we don't look like idiots. We all have the same calendar, provided free with a donation from the World Jewish Congress, the kosher butcher or the local Sinai Memorial Chapel (especially in Florida) or other Jewish funeral homes.
2. Christmas is a major holiday. Chanukah is a minor holiday with the same theme as most Jewish holidays. They tried to kill us, we survived, let's eat.
3. Christians get wonderful presents such as jewelry, perfume, stereos, etc. Jews get practical presents such as underwear, socks or the collected works of the Rambam, which looks impressive on the bookshelf.
4. There is only one way to spell Christmas. No one can decide how to spell Chanukah, Chanukkah, Chanukka, Channukah, Hanukah, Hannukah, etc.
5. Christmas is a time of great pressure for husbands and boyfriends. Their partners expect special gifts. Jewish men are relieved of that burden. No one expects a diamond ring on Hanukah.
6. Christmas brings enormous electric bills. Candles are used for Chanukah. Not only are we spared enormous electric bills, but we get to feel good about not contributing to the energy crisis.
7. Christmas carols are beautiful...Silent Night, Come All Ye Faithful. Chanukah songs are about dreidels made from clay or having a party and dancing the hora. Of course, we are secretly pleased that many of the beautiful carols were composed and written by our tribal brethren. And don't Barbara Streisand and Neil Diamond sing them beautifully?
8. A home preparing for Christmas smells wonderful like the sweet smell of cookies and cakes baking. Happy people are gathered around in festive moods. A home preparing for Chanukah smells of oil, potatoes and onions. The home, as always, is full of loud people all talking at once.
9. Christian women have fun baking Christmas cookies. Jewish women burn their eyes and cut their hands grating potatoes and onions for latkes on Chanukah. Another reminder of our suffering through the ages.
10. Parents deliver presents to their children during Christmas. Jewish parents have no qualms about withholding a gift on any of the eight nights.
11. The players in the Christmas story have easy to pronounce names such as Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The players in the Chanukah story are Antiochus, Judah Maccabee and Matta whatever. No one can spell it or pronounce it. On the plus side, we can tell our friends anything and they believe we are wonderfully versed in our history.
12. Many Christians believe in the virgin birth. Jews think, "Yossela, Bubela, snap out of it. Your woman is pregnant, you didn't sleep with her, and now you want to blame G-d? Here's the number of my shrink".
13. In recent years, Christmas has become more and more commercialized. The same holds true for Chanukah, even though it is a minor holiday. It makes sense. How could we market a major holiday such as Yom Kippur? Forget about celebrating. Think observing. Come to synagogue, starve yourself for 27 hours, become one with your dehydrated soul, beat your chest, confess your sins, a guaranteed good time for you and your family. Tickets a mere \$200 per person. Better stick with Chanukah.

Grandfather Turkey

Just before Thanksgiving, the holding pen was abuzz as Mother Turkey scolded her younger birds. "You turkeys are always into mischief," she gobbled. "If your grandfather could

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see the things you do, he'd turn over in his gravy."

Thanksgiving in the UK

A few years ago, an American and a British journalist were discussing Thanksgiving on a British radio program. The American asked if Thanksgiving was celebrated in the UK. "Yes," the British journalist replied, "but we celebrate it on the 6th of September." "Why then?" "That's when you chaps left."

A Change in Plans

Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. I'm telling you in advance, so don't act surprised. Since Ms. Stewart won't be coming, I've made a few small changes: Our sidewalk will not be lined with homemade, paper bag luminaries. After a trial run, it was decided that no matter how cleverly done, rows of flaming lunch sacks do not have the desired welcoming effect. Once inside, our guests will note that the entry hall is not decorated with the swags of Indian corn and fall foliage I had planned to make. Instead, I've gotten the kids involved in the decorating by having them track in colorful autumn leaves from the front yard. The mud was their idea. The dining table will not be covered with expensive linens, fancy china, or crystal goblets. If possible, we will use dishes that match and everyone will get a fork. Since this

IS Thanksgiving, we will refrain from using the plastic Peter Rabbit plate and the Santa napkins from last Christmas. Our centerpiece will not be the tower of fresh fruit and flowers that I promised. Instead we will be displaying a hedgehog-like decoration hand-crafted from the finest construction paper. The artist assures me it is a turkey. We will be dining fashionably late. The children will entertain you while you wait. I'm sure they will be happy to share every choice comment I have made regarding Thanksgiving, pilgrims and the turkey hotline. Please remember that most of these comments were made at 5:00 a.m. upon discovering that the turkey was still hard enough to cut diamonds. As accompaniment to the children's recital, I will play a recording of tribal drumming. If the children should mention that I don't own a recording of tribal drumming, or that tribal drumming sounds suspiciously like a frozen turkey in a clothes dryer, ignore them. They are lying. We toyed with the idea of ringing a dainty silver bell to announce the start of our feast. In the end, we chose to keep our traditional method. We've also decided against a formal seating arrangement. When the smoke alarm sounds, please gather around the table and sit where you like. In the spirit of harmony, we will ask the children to sit at a separate table. In a separate room. Next door. Now, I know you have all seen pictures of one person carving a turkey in front of a crowd of appreciative onlookers. This will not be happening at our dinner. For safety reasons, the turkey will be carved in a private ceremony. I stress "private" meaning: Do not, under any circumstances, enter the kitchen to laugh at me. Do not send small, unsuspecting children to check on my progress. I have an electric knife. The turkey is unarmed. It stands to reason that I will eventually win. When I do, we will eat. I would like to take this opportunity to remind my young diners that "passing the rolls" is not a football play. Nor is it a request to bean your sister in the head with warm tasty bread. Oh, and one reminder for the adults: For the duration of the meal, and especially while in the presence of young diners, we will refer to the giblet gravy by its lesser-known name: Cheese Sauce. If a young diner questions you regarding the origins or type of Cheese Sauce, plead ignorance. Cheese Sauce stains. Before I forget, there is one last change. Instead of offering a choice between 12 different scrumptious desserts, we will be serving the traditional pumpkin pie, garnished with whipped cream and small fingerprints. You will still have a choice: take it or leave it. No, Martha Stewart will not be dining with us this Thanksgiving. She probably won't come next year either. I am thankful. Enjoy!

The GOOD Napkins

My mother taught me to read when I was four years old (her first mistake). One day, I was in the bathroom and noticed one of the cabinet doors was ajar. I read the box in the cabinet. I



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then asked my mother why she was keeping 'napkins' in the bathroom. Didn't they belong in the kitchen? Not wanting to burden me with unnecessary facts, she told me that those were for "special occasions" (her second mistake). Now fast forward a few months....It's Thanksgiving Day, and my folks are leaving to pick up my uncle and his wife for dinner. Mom had assignments for all of us while they were gone. Mine was to set the table. When they returned, my uncle came in first and immediately burst into laughter. Next came his wife who gasped, then began giggling. Next came my father, who roared with laughter. Then came Mom, who almost died of embarrassment when she saw each place setting on the table with a "special occasion" napkin at each plate, with the fork carefully arranged on top. I had even tucked the little tail in so they didn't hang off the edge! My mother asked me why I used these and, of course, my response sent the other adults into further fits of laughter. "But, Mom, you SAID they were for special occasions!!!"

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11. Casserolablanca
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8. Silence of the Yams
7. For Love of The Game Hen
6. I Know What You Ate Last Winter
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4. White Meat Can't Jump
3. When Harry Met Salad
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Signs You Are Overdoing Thanksgiving

- Paramedics bring in the Jaws of Life to pry you out of the EZ-Boy!
- The "Gravy Boat" your wife set out was a real 12' boat!
- You receive a Sumo Wrestler application in your e-mail
- Friday you set off 3 earthquake seismographs on your morning jog.
- Pricking your finger for cholesterol screening only yielded gravy.
- A guest quotes a Biblical passage from "The Feeding of the 5000."
- That rash on your stomach turns out to be steering wheel burn.
- Representatives from the Butterball Hall of Fame called twice.
- You consider gluttony your patriotic duty.

Thanksgiving Riddles

What do you get when you have a turkey on the beach with Broomhilda? A turkey sand-witch

What do you get when you cross a turkey with a banjo? A turkey that can pluck himself!

Do you have any turkeys going cheap? Nope, all our turkeys go gobble gobble.

What kind of music did Pilgrims listen to? Plymouth Rock!

What's the best way to catch a Turkey? Have someone throw one at you!

Which side of the turkey has the most feathers? The outside!

What's full of raisins and on a secret mission? Mince spy!

Why do turkeys eat so little? Because they are always stuffed!

What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children? If your father could see you now, he'd be rolling over in his gravy!

What key has legs but can't open a door? A turKEY

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Thanksgiving Humor

by Nightwire

What did the turkey do in the Thanksgiving Day Parade? He played his drumsticks!

Why are the cranberries red? Because they saw the turkey dressing!

Why was the world concerned when the server dropped the platter of Turkey? It meant the fall of Turkey, the ruin of Greece, and the break up of China

What do you get if you divide the circumference of a pumpkin by its diameter?
Pumpkin pi.

Top 10 Reasons College Students Look Forward To Thanksgiving Break

10. You'll know that your turkey is a Butterball rather than a Grade E yet semi-edible fur ball
9. Your mother will not be serving your mashed potatoes and stuffing with an ice cream scooper
8. Pumpkin pie is a great alternative to green jello
7. After your eighth glass of cider, your emergency dash to the bathroom will not be delayed by having to line the seat with toilet paper
6. Clean underwear, comfortable bed, access to a car,

bedroom larger than a 12x14 cell... OK, even if it is for only four days

5. To eat your meals the only trek you'll have to make is from the couch to the kitchen, rather than the dorm to the dining hall...in below freezing weather
4. Instead of listening to "when I first started teaching here..." you can be entertained by "when your mother was your age..." and "during the Depression we weren't lucky enough to have brussels sprouts. Hell, all we could afford was the sprout!"
3. You can eat your corn steamed with butter rather than popped in your microwave

2. You'll know the hair in the shower drain is your own
And the number one reason college students are looking forward to Thanksgiving... (Drum roll, please...)

1. You won't be eating your Thanksgiving meal off a tray!

12 Reasons to be Thankful You Burnt the Turkey

1. Salmonella won't be a concern.
2. Everyone will think your turkey is Cajun blackened.
3. Uninvited guests will think twice next year.
4. Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newfound appreciation.
5. Pets won't bother to pester you for scraps.
6. No one will overeat.
7. The smoke alarm was due for a test.
8. Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.
9. You'll get to the desserts even quicker.
10. After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.
11. The less turkey Uncle You-Know-Who eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.
12. You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.

Definitions For Husbands On Thanksgiving Day From Your Wife

PLAYBOOK: Also known as a cookbook, to be kept in plain sight at all times, if the book gets moved, the game could get ugly.

OFFSIDES: Silverware is to be set next to the plates... off to the side dear, not tossed in the middle of the table in a heap, for all to scramble for.

GAME TIME: This is when the food must all be on the table, at the same time, at the same temperature (preferably hot) so that the *teams* may meet at the arena (Table) for the coach to say the prayer.

TEAM SPIRIT: That which shall be upheld until the END of the game. When the coach (ME) has heard the fat lady sing

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COMMERCIAL BREAKS: There will be NONE for us, until I deem them totally necessary for my sanity, when you have made me crazy!

PENALTIES: Will be given if there is no team spirit showing and the game time is DELAYED or off sides have occurred due to a certain *televised* football game engaging your attention!

HOLDING: May be necessary of several large bowls, so that I may pour gravy without staining my new silk blouse. And keep in mind dear, I am HOLDING the clicker for the T.V. for ransom ;).

TOUCHDOWNS: Please make them gentle when bowls are being touched down on the table, do not spike them, do not dance when the mission is complete!

FLAG ON THE PLAY: When something is spilled, PLEASE by all means throw a towel down on it and mop it up!

RUSHING: What we will be doing a lot of!! and last but not least...

GROOMING THE FIELD: My Dear husband, if you help me through this meal, as I know you will, I promise to RECRUIT

new players for the clean up and YES... in plenty of time for you to enjoy the REAL GAME!!!

Police Baste

A State Police colleague of mine once received a call from a woman who asked him how to baste a turkey. After a stunned moment, he, being a fairly good cook, described the procedure. Then he asked, "But why would you call the state police to find out how to baste a turkey?" There was only a slight hesitation before she replied, "Well, you knew, didn't you?" and she immediately hung up.

Autumn Humor

- I love autumn. I love watching the leaves fall. It reminds me of the (Cleveland Browns).
- Autumn is a season for big decisions -- like whether or not it's too late to start spring cleaning.
- Autumn -- time to drag out your winter clothes and see what kind of summer fun the moths had.
- This autumn we can look forward to falling leaves and rising gas prices. We'll be raking it up while the oil companies are raking it in.
- The autumn leaves are a lot like raising kids. First they turn on you, and then they fly away. And next thing you know, you look out the window and they're back!
- I got tired of looking at all those leaves in my yard, so I



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got up off the couch and went into action. I closed the curtains.

- The leaves are beginning to fall, and soon only two things will be hanging from the trees: the last leaf and the first football coach.
- I can hardly wait until all the leaves turn brown to match the grass.
- Ah yes, summer's out and autumn's in. From swimming pools to football pools....
- I loved the end of summer when I was a kid. It always meant I no longer had to be embarrassed by the coach putting me in right field.
- This is an exciting autumn. Our athletes are breaking the records for the most Olympic medals, and our political candidates are breaking the records for the most campaign promises.
- Now, today's lawn & garden tip. If you haven't found the hedge trimmer yet, forget it. It's almost time now to lose the leaf rake.
- I could tell there was a hint of autumn in the air when my son's football smashed me in the face.
- It's fall, that time when the colors change from green to red to gold -- and that's just the gunk in your swimming pool.
- Autumn is a great time of the year. Soon those ugly patches of dead grass in your lawn will be covered up --

with ugly patches of dead leaves.

Aerial Photos

A photographer for a national magazine was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was advised that a small plane would be waiting to fly him over the fire. The photographer arrived at the airstrip just an hour before sundown. Sure enough, a small Cessna airplane was waiting. He jumped in with his equipment and shouted, "Let's go!" The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air, though flying erratically. "Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low-level passes." "Why?" asked the nervous pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures!" yelled the photographer. "I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures." The pilot replied, "You mean you're not the flight instructor?"

An Airliner

At a recent software engineering management course in the US, the participants were given an awkward question to answer. "If you had just boarded an airliner and discovered that your team of programmers had been responsible for the flight control software how many of you would disembark immediately?" Among the ensuing forest of raised hands, only one man sat motionless. When asked what he would do, he replied that he would be quite content to stay onboard. With his team's software, he said, the plane was unlikely to even taxi as far as the runway, let alone take off.

Animal One Liners

Q: What do whales like to chew?

A: Blubber gum!

Q: What did the fish say when it hit a concrete wall?

A: DAM

63 Ways To Really Tick Off A Cop

1. When you get pulled over, say "What's wrong, ossifer, there's no blood in my alcohol?"
2. When he asks why you were speeding, tell him you wanted to race.
3. When he talks to you, pretend you are deaf.
4. If he asks if you knew how fast you were going, say no, my speedometer only goes to.....
5. Ask if you can see his gun.
6. When he says you aren't allowed, tell him I just wanted to see if mine was bigger.
7. Touch him.
8. When he asks why you were speeding, tell him you had to buy a hat.
9. Ask him where he bought his cool hat.
10. Refer to him by his first name.

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11. Pretend you are gay and ask him out.
12. When he says no, cry.
13. If he says yes, accuse him of sexual harassment.
14. If the cop is a woman, tell her how ugly she is, but in a nice way.
15. If he asks you to step out of the car, automatically throw yourself on the hood.
16. When he asks you to spread them, tell him you don't go that way.
17. When he puts the handcuffs on, say "Usually my dates buy me dinner first"
18. Ask to be fingerprinted with candy, cause you don't like ink on your fingers.
19. After you sign the ticket and give it to him, say "Oops! That's the wrong name."
20. Bribe him with donuts, and when he agrees, tell him sorry, I just ate the last one.
21. When he comes up to the car, say "License and registration, please" right when he says it.
22. When he goes to read you your rights, sing "La La La, I can't hear you!"
23. Trip and fall into him.
24. Accuse him of police brutality when he pushes you away.
25. Before you sign the ticket, pick your nose. You have to sign with his pen.
26. Chew on the pen, nervously.
27. Clean your ear with the pen.
28. If it's a click pen, take it apart and play with the spring.
29. Ask if he has a daughter. If he says yes, say I thought the name sounded familiar.....
30. Ask him if he ever worked in a prison. If he says yes, ask him how the plumbing was.
31. Act like you are really stupid.
32. When he's telling you what you did wrong, start repeating what he is saying, quietly.
33. Mumble to yourself.
34. When he tells you to stop, say what are you talkin about, DUDE?
35. Drive to Dunkin Donuts and say hmmm.....only 5 of you here tonight.....
36. Ask if they know how to make the donuts.
37. When he comes to the car, say I have a badge just like yours!
38. Ask if he watches Cops.
39. Ask if ever watched Cop Rock.
40. Giggle if he did.
41. Talk to your hand.
42. Ask if he knows someone named Rosy Palm and her Five Favorite Friends.
43. Accuse him of Sexual Harassment if he does.
44. When he frisks you, sayYou missed a spot, and grin.

45. When he asks to inspect your car, say there is no alcohol in my car, sir, the last cop got it.
46. Try to sell him your car.
47. Ask if you can buy his car.
48. If he takes you to the station, Ask to sit in front
49. Play with the siren.
50. If you know him, say you had his wife for dinner.
51. If you don't know him, ask if you can have his wife for dinner. Oops...I meant OVER for dinner
52. Ask if he ever had pu-tang er.
53. If he asks what it is, point at him and giggle.
54. If there is someone else in the car, talk to each other in tongues.
55. When he acts confused, keep talking, look at him and laugh.
56. When you are in the back, touch his neck through the fencing.
57. Turn your head and whistle.
58. When he pulls out his night stick, say what you gonna do with that.
59. If you are female, say I don't do that on the first date.
60. If he sticks you in the back of the car, cower in the corner, suck your thumb, and whine
61. Stare at his lights and say "Look at the pretty colors!"
62. Tell him you like men in uniform.
63. Ask if you can borrow his uniform for a Halloween party

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Blonde And The Alligator

A guy walked into a bar with a pet alligator by his side. He put the alligator up on the bar and turned to the astonished patrons. "I'll make you a deal. I'll open this alligator's mouth and place my genitals inside. Then the gator will close his mouth for one minute. He'll then open his mouth and I'll remove my unit unscathed. In return for witnessing this spectacle, each of you will buy me a drink." The crowd murmured their approval. The man stood up on the bar, dropped his trousers, and placed his privates in the alligator's open mouth. The gator closed his mouth as the crowd gasped. After a minute, the man grabbed a beer bottle and rapped the alligator hard on the top of it's head. The gator opened his mouth and the man removed his genital, unscathed as promised. The crowd cheered and the first of his free drinks was delivered. The man stood up again and made another offer. "I'll pay anyone \$100 who's willing to give it a try." A hush fell over the crowd. After a while, a hand went up in the back of the bar. A Blonde woman timidly spoke up, "I'll try, but you have to promise not to hit me on the head with the beer bottle."

An Old Man's Woes

An sad, old man sitting was sitting on a park bench when



along came a police officer. The officer asked the old man why he was so upset. The old man replied, "Every morning I wake up with a wonderful 20 year old blonde. She cooks great meals including sausage, and bacon and everything I love. Then we make passionate love in bed. Afterwards, she gives me a bath, with hand drawn hot water, cooks me lunch and followed by more passionate love. In the evening, we'll have top the day off with a fantastic diner and yet more wonderful love. The police officer gets a puzzled look on his face and asks, "Well, what seems to be the problem?" The old man replied with a sad look on his face, "I can't remember where I live!"

Men are like...

Men are like....Bike Helmets

Handy in an emergency, but otherwise they just look silly

Men are like...Parking spots

The good ones are taken, and the rest are too small.

Men are like....Bank accounts

Without a lot of money, they don't generate much interest

Men are like...Bananas

They older they get, the less firm they are.

Men are like.....Coffee.

The best ones are rich, warm, full-bodied, and can keep you up all night long.

Men are like.....Chocolate Bars.

Sweet, smooth and they usually head right for your hips.

Men are like.....Blenders.

You need one, but you're not quite sure why.

Men are like.....Coolers.

Load them with beer and you can take them anywhere.

Men are like.....Government bonds.

They take so long to mature.

Men are like.....High heels.

They're easy to walk on once you get the hang of it.

Men are like.....Horoscopes.

They always tell you what to do and are usually wrong.

Men are like.....Lava lamps.

Fun to look at, but not all that bright.

Men are like.....Laxatives.

They irritate the crap out of you.

Men are like.....Mascara.

They usually run at the first sign of emotion.

Men are like.....Mini skirts.

If you're not careful, they'll creep up on you.

Men are like.....Noodles.

They're always in hot water, they lack taste and they need dough.

Men are like.....Plungers.

They spend most of their lives in a hardware store or the bathroom.

Men are like.....Popcorn.

They satisfy you, but only for a little while.

Men are like.....Placemats.

They only show up when there's food on the table.

Men are like.....Used Cars.

Both are easy-to-get, cheap and they prove to be unreliable.

Men are like.....Weather.

Nothing can be done to change either one of them.

Harry the Eagle

One day Harry the Eagle waited at the nest for Mary, his darling of 10 glorious years. After a while when she didn't return he went looking and found her. She had been shot dead! Harry was devastated, but after about six minutes of mourning he decided that he must get himself another mate, but since there weren't any lady eagles available he'd have to cross the feather barrier. So he flew off to find a new mate. He found a lovely dove and brought her back to the nest. The sex was good but all the dove would say is 'I am a DOVE, I want to love! I am a DOVE, I want to love!' Well this so got on Harry's nerves so he kicked the dove out of the nest and flew off once more to find a mate.. He soon found a very sexy loon and brought her back to the nest. Again the sex was good but all the loon would say is..... 'I am a LOON, I want to spoon! I am a LOON, I want to spoon!' So out with the loon. Once more he flew off to find a mate. This time he found a gorgeous duck and he brought the duck back to the nest. This time the sex was great, but all the duck would say was.....NO, The duck didn't say that....We know what you are thinking... The duck said.... 'I am a Drake, you made a mistake!

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As she was unloading her items on the conveyor belt to check out, a drunk standing behind her watched as she placed the items in front of the cashier. While the cashier was ringing up her purchases the drunk calmly stated, "You much be single." The woman was a bit startled by this proclamation, but she was intrigued by the derelict's intuition since she was indeed single. She looked at her six items on the belt and saw nothing particularly unusual about her selections that could have tipped of the drunk to her marital status. Curiosity getting the best of her, she said, "well, you know what, you're absolutely correct. But how on earth did you know that?" The drunk replied, "cause you're ugly."

Now You Know Everything:

For those of you who just thought you knew everything, here's a refresher course.

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times.

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are fifty (50) years of age or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The king of hearts is the only king without a mustache.

American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one (1) olive from each salad served in first-class.

Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise.(Since Venus is normally associated with women, what does this tell you!)

Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.

Most dust particles in your house are made from dead skin.

The first owner of the Marlboro Company died of lung cancer.

So did the first "Marlboro Man."

Walt Disney was afraid of mice.

Pearls melt in vinegar.

The three most valuable brand names on earth: Marlboro, Coca Cola, and Budweiser, in that order.

It is possible to lead a cow upstairs...but not downstairs.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

Richard Millhouse Nixon was the first U.S. president whose name contains all the letters from the word "criminal."

The second ? William Jefferson Clinton (Please don't tell me you're SURPRISED!?!)

And the best for last.....

Turtles can breathe through their butts. (I know some people like that; don't YOU?)

Now you know everything there is to know.

Bathtub Test:

During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criteria is that defines whether a patient should be institutionalized or not. "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub with water, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup, and a bucket to the patient and ask the patient to empty the water out of the tub."

Okay, here's your test:

1. Would you use the spoon?
2. Would you use the teacup?
3. Would you use the bucket?

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would choose the bucket since it is larger than the teacup or spoon."

"No," answered the Director. "A normal person would pull out the stopper."

So, how did you do? I've been committed

The Elevator

An Amish boy and his father were in a mall. They were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny, silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again. The boy asked, "What is this Father?" The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, "Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is." While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, a fat, old lady in a wheel chair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small circular numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blonde stepped out. The father said quietly to his son... "Go get your mother."

Pills & Push-ups

A man goes to the doctor with a swollen leg. After a careful examination, the doctor gives the man a pill big enough to choke a horse. "I'll be right back with some water," the doctor tells him. The doctor has been gone a while and the man loses patience. He hobbles out to the drinking fountain, forces the pill down his throat and gobbles down water until the pill clears his throat. He hobbles back into the examining room. The doctor comes back with a bucket of warm water. "Ok, after the tablet dissolves, soak that leg for at least 30 minutes."

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Drunk in a Bar

A drunk staggers into a bar demanding a beer. The bartender informs him that he is not allowed to serve alcohol to drunken patrons. After a few harsh words, the bartender suggested that the drunk prove he isn't drunk by doing twenty push-ups on the floor. As he was doing the push-ups, another drunk staggers into the bar and sees this guy on the floor doing push-ups. He looks at him for a minute and then nudges him in the ribs saying, "Hey, Pal, I think your girl friend has gone home."

Ride Home

A man is having a few drinks at a bar when he looks over and notices a drunk guy passed out at a table nearby. The bartender tells him the drunk is Mr. Murphy and asks the man if he could drive Mr. Murphy home. Being a good Samaritan, the man agrees. The bartender writes down the address and gives it to him. The man walks over and tries to wake Mr. Murphy but Mr. Murphy is groggy and quite drunk. The man helps Mr. Murphy to his feet and Mr. Murphy falls to the floor in a heap. "Jeez," the man says wondering how anyone could drink so much. He takes Murphy by the arm and practically drags him out to the car. Once there he leans him against the side of his car while he looks for his keys. Mr. Murphy slides down to the ground. The man finds his keys and manages to get Murphy positioned in the car. He then drives to the address the bartender gave him. He opens the

passenger door and helps Mr. Murphy out and the guy falls to the ground. Cursing softly, now, the man helps him to his feet and practically drags him to the front door. He lets go of Mr. Murphy to knock on the door and the guy falls down again. He helps him to his feet as Mrs. Murphy answers the door. "Hi, Mrs. Murphy, Your husband had a little too much to drink tonight so I gave him a ride home." "That was nice of you," she says, looking around... "But where's his wheelchair?"

Hardware Store:

Bubba was fixing a door and he found that he needed a new hinge, so he sent his wife, Mary Louise, to the hardware store. At the hardware store, Mary Louise saw a beautiful teapot on a top shelf while she was waiting for Joe Bob, the manager, to finish waiting on a customer. When Joe Bob was finished, Mary Louise asked how much for the teapot. Joe Bob replied, "That's silver and it costs \$100!" "My goodness, that sure is a lot of money!" Mary Louise exclaimed. Then she proceeded to describe the hinge that Bubba had sent her to buy, and Joe Bob went to the back room to find it. From the back room Joe Bob yelled, "Mary Louise, you wanna screw for that hinge?" Mary Louise replied, "No, but I will for the teapot." This is why you can't send a woman to a hardware store!

Three Blondes:

Three blondes were applying for the last available position on the Texas Highway Patrol. The detective conducting the interview looked at the 3 of them and said, "So ya'll want to

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be a cop, eh?" The blondes all nodded. The detective got up, opened a file drawer and pulled out a file folder. Sitting back down, he opened it up and withdrew a picture, and said, "To be a detective, you have to be able to detect. You must be able to notice things such as distinguishing features and oddities such as scars, etc." So he stuck the photo in the face of the 1st blonde and withdrew it after about 2 seconds. "Now, he said, "did you notice any distinguishing features about the man?" The blonde immediately said, "Yes, I did. He has only one eye!" The detective shook his head and said, "Of course he has only one eye in this picture! It's a profile of his face! You're dismissed!" The 1st blonde hung her head and walked out of the office. The detective then turned to the 2nd blonde, stuck the photo in her face for 2 seconds, pulled it back and said, "What about you? Notice anything unusual or outstanding about this man?" "Yes! He only has one ear!" The detective put his head in his hand and exclaimed, "Didn't you hear what I just told the other lady? This is a profile of the man's face! Of course you can only see one ear!! You're excused, too!" The 2nd blonde sheepishly walked out of the office. The detective turned his attention to the 3rd and last blonde and said, "This is probably a waste of time, but....." He flashed the photo in her face for a couple of seconds and withdrew it, saying "All right. Did you notice anything distinguishing or unusual about this man?" The blonde said, "I did. This man wears contact lenses." The detective frowned, took another look at the picture and began

looking at some of the papers in the folder. He looked up at the blonde with a puzzled expression and said, "You're absolutely right! His bio says he wears contacts... How in the world could you tell that by looking at this picture?" The blonde rolled her eyes and said, "Well duh! With only one eye and one ear, he certainly can't wear glasses!"

Quickies

The old man had died. A wonderful funeral was in progress and the country preacher talked at length of the good traits of the deceased; what an honest man he was, what a loving husband and kind father he had been. The widow meanwhile was ever so slightly shaking her head, as she intently listened to the preacher's words. Finally, the widow leaned over and whispered to one of her children.... "Erica, honey, go on up there and take a look in the coffin and see if that's your pa in there." A man and a woman who had never met before, but were both married to other people, found themselves assigned to the same sleeping room on a transcontinental train. Though initially embarrassed and uneasy over sharing a room, they were both very tired and fell asleep quickly... he in the upper bunk and she in the lower. At 1:00 AM, the man leaned over and gently woke the woman saying, "Ma'am, I'm sorry to bother you, but would you be willing to reach into the closet to get me a second blanket? I'm awfully cold." "I have a better idea," she replied suggestively. "Just for tonight, let's pretend that we're married." "Wow! That's a great idea!" he exclaimed. "Good," she replied. "Get your own damn blanket." After a moment of silence, he farted.

How they make rubber gloves!

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

Because I'm a Man:

Because I'm a man, when I lock my keys in the car I will fiddle with a wire long after hypothermia, or heat stroke, has set in. AAA is not an option. I will win.

Because I'm a man, when the car isn't running very well, I will pop the hood and stare at the engine as if I know what I'm looking at. If another man shows up, one of us will say to

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the other, "I used to be able to fix these things, but now with all these computers and everything, I wouldn't know where to start." We will then drink beer and break wind as a form of bonding.

Because I'm a man, when I catch a cold, I need someone to bring me soup and take care of me while I lie in bed and moan. You're a woman. You never get as sick as I do, so for you this isn't a problem.

Because I'm a man, I can be relied upon to purchase basic groceries at the store, like milk or bread. I cannot be expected to find exotic items like "cumin" or "tofu." For all I know, these are the same thing. And never, under any circumstances, expect me to pick up anything for which "feminine hygiene product" is a euphemism.

Because I'm a man, when one of our appliances stops working, I will insist on taking it apart, despite evidence that this will just cost me twice as much, once the repair person gets here and has to put it back together.

Because I'm a man, I must hold the television remote control in my hand while I watch TV. If the thing has been misplaced, I may miss an entire show looking for it (though one time I was able to survive by holding a calculator)...applies to engineers mainly.

Because I'm a man, there is no need to ask me what I'm thinking about. The answer is always either sex, cars or football. I have to make up something else when you ask, so don't ask.

Because I'm a man, I do not want to visit your mother, or have your mother come visit us, or talk to her when she calls, or think about her any more than I have to. Whatever you got her for Mother's Day is okay; I don't need to see it. And don't forget to pick up something for my mother too.

Because I'm a man, you don't have to ask me if I liked the movie. Chances are, if you're crying at the end of it, I didn't.... and if you are feeling amorous afterwards...then I will certainly at least remember the name and recommend it to others.

Because I'm a man, I think what you're wearing is fine. I thought what you were wearing five minutes ago was fine, too. Either pair of shoes is fine. With the belt or without it, looks fine. Your hair is fine. You look fine. Can we just go now?

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