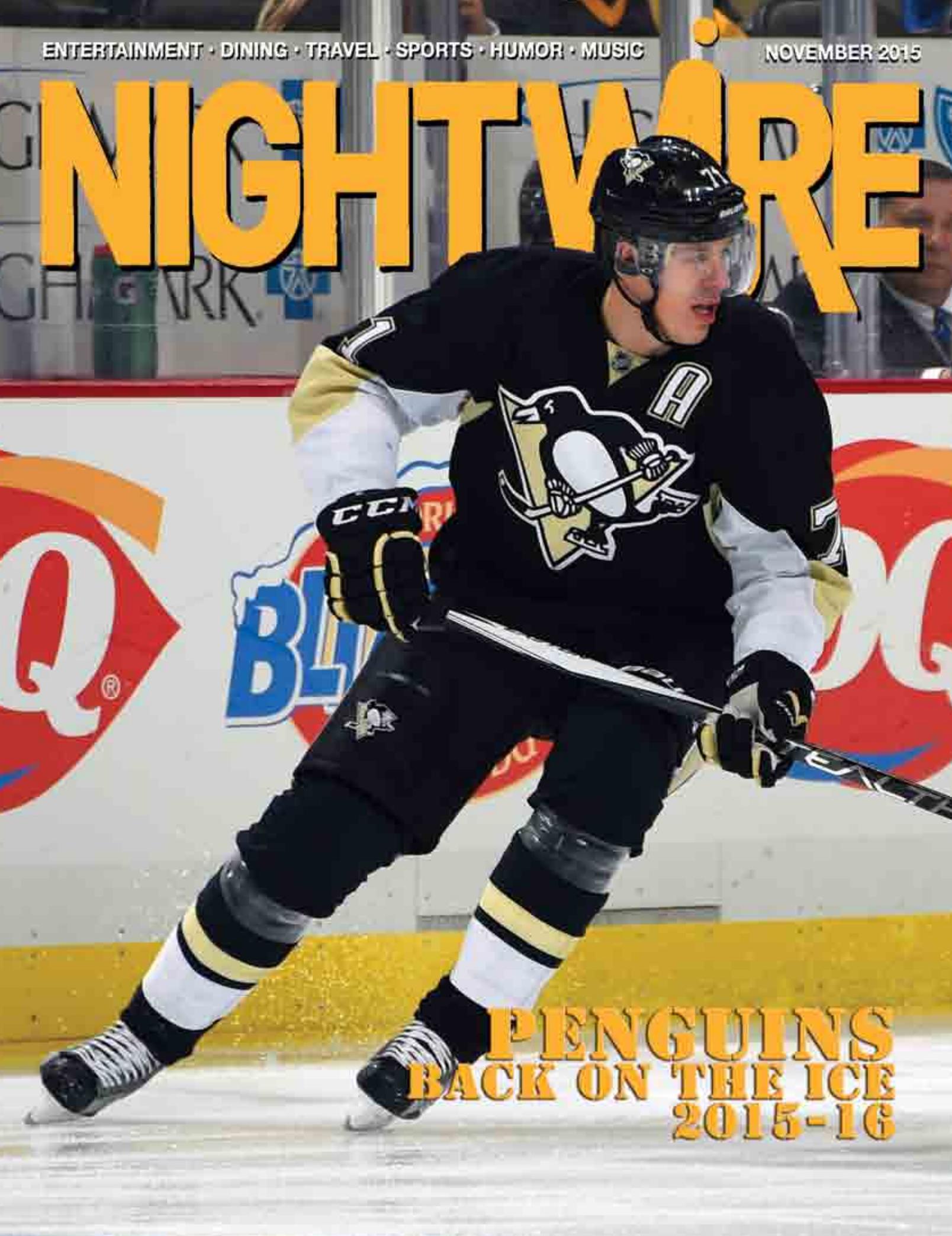


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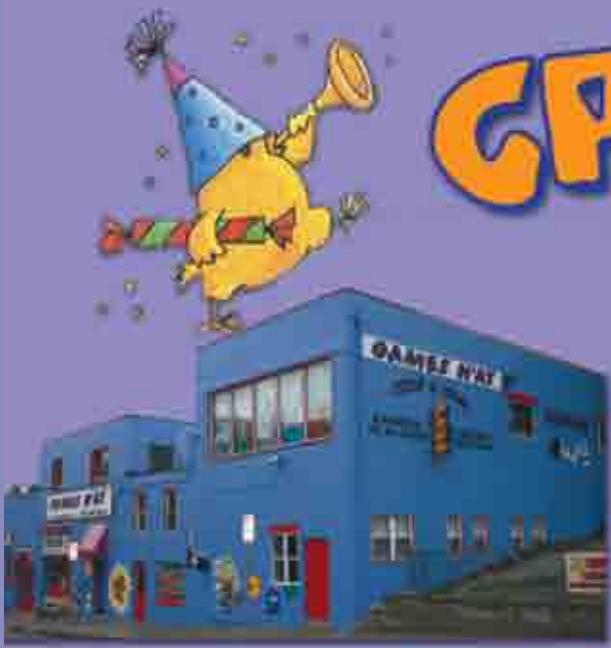
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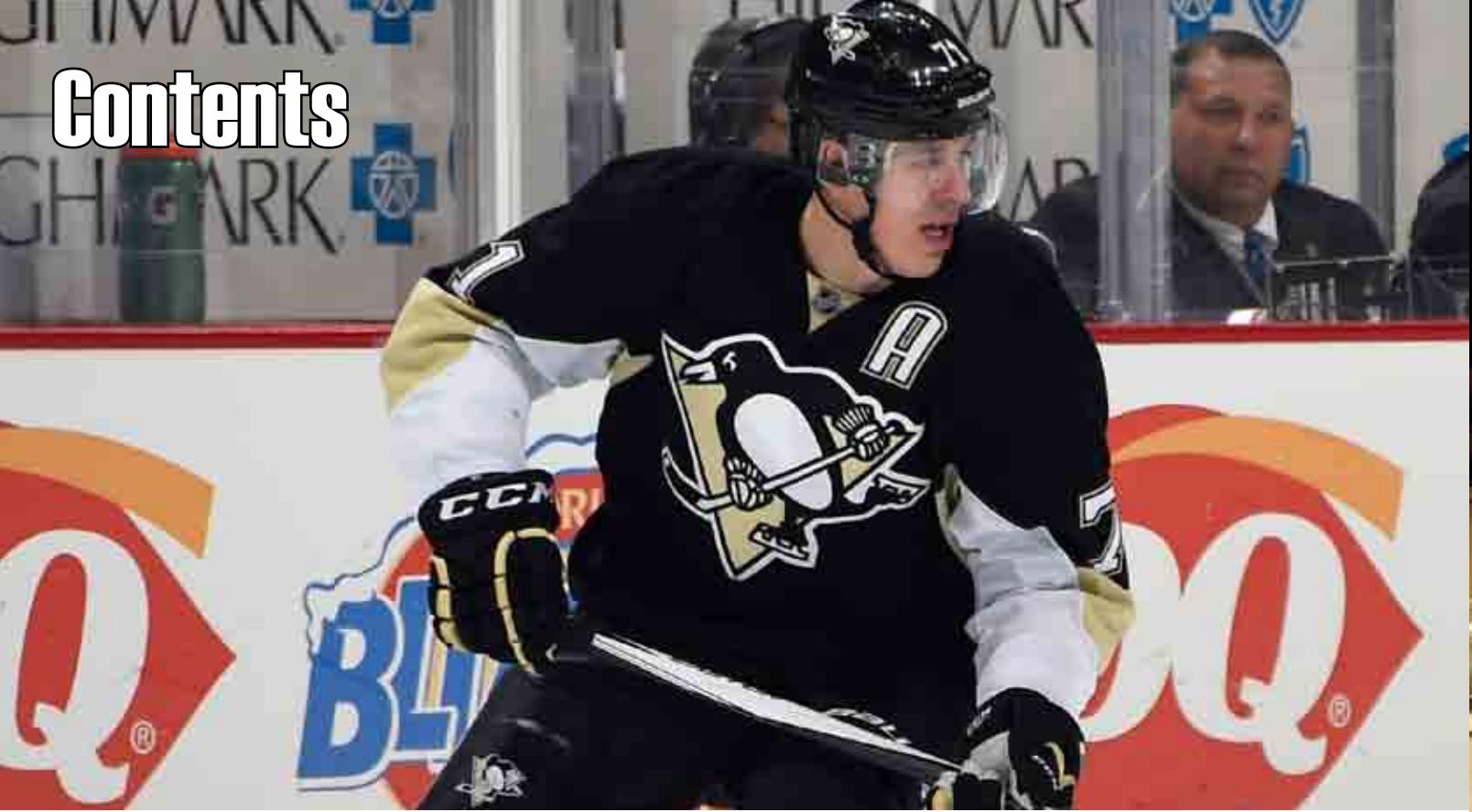
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# SPORTS

## The Penguins' Sputtering Start

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It's not how they drew it up, the Pittsburgh Penguins. Not how they envisioned their offense exploding onto the scene at the start of the season. Not how they wanted to wash the fizzling taste out of their mouths from their lackluster production down the stretch and early postseason exit last year.

It took more than four periods to find the back of the net and the much anticipated new addition to Sidney Crosby's line, Phil Kessel, was the guy to break the ice in a loss. Another loss came before the first win of the season against the Senators, and despite stringing together a few victories, the expected goal eruption has not even



made a rumble.

At 4-4 through eight games, the potentially potent offense has put up meager numbers. Thirteen goals total. That's 1.63 per game, bad for second worst in the NHL. Head Coach Mike Johnston has said that at times his team gets "too cute with the puck" and passes up shots. If you've ever been to a game at Consol Energy Center or watched it at a sports bar, you know that fans agree. Screaming SHOOT THE PUCK is as involuntary as breathing when watching a hockey game, but when the hyped up, fire powered



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offense seems to have the safety locked into place, it's even more frustrating to watch. Especially with the man advantage.

Continuing a trend that started in the second half of last season, the power play has been impotent, cashing in just 7.1 percent of the time. 28 opportunities. Two goals. Common sense might have you believe that with Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin, Phil Kessel and Kris Letang on special teams, goals wouldn't be this hard to come by. This probably goes without saying, but when you convert with the extra skater, it bodes well for your chances of winning the game. Last season, the Penguins were 27-5-1 when scoring on the power play. When you fail, it's a hit to your confidence. All this talent and skill and still unable to score even with one less defender to contest your efforts. Getting to rebounds and winning face offs to get started setting up your attack right away instead of chasing the puck 200 feet and re-establishing the zone will help change the tide. That leads me to . . . Sidney Crosby.

To this point, Captain Crosby has been on the score sheet in exactly one game this season and although it was a three point performance, it took the perennial Art Ross Trophy candidate six games to finally get going. He wins just 50 percent of his power play face offs and when he does possess the puck he is constantly looking to make the pretty pass instead of taking a shot. Could be the self imposed pressure of having to feed Kessel or whomever is lining up with him that particular shift. Not sure, but it would be nice to see Crosby play angry. To go after goals with a vengeance. To play like a man possessed.

With all that said, it's early. Hockey season builds slowly until the halfway point when division races come into focus and teams find identities. As a sport that accepts over half of its teams into the

playoffs, there is opportunity to gel and discover the right combo to create chemistry and set up for a strong run. The Penguins need the time with eight new players that weren't on the roster last season. Johnston has shaken up the lines already, opting to pair Kessel with Evgeni Malkin instead of Crosby and move Patric Hornqvist up to





the first line. When Hornqvist played with Crosby last season, the Pens outscored their opponents 31-17. Sounds like a good idea. There have been a few bright spots early on as well. While the Pens haven't lit up the scoreboard, they haven't allowed many goals either. At two goals against per game, they are tied for second best in the NHL. Marc Andre Fleury is one of the top five starting goaltenders in the league in goals against average and save percentage on the young season. If they can keep the goals allowed in check and find their offensive mojo, excitement could replace frustration as the overriding feeling when watching the Penguins. Just like they drew it up.

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# Nightwire Salutes and Honors Our “Hometown Hero” - JOE WADLOW

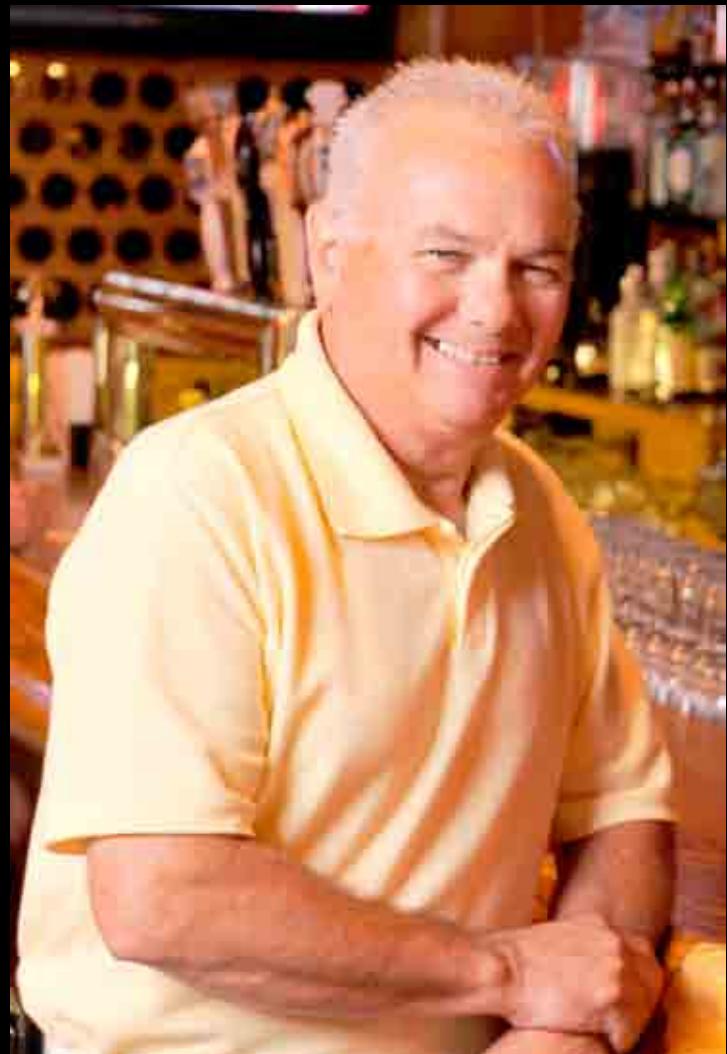
November brings big changes; changes in the season; another Veteran's Day; another Thanksgiving; a countdown till Christmas and another month gone by; although things changes, somethings remain the same. Like Joe Wadlow, our true “Hometown Hero.” Nightwire would respectfully like to honor a man in our community that has not changed. He is truly an amazing, courageous, generous, unselfish man, father, husband, business owner and Marine. Not only did he serve our country, but he continues to serve by never turning his back on a fellow veteran or someone in need. This month, we are proud to introduce you to “Joe Wadlow our Hometown Hero.”

Joe is the owner along with his partner of Monte Cello's in the North Hills and Wexford, two of the very best family owned restaurants in the Greater Pittsburgh area. Joe was a Staff Sargent in the Marines having served with the Third Battalion First Marines stationed in Vietnam during the war. For his tour of duty, he and his unit received a record four Presidential Unit Citations for different operations throughout their time in Vietnam plus they also received the Vietnam's Cross of Gallantry, which is the highest honor bestowed upon any unit by the Government of South Vietnam. In 2011, He was inducted into the North Hills Hall of Fame.

Joe lost many of his friends in combat, but has never forgotten them and keeps in touch with their families, showing true compassion with anonymous unselfish acts of kindness and generosity towards them and his fellow veterans and to the families of those who gave their lives for our country. He is truly a hero, by living his life continually giving and never forgetting, putting true meaning to.....once a Marine, always a Marine!

Joe proudly told us he wrote a chapter in a book that was published in 2006 called ironically, “Once a Marine Always a Marine,” it’s a story of fifteen enlisted Marines who were not career Marines, but Marines that attribute their success in life to what they learned in the Marine Corps.

Joe’s tireless generosity of time and money by working with and donating his own money to charities like: Walk for Babies, Epilepsy Foundation, Remembering the Brave, Pennies From Heaven Toys for Tots, Wounded Warrior, American Heart Association, MS Summer Camp and the Fallen Marine Memorial Run, which he founded and ran for 4 years – during the last year the bike run got rained out... so he personally donated \$10,000



to the family of Marine Sergeant Sean H. Miles, who was killed in Iraq. He also served as Conduit for 3 years as a member of the Marine Corp League. In addition Joe has unselfishly donated and helped with fund raisers to various schools in the North Hills, including North Allegheny.

We can all learn a lesson from Joe Wadlow, through his life, love of country, family and friends, commitment, passion, courage, strength, generosity, perseverance, caring and giving back. Let us all join together throughout the year but particularly during November to honor our Veterans and all those who have valiantly and bravely served or are currently serving our great nation, never forget to tell them “thank you for your service” it will mean so much to them to know that we will never forget and will continue to honor them for their service. Let’s all try to be a little more like “Joe.”

From Nightwire and all our Readers.... A special salute and sincere thank you Joe Wadlow!

You are truly a Hero! Semper Fi!

# At The Movies...

## NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE

NORTHERN SOUL is a tale set in England circa 1974 concerning the Mod Movement. This was an exceptionally important time in musical history. David Bowie, and many others, credit the Mod Movement for forming the foundation of their musical careers. The Mod scene was a revolution in British music; a purposeful and direct rebellion against the "chart" hits, toward music very similar to the Motown Sound, especially the heavy beat and poignant lyrics of Tamla. Rowdy dancing accompanied the music. It was based on the fighting movements of Bruce Lee mixed with body dance. Naturally, it was sneered upon by the establishment and severe attempts were made to quash the trend.

Amid this musical turbulence, viewers are introduced to John Clark, played by Elliott James Langridge. John is a teen who is experiencing trauma in high school from both teachers and peers. He gazes upon his home life, and realizes he does not want to follow the traditional path of staying in the same town, working at the local factory and then, after a lifetime of mundaneness, dying in that same town.

Circumstance brings him in contact with Matt, played by Josh Whitehouse, who introduces him to the Mod scene, its music and its biggest players. The boys resolve to travel to America to import the music banned in the UK and open their own club where they can share the Mod experience.

Love interest in the film is provided by Antonia Thomas, as Angela. She is a nurse, and seemingly out of John's depth, until he makes a name for himself on the Mod scene. She is black, so the producers are able to establish an interracial theme, so necessary in today's films. In actuality, interracial relations were not a social faux pas in Britain by 1974, so the set up becomes moot.

Director Elaine Constantine labored for 15 years to bring this tale to the Silver Screen. During the interval, something became lost in translation. NORTHERN SOUL shifts from an engaging look into a musical historical event, to a tiny vignette about a couple of lads. There is no resolution to the film. After a spat, the boys make up and the film ends. There is no indication of

the fulfillment of their dreams and aspirations; nor is there any perspective offered for the Mod movement. It makes NORTHERN SOUL akin to the tale your Uncle Charley tells that has no ending and therefore no point.

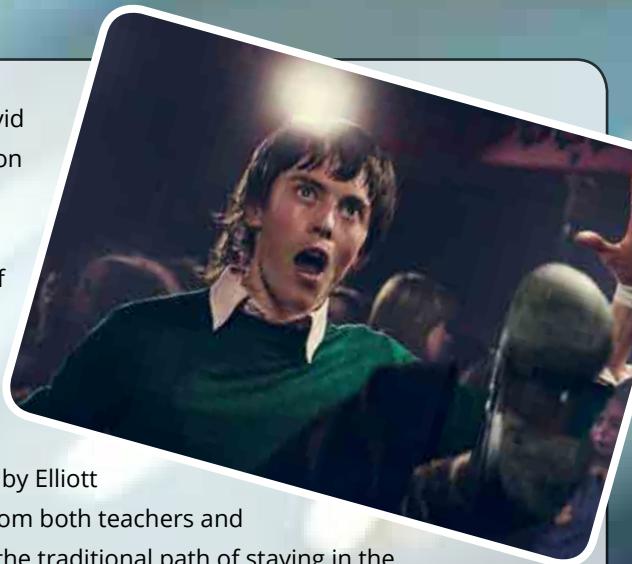
The film is being jostled for awards consideration. It was released in Britain last year with moderate attainment. It played here in select film festivals, and caught the eye of several aging critics, and more importantly, film distributors, who ranted about its qualities. It received a very limited, select city release, but Pittsburgh was not included. Meantime, the soundtrack for the film rocketed to the top ten on the British charts, giving the movie some street cred. Frankly,

buying the soundtrack is a better bargain than seeing the movie.

RATING = D

### THE LAST WITCH HUNTER

THE LAST WITCH HUNTER is an exciting, well-paced supernatural thriller that could provide another successful series for star Vin Diesel. Diesel is currently in a quagmire in Hollywood, with many pundits challenging his box office clout. Outside of the RIDDICK trilogy, which appealed mainly to the sci-fi techno-geek crowd, many in Tinsel Town are claiming Diesel cannot carry a film. They point to the FAST AND FURIOUS franchise and attribute its success more to Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson than



Diesel. Diesel's other endeavors have been less than stellar at the box office. Diesel is considering a return to a character he brought to the screen, Xander Cage in *XXX*, if this film does not pan out. *THE LAST WITCH HUNTER* provides Diesel the first role he can carry and claim his own since *PITCH BLACK*.

Diesel is Kaulder, a medieval warrior tasked with hunting down the coven of witches currently plaguing his village. He encounters and engages the Queen Witch, played by Julie Engelbrecht. As he defeats her, she condemns him to ever-lasting life, cursing him to live through the deaths of all those he loves, or ever will love.

Cursed, or blessed with immortality, Kaulder aligns with a faction of the Roman Catholic Church known as the Cross and Axe, to hunt down and destroy witches who seem rather hell-bent on the destruction of humanity. His current liaison to the church is Father Dolan, played by Michael Caine. When Fr. Dolan is placed under a death spell, Kaulder discovers a nefarious plot to resurrect the Witch Queen by a powerful coven. Together with his new apprentice, the 37th Dolan, played by Elijah Wood, Kaulder sets out to once again stop the Witch Queen from destroying humanity. Along the way, he will team with a dreamwalker, Chloe, played by Rose Leslie and encounter a behemoth warlock, Belial, played by Olafur Darri Olafsson. Pittsburgh native and former pro wrestler Kurt Angle also pops up in a cameo, playing one of the Queen's guards.

*THE LAST WITCH HUNTER* was shot in Pittsburgh, and the movie highlights the city well. I guess the city just harmonizes with spooky places and evil witches. Cinematographer Dean Semler captures the 'burgh with rather majestic, if ominous cityscape shots and darkened alleys from the city's heart. Coupled with Steve Jablonsky's apt score, Pittsburgh seems a natural for the planned series. To lure the production here, Lionsgate and Summit Pictures applied for and received, a state sponsored tax credit to the tune of \$14 million. That's a sizable chunk of the Pittsburgh Film Office's budget of \$65 million, but if it brings in a franchise, it is money well spent. At least one sequel is already in pre-production and Lionsgate is hoping *THE LAST WITCH HUNTER* will spawn a series of six films.

Breck Eisner directed the film, and it is one of his few Tinsel Town successes. The son of Disney Czar Michael Eisner, it was Breck who was responsible for submerging the proposed and highly anticipated remake of Universal's *CREATURE FROM THE BLACK LAGOON*; a project with a massive budget and enough top-shelf personnel to hand-hold the young Eisner. He blew it anyway, and many feel without his father's influence, he would be out of the Hollywood game. He has a strong showing in *THE LAST WITCH HUNTER*.

In order to cater to the high school crowd, *THE LAST WITCH HUNTER* is obviously tamed to a PG-13 rating. Should this become a series, it deserve a more adult treatment. With a little more edge and jumping to an R rating, this series could be extreme celluloid fun, much in the vein of the *HELLRAISER* franchise.



*THE LAST WITCH HUNTER* basically is a set up movie. Screenwriter Cory Goodman gives the viewer the key principles and scenarios of future adventures. It's worth a view, and could be the start of something big.

RATING = B

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# Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents A Servant To Two Master

Set in Venice in 1965, characters cravings for love, money and food lead to feisty fun in a wild comedy directed by Ted Pappas.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's season continues with the comic extravaganza, A Servant To Two Masters. Written by Carlo Goldoni in 1746, the play was adapted for a contemporary audience by Lee Hall, author of the blockbuster movie and hit musical Billy Elliot. A Servant To Two Masters is the 50th production directed by Ted Pappas for Pittsburgh Public Theater. The play runs November 5 – December 6, 2015 at the O'Reilly Theater, The Public's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org.

A Servant To Two Masters is a comedy banquet serving up slapstick, satire, and even a singalong. Obsessed lovers, entitled patriarchs, and a pair of salty service economy workers bring hilarious clashes between the classes. Prepare yourself for mistaken identity, double-entendres, funny foods, mini-skirts, and the lightning pace that is the signature of a Ted Pappas production.

The production takes place in Venice, Italy in 1965. Clarice (Erin Lindsey Krom) and Silvio (Patrick Cannon) want to marry and need the blessing of their rich fathers, Pantaloone (Bill Buell) and Dr. Lombardi (Scott Robertson). But when Beatrice (Jessica Wortham) shows up in drag, it throws a monkey wrench into their plans. As she gets ready to stay at the Inn of Brighella (Bob Walton), Beatrice hires manic Truffaldino (Jimmy Kieffer) to be her manservant. Meanwhile unbeknownst to Beatrice, Truffaldino goes to work for her lover, Florindo (David Whalen), as well. A man



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**Opening Night is Friday, Nov. 13.  
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of great appetites, Truffaldino figures that two jobs means more free meals and more money to spend on the sexy and sassy Smeraldina (Daina Michelle Griffith).

The designers for A Servant To Two Masters are James Noone (Scenic), Amy Clark (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Fredric H. Orner is the Production Stage Manager and Kelly Haywood is the Assistant Stage Manager.

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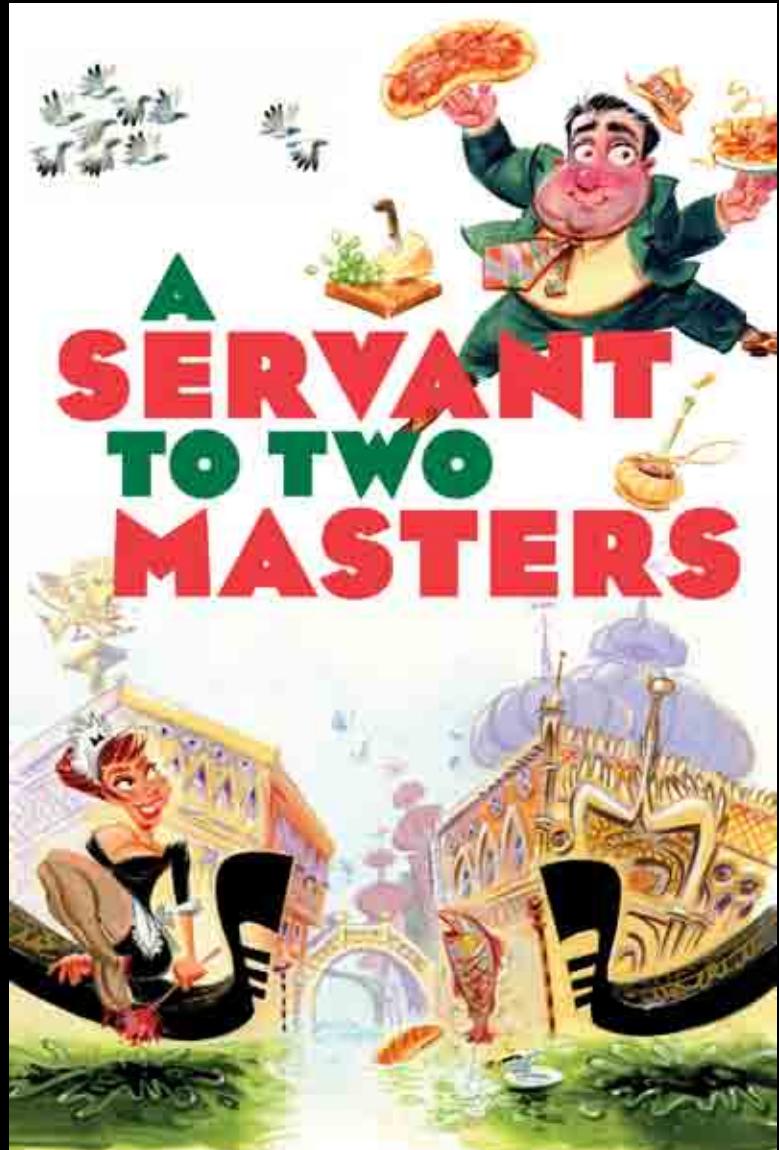
Patrick Cannon (Silvio) is thrilled to be back at Pittsburgh Public Theater after last appearing as George Gibbs in Our Town. Pittsburgh credits include Young Scrooge in A Musical Christmas Carol with Pittsburgh CLO (2013 and 2014), Jack in Heads at Point Park University's The REP, Giuseppe in The Light in the Piazza with Front Porch Theatricals, James/Captain Hook in Tink! with Stage Right, and Eteocles in Oedipus with No Name Players. Regional credits include Drury Lane Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre Garage Rep, The Strange Tree Group, Street Tempo Theatre, The Barnstormers Theatre, Cape May Stage, and Totem Pole Playhouse. Patrick is a graduate of Columbia College in Chicago and a proud member of the Actors' Equity Association.

### A Servant To Two Masters Pittsburgh Public Theater

Modern-day Venice is the setting for this new production of Goldoni's comic juggernaut, in a raucous adaptation from the creator of Billy Elliot. Our hilarious hero, Truffaldino, will stop at nothing to stuff his face, even if it means working for two bosses at the same time. Laughs pile on top of laughs as he tries to keep both masters happy, hook up with the delectable Smeraldina, and have his fill of fettuccini.

by Carlo Goldoni  
adapted by Lee Hall  
directed by Ted Pappas

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# The 12 Beers of Thanksgiving

by Brian Meyer

Ah, the holidays: A great time to spend with friends and family, and an even better time for enjoying some great beer with the former, sometimes because of the latter. Thanksgiving has become the unofficial kickoff of the holiday season, and while Christmas tries it's best to creep in on Thanksgiving's turf, it's still a day about celebrating the fall, being thankful for what you have, and spending some much needed time with the family.

It seems like pumpkin beers and other seasonal have... well...started coming ahead of their seasons. While we were buying pumpkin beers in August, it's best to not forget that truly the best time to enjoy these amazing seasonal beers, pumpkin brews included, is on a holiday like Thanksgiving. We've collected twelve great beers to help you ring in this holiday season and impress your fellow beer loving friends and family in the process. Fear not, there's far more than just pumpkin beers to have while still staying seasonal this Thanksgiving, but if those gourd-based beers are your thing, we've got you covered just the same.

**Anderson Valley Fall Hornin'** – Starting this list off is a pretty great entry on the pumpkin beers column of fall seasonals. Anderson Valley Brewing Company brings out their Fall Hornin' Pumpkin Ale each fall to Jack-O-Lantern headed fiends everywhere.

This beer starts out with aromas of caramelized malt and fresh baked bread, giving way to fall spices like cinnamon, nutmeg, and of course pumpkin. The taste is all about the pumpkin and spices, with a slight hint of hops in the finish. Deep copper in color, this 6% ABV beer is perfect with some cranberry scones, roasted root vegetables, and other sweet deserts.

**Buffalo Bill's Pumpkin** – The original pumpkin beer, Buffalo Bill's Brewery crafted the first batch of Pumpkin Ale all the way back in 1985. Brewed before there was season creep with beers, and before anyone knew what a "craft beer" even was, this golden amber-colored ale features tastes of pumpkin and spices, and is reminiscent of warm pumpkin pie without being overly sweet or spiced.



If you're a pumpkin beer fanatic, you definitely have to try the originator of the style that seems to rule every fall beer season.

**Buffalo Bill's Black Pumpkin** – So how do you make the original pumpkin beer even better? Well, you start with an amazing oatmeal stout and add in pumpkin, spices, and chocolate accents to make something that's truly amazing.

Buffalo Bill's Black Pumpkin Ale comes in at 7.5% ABV and boasts a rich roasted malt flavor, just enough sweetness, and of course that pumpkin pie character that makes their original Pumpkin Ale so good.

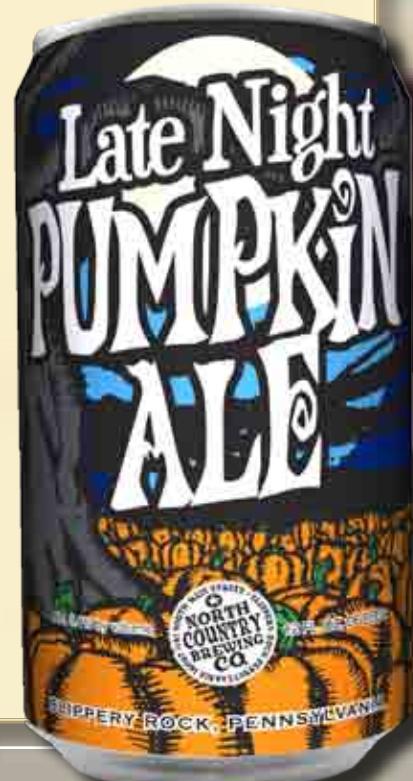
**Erie Brewing Johnny Rails Pumpkin** – A fun fact about Erie Brewing is that each of their beers are named after a local person or story from the Erie, PA area. A great example of this is none other than their Johnny Rails Pumpkin Ale. This seasonal beer is named after one of Erie Brewing's own staff who, not surprisingly, is named John. You'll have to check the bottle out to see how the name fits though.

Johnny Rails Pumpkin Ale comes in at 6.5% ABV, and features an exceptional balance of pumpkin, spice, and the base blond ale the beer starts its life as.

**North Country Brewing Late Night Pumpkin** – Hailing from the wilds of Slippery Rock, PA, North Country Brewing has made quite a name for themselves over the years, and with their current focus on distribution of their amazing canned beers, it's never been easier to get your hands on some North Country beer.

For the fall season, North Country brews their Late Night Pumpkin with a healthy dose of pumpkin, spice, and of course this is all done late at night, when the pumpkins taste their best. Coming in at 6.1% ABV with a gold color and a nice spiced character, Late Night Pumpkin is a canned beer you definitely need to try.

**Otter Creek Brewing Overgrown** – Not every seasonal beer for the fall has to have pumpkin and spice in it, and to prove that point Otter Creek Brewing's Overgrown stands in



stark contrast to the pie-flavored beers most often found this time of the year.

Overgrown is a classic American pale ale that comes in at 5.5% ABV, and features some good old dank American hop flavor that's balanced out nicely with a solid malt backbone. Overgrown is brewed to celebrate the annual hop harvest, with the hope that this and every harvest is indeed Overgrown.

**Smuttynose Brewing Pumpkin** - Smuttynose Brewing wanted to keep things traditional when making their version of a pumpkin beer, so with that idea in mind they artfully crafted their Pumpkin Ale. This 5.8% ABV pumpkin beer harkens back to colonial times when pumpkins were a common addition to beer, mostly as a way to cut back on the use of barley.

In the spirit of these classic beers, the geniuses at Smuttynose Brewing add actual pumpkin to the mash as well as standard additions of spices to give this beer a unique body, aroma, and taste that's right on the money with balance and overall pumpkin-ness.

**Troegs Master of Pumpkin** - Pulling the strings of great beer and smashing some pumpkins in the process is a pretty amazing beer from The Troegs brothers out of Hershey, PA. Master of Pumpkin is brewed with native Pennsylvania neck pumpkins that're harvested just a few miles away from the brewery, and is combined with traditional pie spices that's so good it's almost blinding.

The saison yeast used in this beer give it a unique character that sets it apart from other pumpkin beers, and the spices used mesh seamlessly with the natural fermentation used. More is definitely all you'll need of this beer, with vanilla, cinnamon, clove, nutmeg, and ginger pairing with roasted pumpkin. This 7.5% ABV beer is the perfect beer to pair with your main course, as the flavors combine just right to pair with poultry.

**Victory Brewing Harvest Ale** - The great thing about the harvest season is definitely fresh hops. Another entry in the list of non-pumpkin seasonal beers is Harvest Ale from Victory Brewing. This wet-hopped American IPA uses whole fresh hops to give the beer a flavor and aroma that's hard to match, let alone beat.

With their essential oils safely intact, the fresh, or "wet" hops are added to the brew and in return they give us notes of tropical fruit, hop resin, and a nice citrus aroma and taste. Coming in at 6.5% ABV, Harvest Ale from Victory Brewing is only around for a short while, so make sure to pick it up while you can and drink it as fresh as possible.

**Victory Brewing MoonGlow** - It may seem that every seasonal beer in the fall is either a fresh-hopped IPA or some form of pumpkin beer, but if neither of these is a favorite of

yours, Victory Brewing has you covered. Their Moonglow Weizenbock returns again for 2015 in a big way with a rich flavor and dark amber color.

Coming in at a whopping 8.7% ABV, Moonglow is brewed in the Bavarian Weizenbock style, using imported 2-row German malts (including wheat) and whole flower German hops. In it, you'll taste a complex assortment of cloves, tart apple, with a hint of banana in the background. The natural esters and phenols in this beer give it a depth of aroma and taste that's both amazing and delicious.

**Weyerbacher Imperial Pumpkin** - While some breweries try to take a "fair and balanced" approach to their gourd-loving beers, Weyerbacher Brewing chose instead to go all-out. With a heavy focus on the caramel body, spiciness, and hearty pumpkin, their 8% ABV Imperial Pumpkin Ale is a truly amazing brew.

This is a beer that's perfect for the heart of your Thanksgiving dinner, as it's best paired with stuffing, root vegetables, harvest-style foods, and of course turkey.

**Wolavers Organic Pumpkin** - Finishing up this list is a great example of a clean, well-spiced pumpkin beer. Organic Pumpkin Ale from Wolaver's Brewing features a well balanced malt and hop profile to start with, and finishes with organic cinnamon, organic nutmeg, and organic cloves. Like any good pumpkin beer should be, this one is brewed with real organic pumpkins, too. To keep things local Wolaver's uses organic pumpkins from Golden Russet Farm in Shoreham, VT.

Each of these amazing Thanksgiving beers can be found in and around Pittsburgh thanks to Vecenie's Distributing.



# Holiday and Winter Beer Showcase

by Brian Meyer

Believe it or not, we're surprisingly close to the holidays yet again and while we might not be looking forward to the colder weather and shorter days, one thing that definitely makes this time of year great is the emergence of seasonal holiday beers.

Unlike the light and hoppy beers that come around when the weather gets warm, these beers tend to be spiced and more often than not lean towards the dark side of beer, but think less Vader Ale and more stouts, porters, and all around darker ales. This isn't to say there aren't any IPAs to be found in the winter, they're just a little fewer and farther between.

Winter beers that use spices follow an age-old tradition of wassail, which was a hot mulled cider that was traditionally enjoyed as an integral part of wassailing, which was the act of going from door to door to sing Christmas carols. The tradition of drinking these spiced cups during the winter months goes all the way back to medieval times, making them beers with some history!

## Featured Holiday and Winter Beers

**21st Amendment Fireside Chat** – Hailing from somewhere you wouldn't expect holiday beers to be popular is Fireside Chat from 21st Amendment Brewing out of San Francisco. They start this beer off as an English-style dark ale and as 21st Amendment puts it, "improvised with a variety of spices" to create a uniquely spiced winter ale. This beer comes in at 7.9% ABV, making it a uniquely strong spiced beer perfect for chilly weather and just like FDR's Depression-era radio shows, it's a real kick in the

butt, in a very good way.

**Anchor Christmas 2015** – Anchor Brewing believes that variety is the spice of life, and with this idea in mind they brew their Christmas offering to be a different beer each year. Along with the beer inside, the bottle is different each year, featuring a different tree for each different version of the beer.

Last year was the 40th anniversary of Anchor's Christmas beer, and the tree was even drawn by the same artist that drew tree #1. As for this year, the style is a secret until it comes out, but overall these beers are average on alcohol content and big on taste.

**Breckenridge Christmas** – Featuring flavors of caramel and chocolate, Christmas Ale from Breckenridge Brewery in Colorado is a perfect example of what a great Christmas beer should be. With extra flavor and just enough alcohol, coming in at 7.4% ABV, this seasonal beer really hits the spot on a cold night. Breckenridge's Christmas is categorized as an American Strong Ale, and this full-bodied beer features a medium hop character paired with tastes of caramel and chocolate.

**Brooklyn Black Chocolate Stout** – When you think of a winter beer, you probably think of something dark, not too bitter, and with a little extra alcohol. While not every holiday beer fits this mold, Black Chocolate Stout from Brooklyn Brewery is exactly this.

Black Chocolate Stout features undertones of toasted malt along with a nice alcohol warmth. Up front however you'll get some excellent chocolate character along with a little bitterness. This Russian imperial stout comes in at 10% ABV, and is even better aged than it is fresh. In other words, pick up twice as much and age half of it for at least a year, you'll be surprised on what comes from the process, in a very good way.

**Deschutes Brewery Jubelale** – Coming back for its second year in the Pittsburgh area is Jubelale from Deschutes Brewing. Just like Anchor's seasonal offering, Deschutes commissions a new label by a different artist for this beer each year. Unlike Anchor however, Deschutes sticks to the same great recipe year after year.

With 5 different malts and 5 different hops, the addition of spices rounds out this winter ale with tastes of chicory, dried fruit, and warm winter spices.

**Flying Dog K-9 Winter Ale** – Known for beers that are in your face and amazing, Flying Dog's K-9 Winter Ale is a winter warmer at its finest. This 7.4% ABV beer features a deep ruby color with a light khaki head. K-9 has aromas of bread, plums, toasted malt, toffee, and slight earthiness that give way to a taste of toasty toffee, caramel, and a slight toffee brown sugar finish.



Overall, this beer has lots going on and is great if you're looking for the true spicy winter warmer style. Great for enjoying next to a fire or just with your feet up in your house, Flying Dog did a great job on their version of a winter warmer.

**Left Hand Fade to Black Vol. 1** - Left Hand Brewing made their winter seasonal a true dark winter beer. This Foreign Stout comes in at a hefty 8.5% ABV and features tastes of licorice, espresso, molasses, and black cardamom.

Fade to Black Vol. 1 is so good it's won gold at the Great American Beer Festival a whopping three times, and still continues to garner industry love. Get this one while you can, and make sure to let it warm just a little bit from fridge temperature to get all the spiciness out of this great beer.

**Long Trail Sick Day** - Not all beers brewed for the winter months have to be dark and spicy, far from it. Take Long Trail for example with their Sick Day IPA. While many of us have to use real sick days in the winter months to help fend off illness, this beer will make you want to call in a sick just so you can sit back and enjoy a few.

Sick Day IPA is an unfiltered IPA at 6.8% ABV that features piney, spicy hop flavors and aromas that are balanced nicely with toasty malts. While you may not think an IPA is a great beer for the winter, this one may very well change your mind.

**Ommegang Lovely, Dark & Deep** - A new entry into our list this year is Lovely, Dark and Deep by Brewery Ommegang out of Cooperstown, New York. This winter oatmeal stout comes in at 5.3% ABV and features a dark color and the thick body you'd expect from an oatmeal stout.

**Rogue Yellow Snow IPA** - Rogue Ales, located in Newport, Oregon is one of the pioneers of the craft beer movement, and for good reason. Their commitment to not only quality, but to local and renewable resources makes them an excellent example of a modern craft brewery.

Another entry in the winter IPA category is this oddly named but outstandingly delicious Yellow Snow IPA. This beer is pale

golden in color with a nice hoppy, fruity aroma. Up front this beer is all hop aroma and flavor, but as the beer finishes on your palate you should pick up the medium body and a lingering bitterness that makes this beer truly stand out from the crowd. Coming in at 6.5% ABV, this is a great beer for when you're burnt out on all the big dark beers everywhere during the winter months.

**Samuel Smith Winter Welcome** - The only British entry in this list is also one of the best winter ales available today. Samuel Smith Brewing, which is celebrating their 26th annual release brews their Winter Welcome each year to welcome the coming colder months. This UK beer comes in at 6% ABV and features one of the most true-to-style winter warmers available.

Brewed in the British style, Winter Welcome has a more malty sweet taste than its American counterparts, which is a pleasant change from the more hop-heavy varieties available today. Winter Welcome features a sweet caramel malty taste with a slight spice presence. The beer itself is lighter bodied than most US versions, but this makes the beer more drinkable and gives it an overall great feeling.

**St. Bernardus Christmas** - This is a dark seasonal beer brewed in the classic Quad style of Belgium's best Abbey Ales. This beer comes in at 10% ABV with a unique spicy character that's thanks to the St. Bernardus house yeast. Expect to taste slight hints of molasses, apricots, licorice, and marzipan that are balanced out by a slightly sweet undertone.

Each of these beers are proudly distributed in and around the Pittsburgh area by Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesale.



# Spirits: Hornitos

With fall in full swing, it's time to say goodbye to frozen margaritas and hello to cocktails that embrace the crisp weather and flavors of the season – and Hornitos Tequila has the perfect recipes to help your readers ease into the cooler months.

## Hornitos® Black Barrel® Cider

- 1 ½ parts Hornitos® Black Barrel® Tequila
- ¾ part apple cider
- ¾ part cinnamon syrup \*
- 1 part lemon juice
- 2 dashes Angostura® Bitters
- 2 parts water

\*To make cinnamon syrup: Mix together 1 part sugar, 1 part water and 4 crushed cinnamon sticks. Bring to a boil (approximately 1-2 minutes). Once cooled down, strain into a glass.

Preparation: Combine all ingredients together and serve. Garnish with a cinnamon stick and an apple wedge. Can be served hot or cold.

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## La Man-Zana

- 1 Part Hornitos® Spiced Honey
- 4 Parts Mexican Lager
- 1 Part Apple Cider
- ½ Part Lemon Juice

Preparation: Combine all ingredients except Mexican lager in a shaker, shake vigorously, strain over fresh ice and add Mexican lager.



### Potion de Muerto

- 2 parts Hornitos® Black Barrel® Tequila
- $\frac{3}{4}$  part orange juice
- $\frac{3}{4}$  part lemon juice
- $\frac{3}{4}$  part chipotle agave \*
- 2 dashes orange bitters
- $\frac{1}{2}$  part beet juice

\*Substitute agave nectar for chipotle agave if unavailable.

Preparation: Serve in a tall glass over crushed ice with a beet juice float – the beet juice will slowly float down the glass through the crushed ice, making it look like blood dripping down. Garnish with an orange slice.



### Black Ginger

- 1 Part Hornitos® Black Barrel® Tequila
- Part Simple Syrup
- Part Lemon Juice
- Rosemary
- Top with Ginger Beer

Preparation: Lightly muddle one rosemary sprig in a glass, combine remainder of ingredients except ginger beer in a shaker with ice, shake vigorously, strain into the glass over fresh ice and top with ginger beer. Garnish with a rosemary sprig.



# Gulf Coast Paradise

By: Suzanne Ferrara

It's a hypnotic combination: soft white sand underneath your feet, unspoiled shorelines and clear turquoise waters. If that's not enough to sweep you off your feet, add breath-taking sunsets, windswept dunes and the sounds of the rolling surf along with the gentle breeze of the clean salty air.

This is paradise on the Alabama Gulf Coast: Gulf Shores and Orange Beach straddles 35 miles of the coastline and offers something for everyone. It is an ecologist's dream, and at the same time, it's the place to get top-notch pampering plus endless adventure. Make no mistake: Gulf Shores and Orange Beach form a destination that will instantly melt your cares away.

There is no shortage of places to plant your beach chair and umbrella atop the endless white sand (which, by the way, gets its color from quartz grains). The sand is so soft that it will squeak underneath your feet while, at the same time, you can see it beneath the clear rolling surf only a few feet away.

You can choose to take in the fresh gulf air, peer at the dolphins swimming in the distance, and watch the osprey and gulls fly overhead, and do all of the above from either a private resort beach or from several public beaches.

Before delving into the endless adventures, cuisine and pampering, you will need to choose a place to stay. Lodging choices include resorts, bed and breakfasts, hotels, cottages, and beach houses.

Many choose a resort because they won't have to leave the property to get everything they need to have a perfect beach vacation. Resorts, also offer beach chairs, umbrella and other outdoor services.

Touted as the most luxurious resort and the jewel on the Alabama coast is Turquoise Place on Orange Beach. This Spectrum Resort property has three to five bedroom condos all with phenomenal features and breath-taking views from every vantage point. The private balconies alone are reason to stay here. Each has a hot tub jacuzzi and outdoor kitchen with a natural gas grill with unparalleled views.

And there's more! These luxury residences are spacious with the three-bedroom condos measuring 2,300 square feet with 10-foot ceilings and gas fireplaces. Each has floor-to-ceiling windows from which to see the gorgeous vistas. All of them come with fully equipped kitchens with Subzero and Wolf appliances, plus wet bars with wine coolers and high definition flat-screen televisions.

For a splash of fun, head over to the Turquoise Place's 450-foot



heated lazy river and float along the meandering waterway. This resort also boasts five pools and two indoor heated salt water pools with beach and poolside cabanas.

Getting hungry? Change of Pace, an outdoor grill and bar will surely satisfy your appetite with scrumptious dishes and sandwiches. You can also wet your whistle with their signature cocktails and cold beer.

For those seeking serious pampering, there's a lavish full-service Turquoise Place Spa. You won't regret a single minute you spend inside this oasis. The Spa's message therapists are second-to-none and you won't walk out the same person you did when you came through their doors. You can even order a beachside or an in-room massage for one or two.

There's also a plethora of activities: beachside yoga, line dancing, and canvas painting classes. And yes, there's plenty of organized, fun entertainment for the kids. Turquoise Place runs kids programs like a well-oiled machine. There are arts and crafts and competitive games for all ages to enjoy.

Just 20 miles away in neighboring Gulf Shores is the Beach Club Resort and Spa, which covers roughly five football fields. This



resort continues in its mission to preserve the ecosystem in and around the property; in fact, wooden walkways have been built above the beach to minimize any disturbance around sand dunes. It's commonplace to see resort employees and guests alike doing all they can to protect sea turtles and the eggs they lay onshore.

The Beach Club and its four towers of fabulous condominiums, boasts five pools, five hot tubs, two restaurants, an ice cream shop and a gift shop. And if that's not enough to keep you busy, there are also tennis courts, biking, kids camps, playgrounds and a luxurious spa.

There's no shortage of places near the waves to plant yourself for a day of relaxing, and like Turquoise Place, The Beach Club offers beach chair and umbrella service. After you've kicked back a bit and recharged your batteries on the white sand, you can put that stored energy to use with a variety of water activities such as paddle boarding, kayaking, parasailing and jet skiing.

Don't miss lunch or dinner at the resort's Coast's Restaurant, a restaurant where Chef Brody works his magic and serves award-winning (and mouth-watering, naturally) dishes. Coast's has

panoramic waterfront views of the Gulf of Mexico and offers inside and outside dining. For a more casual atmosphere, one chockfull of food and activities, head to the resort's Village Hideaway for scrumptious grilled dishes and an extensive craft beer selection. Pool tables, shuffleboard, video games (a really cool golf simulator!) and flat screen TVs help give the Hideaway its fun vibe.

The extent of excursions, adventures and things to do here is boundless and readily accessible. There is truly something for everyone in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach from deep sea fishing charters (here you'll find one of the largest fishing fleets on the gulf coast) to sunset cruises. With the Gulf on one side and several inlets, lakes and bays literally a stone's throw away, water adventures of every sort rule. There are also beautiful biking trails, amusement parks and eco-tours.

Bring out the naturalist in you! Board a covered golf cart and take a fascinating eco-tour through the pristine woodlands and natural habitats of the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail. Here you can explore the marshes, swamps, and secondary sand dunes. This journey also brings you over the creeks of Gulf State



Park.

If that's not enough exploration, head to the 7,000-acre Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge, one of the most important natural sanctuaries in the country. Maritime forests and coastal marsh provide permanent and temporary homes to millions of spring and fall flying migrants. A hike of the Pine Beach Trail, with trails of varying difficulty, is a must for all members of the family.

You can also choose to discover this ecologist's dream by kayak or take a boat tour on Oyster Bay, which plays a vital role in the seafood industry. There are numerous outfitters eager to take you on a variety of unforgettable excursions.

To satisfy the thrill seeker in your family head to the Wharf. Hop on the second-tallest ferris wheel in the southeast at the Wharf for an unforgettable view of the sunset. Then, head to The Track and ride the Sky Coaster and the Wild Woody three-tiered go-kart track. There are also bumper boats and miniature golf courses.



After working up an appetite, enjoy a culinary experience at one of several restaurants.

Royal Red Shrimp, caught only in the deep Gulf waters off the Alabama coast, reign supreme at King Neptune's Seafood Restaurant, and then, there's LuLu's at Homeport Marina: this is the place to grab a spoonful or two of their famous seafood gumbo and L.A. (lower Alabama) caviar. Need something to occupy the kids? LuLu's has the Fountain of Youth (for cooling off) and the Mountain of Youth (a safe, three-story climbing challenge for adventuresome children of all ages). (Tip: Lulu's serves 4,000 people a day during the summer season so be sure to arrive early because reservations are not accepted.)

Enjoy unbeatable views of Perdido Bay from the expansive



indoor and outdoor seating offered at Cobalt's The Restaurant. This restaurant offers live entertainment as well as a Happy Hour and an unbeatable Sunday brunch. Be sure to try their legendary firecracker shrimp with a spicy remoulade sauce.

One thing is for sure – you won't be able to get enough of the bliss, relaxation, and adventure that Gulf Shores and Orange Beach has to offer. From the instant your toes touch the soft sand, it becomes clear that there is but one way to describe this beauty – paradise.

For more information go to [www.gulfshores.com](http://www.gulfshores.com), [www.turquoiseplace.spectrumresorts.com](http://turquoiseplace.spectrumresorts.com) and [www.thebeachclub.spectrumresorts.com](http://www.thebeachclub.spectrumresorts.com)

# ***Help From A Brother: Never Forget Our Military***

As I came out of the supermarket that sunny day, pushing my cart of groceries towards my car, I saw an old man with the hood of his car up and a lady sitting inside the car, with the door open.

The old man was looking at the engine. I put my groceries away in my car, and continued to watch the old gentleman from about twenty five feet away. I saw a young man in his early twenties with a grocery bag in his arm walking towards the old man. The old gentleman saw him coming too, and took a few steps towards him. I saw the old gentleman point to his open hood and say something. The young man put his grocery bag into what looked like a brand new Cadillac Escalade. He then turned back to the old man. I heard him yell at the old gentleman saying: 'You shouldn't even be allowed to drive a car at your age.' And then with a wave of his hand, he got in his car and peeled rubber out of the parking lot. I saw the old gentleman pull out his handkerchief, and mop his brow as he went back to his car and again looked at the engine. He then went to his wife and spoke with her; he appeared to tell her it would be okay. I had seen enough, and I approached the old man. He saw me coming and stood straight, and as I got near him I said, 'Looks like you're having a problem.' He smiled sheepishly, and quietly nodded his head. I looked under the hood myself, and knew that whatever the problem was, it was beyond me. Looking around, I saw a gas station up the road, and I told the old man that I would be right back. I drove to the station and went inside. I saw three attendants working on cars. I approached one of them, and related the problem the old man had with his car. I offered to pay them if they could follow me back down and help him. The old man had pushed the heavy car under the shade of a tree and appeared to be comforting his wife. When he saw us he straightened up and thanked me for my help. As the mechanics diagnosed the problem (overheated engine), I spoke with the old gentleman. When I shook hands with him earlier, he had noticed my Marine Corps ring and had commented about it, telling me that he had been a Marine too. I nodded and asked the usual question,

'What outfit did you serve with?' He had mentioned that he served with the first Marine Division at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal..... He had hit all the big ones and retired from the Corps after the war was over. As we talked we heard the car engine come on and saw the mechanics lower the hood. They came over to us as the old man reached for his wallet, but was stopped by me. I told him I would just put the bill on my AAA card. He still reached for the wallet and handed me a card that I assumed had his name and address on it and I stuck it in my pocket. We all shook hands all around again, and I said my goodbye's to his wife. I then told the two mechanics that I would follow them back up to the station. Once at the station, I told them that they had interrupted their own jobs to come along with me and help the old man. I said I wanted to pay for the help, but they refused to charge me. One of them pulled out a card from his pocket, looking exactly like the card the old man had given to me. Both of the men told me then that they were Marine Corps Reserves. Once again we shook hands all around and as I was leaving, one of them told me I should look at the card the old man had given to me. I said I would and drove off. For some reason I had gone about two blocks, when I pulled over and took the card out of my pocket and looked at it for a long, long time. The name of the old gentleman was on the card in golden leaf and under his name was written: 'Congressional Medal of Honor Society.' I sat there motionless, looking at the card and reading it over and over. I looked up from the card and smiled to no one but myself and marveled that on this day, four Marines had all come together because one of us needed help.. He was an old man all right, but it felt good to have stood next to greatness and courage, and an honor to have been in his presence. Remember, OLD men like him gave you FREEDOM for America. Thanks to those who served and still serve and to all of those who supported them, and who continue to support them. America is not at war. The U.S. Military is at war. America is at the Mall. Remember, Freedom isn't Free. Thousands have paid the price, so that you can enjoy what you have today.

Submitted Anonymously

# Giving for Marla - Local Brother's Fundraising Efforts Honor Sister's Memory and Love of Nature

By The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

Meet Michael Pivarnik: Born and raised in Western Pennsylvania, he is a graduate of Slippery Rock University and currently works as a loan operations representative. Before 2013, Michael had never coordinated a fundraiser.

But in August of 2013, Michael's life changed dramatically when his younger sister, Marla, passed unexpectedly. A 22-year-old recent graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Marla was on her way to graduate school and known by friends and family for being fearless and creative, with a passion for learning. But above all else, it was Marla's vigorous support for environmental causes and nature that continues to make a lasting impact.

Michael knew that he wanted to do something to honor his sister's memory, and his goal was clear: to raise money to benefit the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) in memory of Marla.

"Marla drew me toward the Conservancy. It was something she was interested in," said Michael. "She felt strongly about protecting land. I knew I wanted to raise money to help the environment. It was important to me to know that the funds were going to a reputable charity, and I researched the most trusted charities in the area."

An avid long-distance runner, Michael decided to tie the fundraiser to an upcoming marathon in Canton, Ohio. At the end of the fundraiser, he would run the Pro Football Hall of Fame Marathon.

Michael dove head first into his fundraising efforts for Marla to benefit WPC, starting a campaign on the crowdfunding website CrowdRise. His message was clear: "You have been given a great opportunity to preserve my sister's name, as well as your environment."

Using social media to promote the campaign, Michael also posted flyers and sent formal letters to businesses. He eventually garnered donations from offices at Primary Health



**Marla Pivarnik**

Network, BNY Mellon in Pittsburgh and his own workplace.

By the end of the 90 day campaign, he raised \$7,316 from more than 150 people.

"In the first five days, we had 21 donations totaling \$1,055," recalls Michael. "It was unbelievable to see the amount of love and support from Marla's family, friends, neighbors and the community displayed by showing how much they cared about her and this cause."

Michael gave the money raised to WPC's gardens and greenspace program. The money funded the community flower garden at Route 62 and East State Street in Hermitage, Pa. in 2014. This Mercer County garden received flowers, mulch



***Community flower garden at Route 62 and East State Street in Hermitage, Pa.***

and other materials thanks to Michael's fundraiser. And, Marla's name will continue to be recognized on the garden sign through 2016.

Today, he continues to find connections to Marla in nature, especially while he runs.

"I run with something of hers - ranging from a charm, piece of jewelry, bandana or music on her iPod. I ran in Jackson, Mississippi this past January with a harmonica that I found in her bedside drawer," said Michael.

"I have Marla in mind every step of the way."

If you would like to make a donation in memory of Marla, or in honor of a friend or loved one to support the ongoing conservation of our region, visit [WaterLandLife.org](http://WaterLandLife.org) or give us a call at 412-288-2340.

***But above all else, it was Marla's vigorous support for environmental causes and nature that continues to make a lasting impact.***

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### Yearly Dementia Test

It's that time of year to take our annual senior citizen test. Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it! Below is a very private way to gauge your loss or non-loss of intelligence. Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not. OK, relax, clear your mind and begin.

1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," give up now and do something else.

Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

2. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk." What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," don't attempt the next question. Your brain is over-stressed and may even overheat. Content yourself with reading a more appropriate literature such as Auto World. However, if you said "water", proceed to question 3.

3. If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass. If you said "green bricks," why are you still reading these??? If you said "glass," go on to Question 4.

4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately

the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany.

Where would you bury the survivors?

East Germany

West Germany

No Man's Land"?

An advertisement for 21st Century Sound. The top half features a large, arched logo with "SOUND" at the top, "EST. 1991" in the center, "PITTSBURGH, PA" below it, and "21ST CENTURY SECURITY" at the bottom. Below the logo are images of a smartphone displaying a lock screen, three black balloons, and two black remote key fobs. To the right, text lists services: "REMOTE STARTS &amp; VEHICLE SECURITY", "COMPLETE CAR AUDIO", "VEHICLE LETTERING", and "WINDOW TINTING". The bottom half shows a blue hoodie, a white t-shirt with a graphic, and a brown teddy bear wearing a white t-shirt. A list of products includes: "CUSTOM PRINTING", "FULL COLOR BANNERS", "T-SHIRTS/HOODIES", "PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS", "VINYL DECALS", "YARD SIGNS", and "&amp; SO MUCH MORE". At the bottom, the website "www.21stCenturySound.com - 412.364.2123" and address "3359 BABCOCK BLVD 15237 - North Hills" are provided.

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# Humor

Answer: You don't bury survivors. If you said ANYTHING else, you're a dunce and you must stop. If you said, "You don't bury survivors", proceed to the next question.

## 5. Without using a calculator -

You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales .

In London, 17 people get on the bus.

In Reading, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on.

In Swindon , two people get off and 4 get on.

In Cardiff , 11 people get off and 16 people get on.

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- Many people play hockey even after they're married.
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- It lasts at least an hour.
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- Everyone is finished when the buzzer sounds.
- Your parents cheer when you score.
- Periods last only 20 minutes.
- You're sure to get it at least twice a week.
- You can tell your friends about it afterward.

## Ah, Face Lifts.....

A woman decides to have a facelift for her 50th birthday. She spent \$15,000 and feels pretty good about the results. On her way home, she stops at a newsstand to buy a newspaper. Before leaving, she says to the clerk, "I hope you don't mind my asking, but how old do you think I am?" "About 32," is the reply. "Nope! I'm

exactly 50," the woman says happily.

A little while later she goes into McDonald's and asks the counter girl the very same question. The girl replies, "I'd guess about 29." The woman replies with a big smile, "Nope, I'm 50."

Now she's feeling really good about herself. She stops in a drug store on her way down the street. She goes up to the counter to get some mints and asks the clerk this burning question. The clerk responds, "Oh, I'd say 30." Again she proudly responds, "I'm 50, but thank you!" While waiting for the bus to go home, she asks an old man waiting next to her the same question. He replies, "Lady, I'm 78 and my eyesight is going. Although, when I was young, there was a sure-fire way to tell how old a woman was. And this may sound very forward, but it requires you to let me put my hands under your bra. Then and only then can I tell you EXACTLY how old you are." They wait in silence on the empty street until her curiosity gets the best of her. She finally blurts out, "What the heck, go ahead. "

He slips both of his hands under her blouse and begins to feel around very slowly and carefully. He bounces and weighs each breast and he gently pinches each nipple. He pushes her breasts together and rubs them against each other. After a couple of minutes of this, she says, "Okay, okay. How old am I?" He completes one last squeeze of her breasts, removes his hands, and says, "Madam, you are 50." Stunned and amazed, the woman says, "That was incredible, how could you tell?"

The old man says, "Promise you won't get mad?" "I promise I won't" she says. "I was behind you in line at McDonald's."

## Be Careful When You Take a Man's Drink...

There's this guy in a bar, just looking at his drink. He stays like that for a half-hour. Then, this bully steps up to the bar, takes the guy's drink, and just drinks it all down. The poor man starts crying. The bully says: "Oh, come on, man! I was just joking. Here, I'll buy you another drink. I can't stand to see a man crying." The troubled fellow replies, "This day is the worst of my life. First, I get fired for oversleeping and getting to work late. Then, as I'm leaving the building, I find out my car was stolen. I get in a cab to return home and I forget my wallet and credit cards in the cab. Then, I find my wife in bed with the gardener. So I end up at this bar, and just when I was thinking about putting an end to my life, you show up and drink my poison."

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Bereavement leave: This is no excuse for missing work. There is nothing you can do for dead friends, relatives or co-workers. Every effort should be made to have non-employees attend to the arrangements. In rare cases, where employee involvement is necessary, the funeral should be scheduled in the late afternoon. We will be glad to allow you to work through your lunch hour and subsequently leave one hour early, provided your share of the work is done.

Your own death: This will be accepted as an excuse. However, we require at least two week's notice, as it is your duty to train your own replacement.

Restroom use: Too much time is being spent in the restroom. In the future, we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, all employees whose names begin with "A" will go from 8:00 to 8:10, employees whose names begin with "B" will go from 8:10 to 8:20, and so on. If you're unable to go at your

The advertisement features a large, stylized red "2015" at the top, followed by the words "Legacy Sampler" and "Coming Soon!" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. Below this text are four square labels arranged in a 2x2 grid, each representing a different Straub beer:

- Top Left:** Straub 1872 Lager, with a yellow background and a small crest logo.
- Top Right:** Straub Doppelbock, with a red background and a small crest logo.
- Bottom Left:** Straub Helles, with a yellow-to-orange gradient background and a small crest logo.
- Bottom Right:** Straub Dunkel, with a green-to-blue gradient background and a small crest logo.

Below the grid is a large, ornate logo for Straub Beer, featuring the word "Straub" in a prominent, cursive red font with a gold outline. Above "Straub" is the text "18(S)72" and below it is a blue ribbon banner with the words "Fierely Independent". The years "1872" appear again at the bottom of the logo. To the right of the logo is the year "1872".

At the bottom left, the text "FOLLOW US ON" is followed by three QR codes and their corresponding social media icons: Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. At the bottom right, the website "WWW.STRAUBBEER.COM" is displayed.

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allotted time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day when your turn comes again. In extreme emergencies, employees may swap their time with a co-worker. Both employees' supervisors must approve this exchange in writing. In addition, there is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, and the stall door will open.

Paycheck guide: The following helpful guide has been prepared to help our employees better understand their paychecks:

Item Amount Gross = \$1,222.02 Income tax = \$244.40 State tax = \$11.61 Interstate tax = \$61.10 County tax = \$6.11 City tax = \$12.22 Rural tax = \$4.44 Back tax = \$1.11 Front tax = \$1.16 Side tax = \$1.61 Up tax = \$1.08 Down tax = \$1.14 Tic-Tacs = \$1.98 = Thumbtacks \$3.93 = Carpet tacks = \$0.98 Stadium tax = \$0.69 Flat tax = \$8.32 Surtax = \$2.23 Corporate tax = \$2.60 Parking fee = \$5.00 F.I.C.A. = \$81.88 T.G.I.F. Fund = \$9.95 Life insurance = \$5.85 Health insurance = \$16.23 Dental insurance = \$4.50 Mental insurance = \$4.33 Disability = \$2.50 Ability = \$0.25 Liability = \$3.41 Coffee = \$6.85 Coffee cups = \$66.51 Floor rental

= \$16.85 Chair rental = \$0.32 Desk rental = \$4.32 Union dues = \$5.85 Union donuts = \$3.77 Cash advance = \$0.69 Cash retreats = \$121.35 Overtime = \$1.26 Under time = \$54.83 Eastern time = \$9.00 Central time = \$8.00 Mountain time = \$7.00 Pacific time = \$6.00 Time Out = \$12.21 Oxygen = \$10.02 Water = \$16.54 Heat = \$51.42 Cool air = \$26.83 Hot air = \$20.00 Miscellaneous = \$113.29 Various = \$8.01 Net Take Home Pay = \$0.02

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Have a nice week,

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## Spaghetti

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her

The advertisement features a central graphic of a black whale with red flames coming from its blowhole, positioned in front of a computer monitor displaying a similar whale logo. Below the whale are several examples of graphic design work, including logos for 'SPAGHETTI WESTERN SALOON' and 'EAT DRINK & BE MARRIED'. The text 'Graphic Design' is prominently displayed in large red letters. At the bottom, the services offered are listed as 'LOGOS | WEB DESIGN | FLYERS | T-SHIRTS'. The website 'www.blackwhaledesign.com' is at the very bottom.

a large sum of money so she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. If she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discrete, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write "Spaghetti" on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin. One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. "Honey," she said, "you received a very strange post card today." The wife handed over the postcard and watched as her husband read the card, turned white and fainted. On the card it was written "Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti. Three with meatballs, two without. Send extra sauce."

### Biker in Hell...

One day a biker dies and finds himself in hell. As he is wallowing in despair, he has his first meeting with the devil...

Satan: "Why so glum?"

Biker: "What do you think? I'm in hell!"

Satan: "Hell's not so bad. We actually have a lot of fun down here.

You a drinking man?"

Biker: "Sure, I love to drink."

Satan: "Well, you're gonna love Mondays then. On Mondays, that's all we do is drink. Whiskey, tequila, Guinness, wine coolers, Coke and Pepsi. We drink 'til we throw up, and then we drink some more! And you don't have to worry about getting a hangover, because you're dead anyway."

Biker : "Gee that sounds great!"

Satan: "You a smoker?"

Biker : "You better believe it"

Satan: "All right! You're gonna love Tuesdays We get the finest cigars from all over the world, and smoke our lungs out. If you get cancer - no biggie, you're already dead, remember?"

Biker : "Wow...that's awesome!"

Satan: "I bet you like to gamble."

Biker : "Why, yes, as a matter of fact I do."

Satan: "Good, 'cause Wednesdays you can gamble all you want. Craps, blackjack, roulette, poker, slots, whatever. If you go bankrupt, it doesn't matter, you're dead anyhow."

Biker : "Cool!"



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Satan: "What about Drugs?"

Biker : "Are you kidding? Love drugs! You don't mean...?"

Satan: "That's right! Thursday is drug day. Help yourself to a great big bowl of crack or smack. Smoke a doobie the size of a submarine. You can do all the drugs you want. You're dead so who cares."

Biker : "Wow! I never realized Hell was such a cool place!"

Satan: "You gay?"

Biker : "No..."

Satan: "Ooooh, Fridays are gonna be tough..."

## Smart Wedding Night Advice

Mike was going to be married to Karen.



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So his father sat him down for a little chat. He said, "Mike, let me tell you something. On my wedding night in our honeymoon suite I took off my pants, handed them to your mother and said 'Here - try these on.' She did and said, 'These are too big, I can't wear them.' I replied, 'Exactly, I wear the pants in this family and I always will.' Ever since that night we never had any problems." "Hmmm," said Mike. He thought that might be a good thing to try. On his honeymoon, Mike took off his pants and said to Karen, "Here - try these on." She tried them on and said, "These are too large. They don't fit me." Mike said, "Exactly. I wear the pants in this family and I always will. I don't want you to ever forget that." Then Karen took off her pants and handed them to Mike. She said, "Here-you try on mine." He did and said, "I can't get into your pants." Karen said, "Exactly. And if you don't change your smart ass attitude, you never will."

## New math..

What Makes 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been to those meetings where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 103%? What makes up 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these questions:

If:

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T

U V W X Y Z

is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23  
24 25 26.

Then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K =

$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$

And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E =

$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But, A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E =

$1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

And:

B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T =

$2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103\%$

AND: Look how far ass kissing will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G =

$1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 = 118\%$

So, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that While Hard work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Bullshit and Ass kissing that will put you over the top.

## Amazingly Simple Home Remedies

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic! Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto, the blockage will be almost instantly removed.

2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.

3. You can avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat just by using the sink.

4. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the reassurance in

your veins. Remember to use an egg timer.

5. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you will be afraid to cough.

7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget all about the toothache.

8. Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are:

In life, you only need two tools - WD-40 and Duct Tape.

If it doesn't move but should, use the WD-40.

If it should not move and does, use the duct tape.

9. Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

10. Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.

### Thought for the Day:

SOME PEOPLE ARE LIKE SLINKIES .... THEY ARE NOT REALLY GOOD FOR ANYTHING ... BUT THEY STILL BRING A SMILE TO YOUR FACE WHEN YOU PUSH THEM DOWN A FLIGHT OF STAIRS.

### It's a 2015 Corvette

A man goes out and buys a new Vette convertible. One night he takes it out for a spin, and stops at a red light. An old man pulls up next to him riding a mo-ped. The old man looks over the Vette and says, "What kind of car ya got there sonny?" The man replies, "It's a 2015 Corvette, the best sports car in the USA; it cost me over \$80,000." "That's a lot of money" says the old man. Why do they cost so much?" The man answers, "Because they can go 200 miles an hour!" The old man pokes his head in the window and



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looks around. Leaning back on his mo-ped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car all right!" Just then the light changes, so the guy decides to show the old man what the car can do. He floors it, and in a few seconds the speedo reads 150 MPH. Suddenly he notices a dot in his rear view mirror that seems to be catching up to him. Afraid it might be a cop, he slows down to 75 and suddenly hhoooosshh! Something whips by him going much faster! "What on earth could be going faster than this Vette?" the man asks himself. Then, ahead of him, he sees a dot coming towards him. Whhoooosshh! It goes by again, heading the opposite direction! And it sorta looked like the old man on the mo-ped! "Couldn't be," thinks the guy. "How could a mo-ped outrun a Vette?" Then again he sees a dot in his rear view mirror! Whhoooosshh - Blam! It plows into the back of the Vette! The man jumps out. It IS the old man! Of course, the mo-ped and the old man are in a world of hurt. The guy runs up to the old man and cries, "You're hurt bad! Is there anything I can do for you?" The old man groans and replies, "Yes, could you please unhook my suspenders from your side mirror?"

### Useless Facts...

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- 2/3 of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5.00 bill.



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- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- There are only 4 words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In most advertisements, the time displayed on a watch is 10:10.
- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- The characters Bert & Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
- A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. (DON'T try this at work!)
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- Mr. Rogers was an ordained minister. (Presbyterian)
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night.
- A cockroach can live nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- A polar bear's skin is black. Its fur is not white, but actually clear.
- Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
- More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.
- Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- Shakespeare invented the words "assassination" and "bump."
- Marilyn Monroe had 6 toes on one foot.
- If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will eventually turn white..
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.
- The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.
- The names of the continents all end with the same letter with which they start.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.
- The words racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.
- A snail can sleep for 3 years.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class.
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist. (Does that one really surprise any of us?)

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- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world with a population of 1000 & a size of 108.7 acres.
- "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- No president of the United States was an only child.
- And last and definitely most important:
- The average chocolate bar has 8 insects' legs in it.

### Rookie Priest

A new priest, born and raised in Texas is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks the older priest to sit in on his sessions. The new priest hears a couple of confessions, then the old priest asks him to step out of the confessional for a few suggestions. The old priest suggests, "Cross your arms over your chest, and rub your chin with one hand and try saying things like 'Yes, I see,' and 'Yes, go on,' and 'I understand.' The new priest crosses his arms, rubs his chin with one hand and repeats all the suggested remarks to the old priest. The old priest says, ...."Now, don't you think that's a little better than slapping your knee and saying, "No shit... what happened next?"

### Have a Laugh

A young man at his first day on the job sees a customer in the produce department needing help. The customer asks the new employee about getting a half head of lettuce, the employee says, let me check with my supervisor and walks toward his boss not realizing the customer follows him. The young man tells his boss, some idiot is looking for a half head of lettuce, then realizing the customer is hearing the conversation adds, and this gentleman would like the other half. After this situation is dealt with the boss tells the employee, I like the way you can think on your feet and you might be the guy I'm looking for to manage my new store in Canada; the young man replies, Canada! all they have in Canada is whores and hockey players. The boss, a little stunned, says my wife is from Canada. The young man says really, what team did she play for?

### PSYCHIATRIST VISIT:

A man walks into a psychiatrist's office wearing only underwear made of Saran Wrap. The psychiatrist says, "Well...I can clearly see your nuts."

## BEE JOKE:

A man was driving down the road and ran out of gas. Just at that moment, a bee flew in his window. The bee said, "What seems to be the problem?" "I'm out of gas," the man replied. The bee told the man to wait right there and flew away. Minutes later, the man watched as an entire swarm of bees flew to his car and into his gas tank. After a few minutes, the bees flew out. "Try it now," said one bee. The man turned the ignition key and the car started right up. "Wow!" the man exclaimed, "what did you put in my gas tank?" The bee answered..... BP!

## You Wait

The sun rises. The sun sets. Snow falls. Snow melts. It's so hot now that other things are starting to melt as well. Tires. Street signs. Pigeons. It hasn't even been a week yet. Pittsburgh weather is so unpredictable. But soon the weeks turn to months. The city starts to change around you. You're sad to hear that places you've known your whole life, like the West View Shopping Center, are closing. You're pleased when you find out that it's reopening as the old West View Park, but it's not long before

that closes as well. Then it re-opens as a combination Taco Bell & West View Park. You're not sure how to feel about that. You keep waiting.

The months turn to years. It's not just the city changing now: the land is changing as well. Bellevue has broken off and sunk into the sea. People are baffled by this, considering that Pennsylvania is a land-locked state, but nobody is particularly interested. They care more when a surprise earthquake hits Homestead. The businesses there, however, learn to roll with the punches. They open a fancy new hotel overlooking the massive waterfall that was once the Monongahela River. Sand Castle builds around the massive fissure running through it and creates a record-breaking waterslide, the Fault Line, going down it. The Waterfront becomes more popular than ever before. But you never get a chance to ride the new slide. You're still waiting. Years pass faster and faster. What once seemed like the future is now the present. The cars that once passed in front of you are flying above you. The city's skyline is full of unbelievably thin skyscrapers with strange domes at the top. Oh, and Aliens are apparently a thing now. They weren't the big deal you expected.

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I'm Merry, I'm a beautiful 10 year old Maine Coon mix who is as sweet as pie! I love being held and cuddled. I'm a bit older but have no problems getting around. The other cats seem to treat me as if I would probably do best in a home by myself. I like older kids who can play gently with me.

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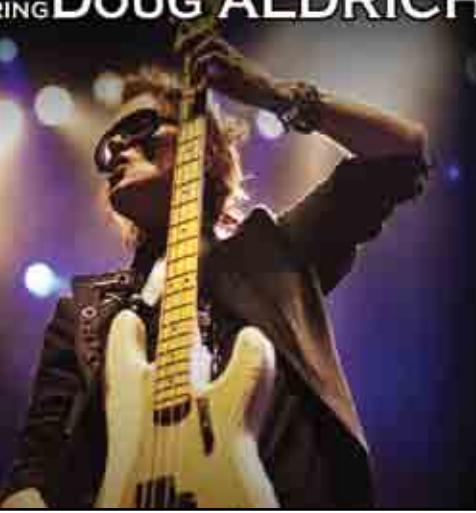


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### Thanksgiving Humor

"I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land."

— Jon Stewart

"Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence."

— Erma Bombeck

"I like football. I find its an exciting strategic game. Its a great way to avoid conversation with your family at Thanksgiving."

— Craig Ferguson

"Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you

concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

— Oprah Winfrey

Thanksgiving is America's national chow-down feast, the one occasion each year when gluttony becomes a patriotic duty.

Michael Dresser:

Thanksgiving is so called because we are all so thankful that it only comes once a year.

P. J. O'Rourke:

We're having something a little different this year for Thanksgiving. Instead of a turkey, we're having a swan. You get more stuffing. George Carlin:

"Thanksgiving. It's like we didn't even try to come up with a tradition. The tradition is, we overeat. 'Hey, how about at Thanksgiving we just eat a lot?' 'But we do that every day!' 'Oh. What if we eat a lot with people that annoy the hell out of us?'

Jim Gaffigan:

My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was to commemorate Pearl Harbor. Phyllis Diller:

"The turkey that President Obama will pardon this Thanksgiving is from California. The turkey said, "I don't need a pardon. I need a job." Conan O'Brien:

"Thanksgiving, man. Not a good day to be my pants."

Kevin James:

Got no checkbooks, got no banks. Still I'd like to express my thanks. Irving Berlin:

"Thanksgiving is the day when you turn to another family member and say, 'How long has Mom been drinking like this?' My Mom, after six Bloody Mary's looks at the turkey and goes, 'Here, kitty, kitty.' David Letterman:

### **Thanksgiving Game**

There are no prizes for this. We just thought you'd like to play a game.

Try to match the Thanksgiving quote with the correct celebrity  
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1. Who said: "Thanksgiving, man! Not a good day to be my pants"



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- B. Lisa Lampanelli
- C. Jona Hill
- D. Kevin James

2. Who said: "This year instead of a turkey for Thanksgiving, we're having a swan. You get more stuffing that way"

Was it:

- A. Dave Chappelle
- B. Louis C.K.
- C. George Carlin
- D. Lou Costello

3. Who said: "Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year, and then discover that once a year is way too often"

Was it"

- A. Johnny Carson
- B. David Letterman

C. Jimmy Fallon

D. Jimmy Kimmel

4. Who said: "No one diets on Thanksgiving....I mean, why else would they call it Thanksgiving?"

Was it:

- A. Jay Leno
- B. Chelsea Handler
- C. Oprah
- D. Erma Bombeck

5. And finally, who said: "I celebrated Thanksgiving in an old-fashioned way. I invited everyone in my neighborhood to my house, we had an enormous feast, and then I killed them and took their land."

Was it: A. Chris Farley B. Jon Stewart C. Rosie O'Donnell D. Rosanne

ANSWERS:

- 1 – Kevin James
- 2 – George Carlin
- 3 – Johnny Carson
- 4 – Erma Bombeck
- 5 – Jon Stewart

package on the ground. The directions said to place it on the organ, keep it wet and that it would prevent the spread of disease. Do you know I haven't had the flu all winter.

## George and Harriet

George and Harriet decided to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a trip to Las Vegas . When they entered the hotel/

casino and registered, a sweet young woman dressed in a very short skirt became very friendly. George brushed her off. Harriet objected, "George, that young woman was nice, and you were so rude." "Harriet, she's a prostitute." "I don't believe you. That sweet young thing?" "Let's go up to our room and I'll prove it." In their room, George called down to the desk and asked for 'Bambi' to come to Room 217. "Now," he said, "you hide in the bathroom with the door open just enough to hear us, OK?" Soon, there was a knock on the door. George opened it and Bambi walked in, swinging her hips provocatively. George asked, "How much do you charge?" "\$125 basic rate, \$100 tips for special services.." Even George was taken aback. "\$125? I was thinking more in the range of \$25." Bambi laughed derisively. "You must really be a hick if you think you can buy sex for that price." "Well," said George, "I guess we can't do business. Goodbye.." After she left, Harriet came out of the bathroom. She said, "I just can't believe it!" George said, "Let's forget it. We'll go have a drink, then eat dinner." At the bar, as they sipped their cocktails, Bambi came up behind George, pointed slyly at Harriet, and said, "See what you get for \$25?"

## Changed World

The world has sure changed since I was 6 years old!!!!

A 1st grade school teacher had twenty-six students in her class. She presented each child in her classroom with the first half of a well-known proverb and asked them to

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come up with the remainder of the proverb. Pretty hard to believe these were actually done by first graders. Their insight is surprising. While reading, keep in mind that these are 6-year-old first-graders, because the last one is a classic.

1. - Don't change horses...until they stop running.
  2. - Strike while the...bug is close.
  3. - It's always darkest before...Daylight Saving Time.
  4. - Never underestimate the power of...termites.
  5. - You can lead a horse to water but...How?
  6. - Don't bite the hand that...looks dirty.
  7. - No news is...impossible
  8. - A miss is as good as a...Mr.
  9. - You can't teach an old dog new...Math
  10. - If you lie down with dogs, you'll...stink in the morning.
  11. - Love all, trust...Me.
  12. - The pen is mightier than the...pigs.
  13. - An idle mind is...the best way to relax.
  14. - Where there's smoke there's...pollution..
  15. - Happy the bride who...gets all the presents.
  16. - A penny saved is...not much.
  17. - Two's company, three's...the Musketeers.
  18. - Don't put off till tomorrow what...you put on to go to bed.
  19. - Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and...You have to blow your nose.
  20. - There are none so blind as...Stevie Wonder.
  21. - Children should be seen and not...spanked or grounded.
  22. - If at first you don't succeed...get new batteries.
  23. - You get out of something only what you...See in the picture on the box
  24. - When the blind lead the blind...get out of the way.
  25. - A bird in the hand...is going to poop on you.
- And the WINNER and last one!
26. - Better late than...Pregnant

### Forgetter Be Forgotten

My forgetter's getting better, But my rememberer is broke.... To you that may seem funny but, to me, that is no joke. For when I'm 'here' I'm wondering if I really should be 'there' and, when I try to think it through, I haven't got a prayer! Oft times I walk into a room, say 'what am I here for?' I wrack my brain, but all in vain! A zero, is my score. At times I put something away where it is safe, but, gee! The person it is safest from is, generally, me! When shopping I may see someone, Say 'Hi' and have a chat, then, when the person walks away I ask myself, 'who the heck was that?' Yes, my forgetter's getting better while my rememberer is broke, and it's driving me plumb crazy and that just ain't no joke. CAN YOU RELATE???

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## IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish, and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close. My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently. But here's the worst of it -- Almost every time I sneeze, cough or laugh, either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires.

## RETIREMENT IS DIFFERENT FOR EVERYONE

One day, while going to the store, I passed by a nursing home. On the front lawn were six old ladies lying naked on the grass. I thought this was a bit unusual, but continued on my way to the store. On my return trip, I passed the same nursing home with the same six old ladies lying naked on the lawn. This time my curiosity got the best of me, & I went inside to talk to the Nursing Home Administrator. 'Do you know there are six ladies lying naked on your

front lawn?' 'Yes,' she said. 'They're retired prostitutes, - they're having a yard sale.'

## Wooden Leg Insurance

A man and his wife, moved back home to West Virginia, from Ohio. The husband had a wooden leg, and to insure it back in Ohio cost them \$2000 per year! When they arrived in West Virginia, they went to an insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure his wooden leg. The agent looked it up on the computer and said: '\$39.' The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in West Virginia to insure it because it cost him \$2000 in Ohio! The insurance agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, 'Well, here it is on the screen, it says: Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system above it, is \$39 . . . You just have to know how to describe it!' (Those HILLBILLIES know how "to git 'er done"; don't they?)

## This is from an article in the St. Petersburg Times

Newspaper on Sunday. The Business Section asked readers for ideas on "How Would You Fix the Economy?" I think this guy nailed it!Dear Mr. President,

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- 2) They MUST buy a new American CAR. Forty million cars ordered - Auto Industry fixed.
- 3) They MUST either buy a house or pay off their mortgage - Housing Crisis fixed.

It can't get any easier than that!

P.S. If more money is needed, have all members in Congress and their constituents pay their taxes...

## The Haircut

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I won't accept money

from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door. Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door. Then a Congressman came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The Congressman was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen Congressmen lined up waiting for a free haircut. And that illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

## Getting a Hairdryer through Customs...

A distinguished young woman on a flight from Ireland asked the Priest beside her, 'Father, may I ask a favor?' 'Of course, child. What may I do for you?' 'Well, I bought an expensive woman's



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electronic hair dryer for my mother's birthday that is unopened and well over the Customs limits, and I'm afraid they'll confiscate it. Is there any way you could carry it through customs for me? Under your robes perhaps?' 'I would love to help you, dear, but I must warn you: I will not lie.' 'With your honest face, Father, no one will question you.' When they got to Customs, she let the priest go ahead of her. The Official asked, 'Father, do you have anything to declare?' 'From the top of my head down to my waist, I have nothing to declare.' The official thought this answer strange, so asked, 'And what do you have to declare from your waist to the floor?' 'I have a marvelous instrument designed to be used on a woman, but which is, to date, unused.' Roaring with laughter, the official said, 'Go ahead, Father. Next!'

## Donald Duck and Daisy Duck

Donald Duck and Daisy Duck were spending the night together in a hotel room and Donald wanted to have sex with Daisy. The first thing Daisy asked was, 'Do you have a condom?' Donald frowned and said, 'No.' Daisy told Donald that if he didn't get a condom, they could not have sex. 'Maybe they sell them at the front desk,' she suggested. So Donald went down to the lobby and asked the hotel clerk if they had condoms. 'Yes, we do,' the clerk said and pulled a box out from under the counter and gave it to Donald. The clerk asked, 'Would you like me to put them on your bill? 'No!' Donald quacked, 'I'll thuffocate'

## THE MIRACLE OF TOILET PAPER AS TOLD BY THE WIFE

Fresh from my shower, I stand in front of the mirror complaining to my husband that my breasts are too small. Instead of characteristically telling me it's not so, he uncharacteristically comes up with a suggestion. "If you want your breasts to grow, then every day take a piece of toilet paper and rub it between them for a few seconds". Willing to try anything, I fetch a piece of toilet paper and stand in front of the mirror, rubbing it between my breasts. "How long will this take?" I asked. "They will grow larger over a period of years," my husband replies. I stopped. "Do you really think rubbing a piece of toilet paper between my breasts every day will make my breasts larger over the years?" Without missing a beat he says, "Worked for your butt, didn't it?" He's still alive, and with a great deal of therapy, He may even walk again, although he will probably continue to take his meals through a straw.

## MOMS IN GROUP THERAPY

A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children. "You all have obsessions," he observed. To the first mother, Mary, he said, "You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy." He turned to the second Mom, Ann: "Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny." He turned to the third Mom, Joyce: "Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy." At this point, the fourth mother, Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand, and whispered, "Come on, Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let's pick up Peter and Willy from school and go get dinner.

## Free Sex with Fill Up

A gas station owner in Texas was trying to increase gas sales. So he put up a sign that read, "FREE SEX WITH FILL UP." Soon a local redneck pulled in, filled his tank and asked for his "FREE SEX." The owner told him to pick a number from 1 to 10. If he guessed correctly he would get his "FREE SEX." The redneck guessed 8, and the proprietor said, 'You were close. The number was 7. Sorry, No sex this time. A week later, the same redneck, along with a buddy, Bubba, pulled in for another fill-up. Again he asked for his "FREE SEX" The proprietor again asked him to guess the correct number. The redneck guessed 2 this time. The proprietor said, 'Sorry, it was 3. You were close, but no "FREE SEX" this time. As they were driving away, the redneck said to his buddy, 'I think that game is rigged and he doesn't really give away "FREE SEX." Bubba replied, 'No, it ain't rigged. My wife won twice last week.'

## Memory Miracle

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fainted when he saw him. Murphy had never been seen in Church

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in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up with him and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass, what made ya come?" Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father, a while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like me hat, and I knew that McGlynn comes to Church every Sunday. I also knew that McGlynn had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of Church. So, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat." The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?" Murphy said, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all." The priest gave Murphy a big smile and said, "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without the hat than burn in Hell, right?" Murphy slowly shook his head and said, "Oh no, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."

## GEOGRAPHY OF A WOMAN

- Between 18 and 22, a woman is like Africa: half discovered, half wild, fertile and naturally beautiful.
- Between 23 and 30, a woman is like Europe: well developed and open to trade, especially for someone of real value.
- Between 31 and 35, a woman is like Spain: very hot, relaxed, and convinced of her own beauty.
- Between 36 and 40, a woman is like Greece: gently aging but still a warm and desirable place to visit.
- Between 41 and 50, a woman is like Great Britain: with a glorious and all conquering past.
- Between 51 and 60, a woman is like Israel: has been through war, doesn't make the same mistakes twice, takes care of business.
- Between 61 and 70, a woman is like Canada: self-preserving, but open to meeting new people.
- After 70, she becomes Tibet: wildly beautiful, with a mysterious past and the wisdom of the ages, an adventurous spirit and a thirst for spiritual knowledge.

## Praying for Leroy

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