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# BE THE ZOMBIE .... PERFECT ZOMBIE MAKEUP IN 4 EASY STEPS



### WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

Liquid foundation Translucent powder Large powder brush Contour brush Fake blood Red lipstick Dark purple or gray eye shadow Blending brush Stippling sponge

#### STEP 1

Cleanse and moisturize face and neck before applying any makeup. Then, using a stipple sponge or fingers, apply a liquid foundation at least two shades lighter than your natural skin tone to entire face and neck and blend well. Set with translucent powder using your large powder brush.

#### STEP 2

Pat red lipstick onto index finger and apply by gliding your finger along the bottom of the cheekbone. Do this on both sides and blend down so there are no harsh lines. Then, use your contour brush to apply a deep, dark purple or gray shadow to the hollows of your cheeks in a downward motion. Keep building up the color until you're happy with the level of depth.

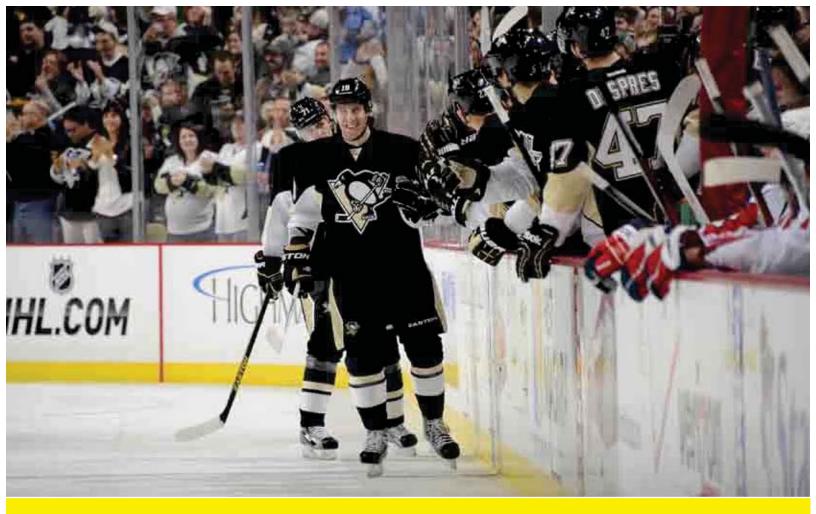
#### STEP 3

Using your fingers, smudge just a touch of red lipstick underneath eyes and just above your cheekbones, (the area where "bags" form when you haven't had enough sleep). With your blending brush, apply a dark purple or gray shadow to the hollows of your eyes and blend well. Build color until you're happy with the depth. The purple/gray shadow can be blended into all facial hollows to achieve a really bony structure.

#### STEP 4

Smear fake blood all over your mouth, teeth, and chin. Drool and let it trickle down your neck. You want to look like you just got done feeding on human flesh. You can really go crazy with the fake blood. Just make sure you're wearing an old t-shirt or something you don't mind staining.

These four easy steps are all you need for the basic biter look. If you're aiming for a simple and fast zombification, this will certainly do the trick! You can also use the above steps as a foundation for a more intricate undead look, and pick up a few scar and wound kits, typically available at any store that sells Halloween costumes.



### Penguins Season Preview – Back and Determined!!

Does it still sting? That emotional roller coaster of the 2012 second season that had Pens fans over confident then uneasy against the Islanders and uplifted again versus the Senators before falling of its tracks completely as the Bruins made quick work of the Penguins in the Eastern Conference Finals...is it still a sore spot? If so, there is some silver lining, you know. At least Pittsburgh doesn't have to wait an extra few months to wash the taste of elimination out of their mouths like last off season. Nope. No lockout this time, and I'm sure the boys are thankful as they are itching to break the ice on the season and start a new chase for Lord Stanley's Cup. They will be doing so with some familiar faces as well as some new ones that will need to step up and fill the void left by those that have moved on.

Exhibit A from the kick ass nickname department - Crankshaft (aka Douglas Murray) has slowly taken his defensive talents to Montreal. No worries – not that you would - because "The Piece" is back! Defenseman Rob Scuderi makes what is hoped to be a triumphant return to the team he won his first Stanley Cup with during the 2008-09 season, and he brings a second ring back with him. Most fans fondly remember him for his last second kick save against the Red Wings in Game 6 of the Stanley Cup Finals that denied a sure fire goal as Marc Andre Fleury was out of position. If Scuds wasn't able to take over the crease, that goal probably secures overtime and who knows what would have happened in sudden death.

Of course, what many fans may not remember, was that play could have been considered a repayment of sorts to Fleury. In Game 7 of the divisional series against the Capitals, he saved Scuderi's sausage by coming up huge on an Alexander Ovechkin breakaway that would have kicked off the scoring. The Penguins came up big, winning in Washington DC by the score of 6-2, but you never know how a big goal on home ice could have changed the dynamics of the game. You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours.

Fans associate Rob Scuderi with winning the Stanley Cup, and some believe he was "the one that got away" during the afterglow of that Championship. There are a lot of warm fuzzy feelings surrounding his return, but at 34 years old, which Scuderi will the Penguins get? He'll have to work hard to bring some consistency to a defense that has had plenty of ups and downs since his departure.

In addition to the trade deadline acquisition of Murray being one and done, Ray Shero's Captain collection ended up not being worth as much as he hoped either. Brenden Morrow is no longer donning the black and gold sweater, and at the time of this writing has yet to sign with another team, remaining an unrestricted free agent. The big splasher, Jarome Iginla, ran back to the team he rebuffed for the Penguins before the trade deadline last season, the Bruins, when he realized the Pens' backs were up against the lowered salary cap wall and wouldn't be able to resign him. Jussi Jokinen is the lone mid season addition that remains.

Long term deals locked up veterans Evgeni Malkin, Kris Letang, Chris Kunitz and Pascal Dupuis to keep the talented nucleus together for several years to come, so that has to make fans feel good about this franchise, right? Most I've talked to feel just as good going into this year as they did last year, but have some concerns as well. David Henry of Odenton MD has been following



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the Penguins since the early 80's and says "I'm more bearish than other Pens fans and concerned that with the big deals there will be nagging depth issues." Several others I spoke with agreed with him, citing worries over the third and fourth lines including Pittsburgh's Lucas Hunt who added "Fleury's confidence is also a concern." Despite lots of high end talent, will there be enough support and secondary scoring? Only time will tell.

Here are a few more things to watch for as the NHL season gets rolling October 3rd:

Will The Penguins Miss Matt Cooke? You can't just replace a guy like Matt Cooke. Certainly a casualty of the lowered salary cap, Cooke signed with the Minnesota Wild in the off season. Head Coach Mike Yeo knows very well how valuable Matt Cooke is and sees through the dirty reputation that proceeds him in the eyes of other NHL teams. Cooke played every game of the past two seasons while cutting back on his penalty minutes dramatically from his first three with the Penguins. Reliability, edginess and grit are important. Who will fill that void for the Penguins? New addition Matt D'Agostini? Beau Bennett? Speaking of the young Beau . . .

Can Bennett Have A Breakout Season? At this point in the preseason, it seems as if Bennett has solidified his place along the second line with Malkin and James Neal. After averaging 12:18 of ice time in the regular season last year, Beau is sure to see that increase by five plus minutes this season. Bulking up a bit to mash in the corners and head to the front of the net more often, he is built to have a great year in his first full season of NHL action. Beau Bennett is the guy I'm watching most.

How Will Division Realignment Impact The Season? The team will save travel time and money, that's for sure! Divisional realignment brings new opponents to the Eastern Conference, the Detroit Red Wings who will be in the Atlantic Division, and the Columbus Blue Jackets who will join the Penguins' division, which has been renamed the Metropolitan Division. Not kidding. Also making the switch to the Metro are the Carolina Hurricanes and the Washington Capitals. More Staal and more Ovechkin make for more interesting games. Or maybe just for more hype and story lines.

And The Number One Thing To Watch For? Lorie Podolak of Johnstown, PA says what EVERY fan is thinking "fingers crossed Crosby stays healthy!" Enough said.

You'll be jacked for most games as the season begins, but during the first month, circle these two dates on the schedule - October 17th when the Penguins travel to Philadelphia to take on the arch rival Philadelphia Flyers, for obvious reasons and October 30th when the Bruins return to Consol Energy Center. I'm sure the team has been thinking about beating them all summer long, should be very entertaining. It's a full season of hockey in Pittsburgh - LET'S GO PENS!

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# PITTSBURGH PIRATES 2013

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# A Historic Season

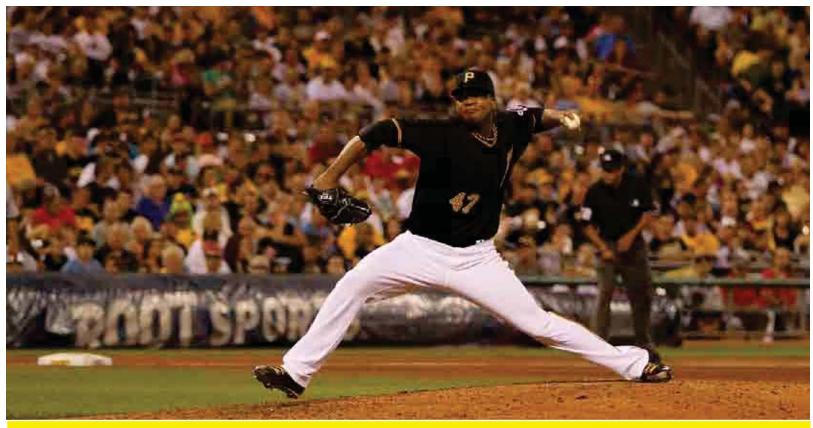
"As we say goodbye to another regular season at PNC Park – by the way, I love having to clarify "regular" – what I will miss most is simply being there. Being a part of history and sharing it with friends and family." As the 2013 home schedule wraps up and the Pirates finish out the regular season on the road, I began thinking about how much baseball, particularly this year, means to me, other fans and the city of Pittsburgh. Over the past six months, PNC Park has been a second home. The people that work there, from the ticket takers at the gates to the ushers in the seats to the beer vendors along the concourse, have become a part of my family in a way, as I'm sure they have for many season ticket holders. I have bittersweet feelings surrounding the end of the regular season. Bitter because I will miss the ballpark experience and those who make it memorable. Sweet because it's time to watch the Buccos take on the postseason!

Before they do, let's reflect on the regular season that was at PNC Park. It's been record breaking in many aspects, not only for the play on the field but also for the fans that cheered on the team. For just the second time in its history, and the first since the park opened in 2001, over 2.1 million fans came through the turnstiles, to the tune of 23 sellouts, which broke the record set just last year. Those fans got their money's worth. With one of the best home records in the league, for the first time on PNC Park grass the Pirates broke the 50 win mark. That's a lot of winning baseball.

While putting together their first winning season since 1992, the Pirates have put together some great performances in all areas of the game. The fireballer. Gerrit Cole, made his much anticipated major league debut and did not disappoint. Besides being the first rookie pitcher for the Pirates to strike out twelve batters since Jose DeLeon, Cole was on the mound for not only the 81st win of the season, but the 82nd as well. He out dueled the Texas Rangers' ace Yu Darvish to secure that elusive winning season and his game worn hat will be forever enshrined in Cooperstown as a memento. Hopefully he builds a career to go along with it.

We've gotten to watch the young guys shine, but the "old guys" haven't been too shabby either. Jason Grilli has fired up the fans as he seamlessly took over the closer role at the beginning of the season, becoming an All-Star at the age of 36. Sidelined by injury, he is back where he belongs, closing out games and fist pumping his way to victory. While being the unabashed leader in the clubhouse, A.J. Burnett has not so quietly told batters to "sit the bleep down" a lot on the field. In fact, Burnett is the first right handed pitcher in club history to record two hundred or more strikeouts in a single season. Will he resign and be back to do it again next season? Only time, and money, will tell.

Another rising star in this organization? Starling Marte. His speed has made for jaw dropping defensive plays in left field and has fans hoping he hits a gap shot to watch him leg out a triple. When he is on base, he distracts pitchers and puts pressure on the



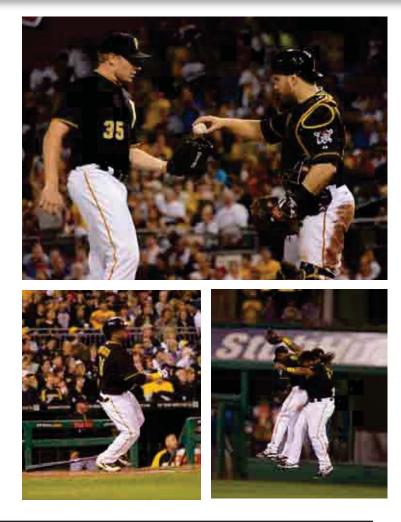
## ...and It's Not Over Yet.

defense. The ceiling for this guy doesn't exist. But when all is said and done, the reason many fans come out to the ballpark this season is to watch the team's best player and the first legitimate superstar to wear a Pirates uniform since Barry Bonds. Andrew McCutchen.

When the season is over, will we be able to say that we were there? That we watched McCutchen put together an MVP performance? This might very well be the case as he does it all. And he does it all very well. I could go into a whole bunch of statistics, but I don't think you need the proof. The eye test tells you everything you need to know. Defensively, his arm has improved, he takes better routes to the ball and certainly lays it all out on the line making spectacular diving and sliding catches all over centerfield. On the bases he is smarter and at the plate you expect him to get a hit every time. Why? Because he usually does. The Pirates are not where they are today without Andrew McCutchen. His willingness to stay in Pittsburgh and build a winner for years to come is just as commendable as his play on the between the lines.

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# NIGHTWIRE TIMES ZOMBIES INVADE! Cedar Point This Fall

#### **Monsters Attack!**



Monsters Attack Every Friday night, Saturday and Sunday from Sept. 13 through Oct. 27. Hours are 6 p.m. to midnight Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

SAFE PLACES TO STAY: For the best deals on tickets, plan a weekend getaway by staying at any of Cedar Point's resort properties, including the historic Hotel Breakers, Sandcastle Suites, Breakers Express or Castaway Bay indoor waterpark and resort. All hotel guests can take advantage of a \$34 ticket, saving more than \$20 per person on admission! Plus, they'll enjoy the perks of free parking and early entry to the park so they can get in line for their favorite coasters before anyone else.



Nightwire travelled to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio to preview Cedar Point's HalloWeekends. Each year they just get better and better at doing what they do best ... creating a fun, scary environment for all ages. This fall, when teens and adults alike will be heading back to school- they'll have much more to fear than flunking a math test. At Cedar Point's new Zombie High School, flesh-eating hellions and glassy-eyed teachers lurk in the halls and locker rooms, waiting for unsuspecting visitors. Every corner of the school, from the cafeteria to the chemistry lab, has been overrun by the undead. This attraction is one you should definitely not miss!

It's all part of Cedar Point's HalloWeekends, when the 364-acre amusement park is transformed for seven weeks into a fright fest featuring family-friendly fun during the daytime and nearly a dozen terrifying attractions when darkness falls. New this year, families can go trick-or-treating at Dinosaurs



Alive on Adventure Island, home to more than 50 life-sized dinosaurs that move and roar. There are costume contests, live shows, parades and plenty of surprises. That's all in addition to Cedar Point's world-record-breaking collection of 72 rides, including the record-breaking new wing roller coaster, GateKeeper, and 15 other

scream machines. HalloWeekends returned for its 17th year on Friday, Sept. 13— for those souls brave enough to venture out on that starcrossed night!

#### ENTER IF YOU DARE:

Eden Musee', a wax museum whose owner has died, leaving his demented children to run the family business with disastrous results.

Cut Throat Cove, featuring a motley crew of pirates raiding sunken ships in Cedar Point's Frontiertown.

Blood on the Bayou, a murky lagoon where the swamp folk don't look too kindly on company.

Maniacal, Mechanical Screamworks, a metallic world of science fiction full of gadgets, gears and hollow screams.

CarnEvil, where crazy clowns and sideshow freaks are always recruiting, whether or not you're a willing participant.

CornStalkers, a twisted maze of terror that's filled with thick fog and



frightening Screamsters.

Eternity Infirmary, a horrific hospital where thousands check in, but no one checks out... ever.

Fear Faire, a maze of medieval mayhem! FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN:

Trick-or-Treat with the Dinosaurs in Cedar Point's Dinosaurs Alive!, where many of the 50-plus lifelike, animatronic dinosaurs dress for the season and welcome kids to Adventure Island with candy and other goodies. (Additional charge applies.)

"Skeleton Crew," an exciting spectacle of acrobatics and aerial acts taking place throughout the day in Cedar Point's new Celebration Plaza.

"The Goodtime Ghouls: A Halloween Hullabaloo," an energetic musical revue featuring a mix of rockabilly, swing, pop and disco in the Good Time Theatre.

Gypsy Fortune Tellers, where guests can discover what's in the cards for them as they venture into Frontiertown.

The Magical House on Boo Hill, where whimsical illusions await at every corner in the topsy-turvy house just outside the Blue Streak roller coaster.



Monster Midway Invasion Celebration, a caravan of friendly monsters and parade floats traveling through the park at 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday.

PEANUTS<sup>™</sup> Halloween Show and Kids' Costume Contest, where little pirates and princesses show off their spirit with preschool competitions at 2 p.m. and grade-school competitions at 2:45 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday in the Blue Streak Plaza.

"Sideshow: A Carnival of Magic," where guests can step right up for amazing illusions and jaw-dropping suspense in the Jack Aldrich Theatre!

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# Woodchuck Hard Cider By: Chris Wise

CIDER MAKER'S CHOICE

Woodchuck Hard Cider has come a long way since its creation in 1991, deep in the backwoods of Vermont. The company was started by Joseph Cerniglia after working at an apple winery in Proctorsville, Vermont, for a number of years. In 1990, Cerniglia brewed his first batch of "Vermont Old-Fashioned Hard Cider", and a year later, he had formed Woodchuck Hard Cider in his garage and had created a truly American hard cider. After turning down the alcohol content from 12% to 5%, Cerniglia named his cider woodchuck, a nickname reserved for "the Vermontiest of Vermonters."

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By 1996, growth had necessitated Cerniglia expand his operation, and Bret Williams entered the picture. Williams was lured away from E&J Gallo Winery in Baltimore, Maryland, by Cerniglia in 1996 to work as his first Salesman at Woodchuck. With the combination of a great product and an experienced salesman, Woodchuck was able to continue expanding and gain more control over the hard cider market, which was expanding at the time. Woodchuck's continued success in the rapidly growing hard cider market brought them to the attention of international investors. In 1998, after having a salesman for only two years, Woodchuck was bought out by H.P. Bulmer of England.

Williams and others at Woodchuck hoped the acquisition by H.P. Bulmer would allow them to continue to grow at a steady pace. Instead, by 2003, not three years after the acquisition, Woodchuck was was nearly bankrupt, losing around \$300,000 a month. Williams decided to step in to try to save Woodchuck from going under, cashed in his 401k, mortgaged his home and, along with the help of a small investment group, bought Woodchuck for \$2.3 million. Since 2003, Williams has got Woodchuck back on track as the largest hard cider producer in America.

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This turnaround prompted Williams to receive an offer from another foreign investor to buy Woodchuck. However, this time the offer came from C&C Group of Ireland, who have over 75 years of experience in hard cider production. Also, Williams would stay on as President and CEO to maintain the direction of Woodchuck. Nate Formalarie, communications manager at Vermont Hard Cider Company (the parent company of Woodchuck), said it was a perfect fit for both companies as C&C were looking to expand into the American market while the acquisition has allowed Woodchuck to work with other US brands owned by C&C. The two companies also shared interest in environmental issues, and C&C was focused on keeping Woodchuck's reputation for quality, and was committed to keeping them in Vermont. So in 2012, Williams sold Woodchuck Hard Cider to C&C Group for an astounding \$305 million.

With this influx of cash flow, Woodchuck has begun work on a new \$30 million cidery in Middlebury, Vermont, which will further cement Woodchuck's place in Vermont. The cidery will come in at 100,000 square feet, and will house production, a warehouse, and offices. One of the main features of the new cidery will be in opening up the process of cider making to the public. The cidery will feature tours, a visitor center and



gift shop. Construction began in April of 2013 and has quickly progressed. On September 19th, Woodchuck held a traditional Timber Framing ceremony at their visitor center. Construction is expected to be completed in spring of 2014, and updates and pictures of their progess can be found on Woodchuck's website.

The visitor center is a major advantage to the new cidery, as they will be able to welcome in the public to test otherwise unavailable cider varieties. Visitors will be welcomed into the taproom to sample test runs of experimental recipes before they are released to the public. Trying out new recipes is vital to Woodchuck's success, as they continue to keep ahead of the competition. For example, Woodchuck introduced their Cellar Series to release new ciders to the public. Nate Formalarie said the recipes will rotate between every 3 to 4 months, come in 22oz bottles, and feature rare and experiment recipes.

The first recipe in the Cellar Series is the Dry Hop Cider, released on August 27th. Woodchuck took their traditional cider and ran it through Cascade Hops, which fused the cider together with hop oils and aromas, a variety of citrus and pine flavors. This cider packs quite a punch, coming in at 6.9%, and is therefore unavailable in Pennsylavania.

Between the recent sale of the company, the construction of a new cidery and their continued dedication to experimenting with recipes, one would expect Woodchuck to already be plenty busy. But Woodchuck makes sure they are never too busy to help out a charity in need. According to Formalarie Woodchuck receives, and fills, around 5 or 6 requests for donations to charities everyday. In addition to simply donating products to charities, Woodchuck has also gotten involved in charities, including creating a pink cider for a breast cancer fundraiser. Formalarie believes it is important to remain active in their community to remind people no matter how big Woodchuck gets it never forgets its roots.

#### Core Ciders Amber

Woodchuck's Original cider that started it all with its sweet, crisp flavor. With the apple's tart flavor and an underlying sweetness of honey, the flagship cider has a nice blend of spices to go along with its nice golden color. Woodchuck warns "Dislike of Woodchuck Amber may be a sign of serious tongue injury. Consult your doctor."

#### Granny Smith

Made of exclusively Granny Smith apples, this cider has a lot more tart and tang than the original Amber. Suited for the wine-inclined, the Granny Smith is lighter and drier than other varieties. The unique tartness of this cider has made it one of Woodchuck's most popular.

#### 802 Dark & Dry

The dark bronze color of this cider comes from the caramelized sugar, which in turn reduces the sweetness. The result is an extremely dry cider which skirts the lines with being close to a beer. In case you're wondering, 802 is Woodchuck's area code up in Vermont. So if you're planning on calling them up to say, "Dude, that 802 stuff like rocks!" just add 388-0700 to the name of your cider.

#### Pear

With a heavenly mixture of pear and apple aromas, this cider is spicy with woody hints, that all come together to be quite refreshing. Woodchuck advises "To understand what Woodchuck Pear tastes like, take a deep breath, close your eyes and imagine yourself floating down a cool crisp mountain stream in the middle of July. Ok, got it? Now put an entire pear in your mouth."

#### Fall

As you would imagine from the title, Woodchuck has created the perfect, crisp cider for a fall afternoon. When Woodchuck combined cinnamon and nutmeg, with hints of American White Oak, there were two possibilities: either some mighty fine cider or your standard Vermont tourism cliche.

#### Pumpkin

Combining the reliable taste of their Original cider with a pumpkin finish, Woodchuck admits "Every once in a while you know you stumble upon something glorious. That something just so happens to be our Private Reserve Pumpkin." Make sure you get your hands on a case of Woodchuck Pumpkin Cider as they only produce the cider for two and a half hours per release.

Woodchuck Hard Ciders are proudly distributed locally by Frank Fuhrer Wholesale.



By the time Lenny Ciolek founded McKenzie's Hard Cider in 2011 he already had 35 years of experience in the beverage industry. Ciolek started driving a keg truck during college, and after graduating went to work as a salesman for Anhueser-Busch. He then went to work for Heineken and Beck's before stepping back from the alcohol industry to begin his own non-alcoholic beverage distributor in Virginia. After only 2 years, Ciolek sold the business and began working for Corona. Ciolek worked in their East Coast development office, trying to increase the popularity of Corona on the East Coast.

Fast forward to 2011; Ciolek has just finished working with Mikes Hard Lemonade after helping it become one of the largest flavored malt beverages in America. Ciolek's work at Mikes came after helping Smirnoff premiere its line of Ice beverages at the Diageo Casino in Las Vegas. After being involved in the launch of two of the largest flavored malt beverages in America, Lenny Ciolek believes he sees an emerging market in the flavored alcohol industry: hard ciders.

After he decided his next adventure would be into hard ciders, the next step seemed like a no-brainer to Ciolek: get in touch with the best apple cider makers around, the Mayer Brothers. The Mayer Brothers have been making cider since 1852, which gives them over 150 years of experience in cider production. Mayer Brothers Cider had always been a favorite of Ciolek, so when he found himself entering the hard cider business, reaching out to the Mayer Brothers made the most sense. Thankfully, Mayer Brothers were more than happy to help Ciolek, and a partnership was formed that would give McKenzie's access to the largest cider maker in the United States. it, Ciolek still had to land on a name. Ciolek found inspiration in the recent passing of his brother-in-law. Named after his wife's maiden name, McKenzie's Hard Cider was officially born in June of 2011 in Buffalo, New York. Initially, McKenzie only sold to markets around their hometown and in Vermont. Now, only two years after its founding, McKenzie's is sold in 13 states, and currently ranks third in hard ciders in those states in which they sell. According to Ciolek, "By 2014, we plan to sell McKenzie's in at least 35 states, and hope to reach the number two spot for those states. We want to have a presence in all 50 states by 2015."

McKenzie's explosive expansion has been quite impressive, especially when you consider McKenzie's is a "mom and pop" start-up in the true sense of the word. Lenny Ciolek and his wife were the only two employees until just recently, when Ciolek has had to add salesmen to his team to keep up with the growth. This growth is not surprising considering public's response since the release of McKenzie's.

Since the first bottling in June of 2011, McKenzie's has added an additional four varieties to their Original Hard Cider, bringing the total to five varieties. McKenzie's has done well at the competitions they have entered, including winning Third Highest Overall Product in Competition at the 2012 New York Wine and Food Classic. At the same competition, McKenzie's also took home two silver medals, and their Black Cherry cider was awarded a Double Gold Medal after receiving a 98% rating, the second highest rating overall at the competition.

With the leaves changing color, the air getting colder, and (thank god) football on TV again, try one of McKenzie's five varieties for a crisp, refreshing drink this fall.

After coming up with his product and how he would produce







#### ORIGINAL- SILVER AT 2012 NY WINE & FOOD CLASSIC

The original hand-pressed hard cider is reminiscent of its UK relatives. This cider is refreshing with a medium body while not being too dry, and offeringa crisp apple finish. Spirited and flavorful, this cider is the painstaking perfection of American hard cider making tradition.

#### BLACK CHERRY- DOUBLE GOLD AT 2012 NY WINE & FOOD CLASSIC

One of McKenzie's most popular offerings, the Black Cherry Cider is a truly unique hard cider. Reserved for the darkest of hearts, Black Cherry has a rich amber base, full body, and refreshing finish of black cherry. Just remember, the blacker the berry, the sweeter the juice...

**GREEN APPLE - SILVER AT 2012 NY WINE & FOOD CLASSIC** Packing a more powerful kick than the other ciders McKenzie's offers, the Green Apple Hard Cider has a deliciously crisp, slightly tart bite of green apples. Coming in at 6% ABV, the Green Apple Hard Cider is a swift kick in the taste buds, best enjoyed chilled and enjoyed often.

#### SEASONAL RESERVE

McKenzie's Seasonal Reserve Hard Cider is flavored with cinnamon and nutmeg which gives the cider a heaping of spicy goodness. Aromatic fall flavors warm you from the inside out, and chase away the chill on those cold nights. According to Lenny Ciolek, this cider tastes just like Grandma's homemade apple pie used to.

#### LAZY LEMON

One of the only lemonade and cider combination beverages in the U.S., Lazy Lemon combines the crisp bite of hard ciders with the sweet and sour flavors of lemonade to create a truly refreshing beverage.

McKenzie's Hard Ciders are proudly distributed locally by Galli Beer Distributing Company.



# Straub Brewing - IPL

By: Falon Hanley

There's a scandal brewing in the small, sleepy city of St. Marys, Pa. and everyone is talking about it. That boy maverick from the other side of the tracks and the wholesome, all-American girl next door had a baby, and it goes by the name IPL.

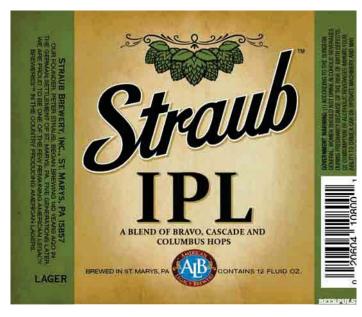
That's right, I-P-L. The L stands for lager. And if you haven't heard of it yet, it's time to wake up and start paying some attention, because this little rebel is making waves from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia and beyond.

If you're a craft beer drinker, you already know what an IPA, or India Pale Ale is. But what exactly is an India Pale Lager? You guessed it! A combination of an IPA and a lager, the IPL is brewed with lager yeast and hopped to the hilt like a good, old-fashioned American IPA.

When Vince Assetta, vice president and brewmaster at Straub Brewery, was handed a batch of Cascade hops grown by a family friend, he wasn't quite sure what to do with them at first. Cascade hops are normally used for making ales, and Straub brewery was in the business of making lagers. Knowing that his friend's husband was a strictly Straub American Lager kind of guy, Mr. Assetta sought to craft a beer that would satisfy the palates of both husband and wife. With this in mind, he formulated a recipe that utilized Straub's house lager yeast as well as the homegrown Cascade hops, with some Bravo and Columbus hops thrown into the mix.

What he came up with was something so novel in





the beer world that he thought for sure he was the first one to do it. Assetta realized his initial thought was unsubstantiated once he decided to perform a Google search on the matter. There were some other breweries making India Pale Lagers, but not many. Straub would be one in the first group of pioneers to settle the IPL frontier.

Straub Brewery has been around for a long time. Established in St. Marys, Pa. before many states even existed, Straub has long enjoyed a fiercely loyal following among residents of the Pennsylvania Wilds for nearly a century and a half. And like many things small town, not much has changed at Straub's Brewery since its founding nearly a century and a half ago. The founding family still owns and operates the brewery, and Straub's flagship beer, Straub American Lager has remained unchanged since Peter Straub perfected it in 1872.

When Peter Straub's great-great-grandson, Bill Brock, took charge of the company in 2008, he knew the brewery had to find a way to reach out to younger generations while remaining true to the company's devoted, homegrown base. The first order of business was to rename Straub's three original beers. Straub Premium became Straub American Lager; Straub Light became American

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### "If you're a craft beer drinker, you already know what an IPA, or India Pale Ale is...But what *exactly* is an India Pale Lager?"

Light Lager, and Peter Straub Special Dark was renamed Straub American Amber Lager. The new names more accurately reflect the rich American legacy of the Straub Brewery.

Then, in the spring of 2012, the company began rolling out some more experimental limited edition and seasonal brews, starting with their 1872 Lager. Available from November through December, 1872 Lager is a full-bodied, pre-Prohibition lager commemorating the 140th anniversary of when Peter Straub began brewing in St. Marys. Straub's old Groundhog Brew has been around since the year 2000; however, it has undergone a bit of a makeover and is now being released as Groundhog Altbier, a German-style all-malt beverage and the company's first ale in decades. Groundhog will be available in January and February. For spring, check out Straub's newest allmalt seasonal, Maibock, which will be released in April and available through May.

Among Straub's appealing new offerings, one stands out as the rock star of the group and is putting Straub Brewery on the map. Straub IPL was released in 2012 to great fanfare among beer aficionados. With the crisp smoothness of a lager and hop-forwardness that makes craft beer lovers swoon, this bold new beverage is bound for stardom in the greater beer world.

Straub IPL pours a beautiful deep amber—deeper than your typical IPA—with a creamy white foam head. The hybrid nature of the IPL lends a nice complexity to the aroma. It produces a pungent hoppy lager scent with some grainy, grassy characters followed by delicate citric notes. The taste is nothing short of interesting. Here, the hops deliver heavy duty. That signature lager bitterness is unmistakable and lingering. Flowery notes are also apparent along with some more subtle woody and citrusy characteristics. Crisp and clean on the mouthfeel, Straub's IPL finishes smooth. Overall, Straub IPL is a cutting-edge brew like nothing you've ever tasted. A word of advice: get your hands on Straub IPL now. One day you'll be able to say you knew it before it was famous.

Straub IPL is available on tap and in 12 ounce bottles and kegs. It contains 5.6% ABV and packs a punch at 74 IBUs. Try it with your next spaghetti and meatball dinner or pulled pork barbecue. Straub IPL is proudly distributed by Vecenie Distributing Co.



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# ZOMBIE PESP BY: FALON HANLEY SET TO CRAWL INTO LAWRENCEVILLE SATURDAY OCT 12 - ARSENAL PARK NOON-TEN

Citizens of Pittsburgh, take heed; the zombie apocalypse is nigh! Don't bother bolting your doors or shuttering your windows—resistance is futile. The undead are coming, and they're not going to stop until they get their cold, decaying hands on your brain.

You can't beat them, so you may as well join them. The mayhem will commence at noon on October 12, when 5000 zombies are expected to descend upon Lawrenceville for Pittsburgh's eighth annual Zombie Fest followed by its first ever Zombie Bar Crawl.

The first outbreak struck in October 2006, when Mark Menold, host of The It's Alive! Show on WBGN, invited viewers to participate in a zombie walk at Monroeville Mall, set of George Romero's zombie classic, Dawn of the Dead. "I expected 50 people to show up," says Menold. His prediction was way off. Nearly 900 participants came out, setting a Guinness World Record for Largest Gathering of Zombies.

Seven years later, the zombie contagion has reached pandemic proportions. In 2008, Menold founded World Zombie Day to combat world hunger. Outbreaks have been reported in over 100 cities, including New York, London, Paris, Hong Kong and Tokyo, as the living dead worldwide rise to participate in their own zombie walks and collect food donations for local food banks. Who ever said zombies are not charitable?

Another little known fact about zombies—they're very competitive creatures. Here in the Zombie Capital of the World, three world records have been set, including the first one back in 2006. The current record is held by Zombie Pub Crawl in Minneapolis, but Pittsburgh's Zombie Fest is looking to break it again in 2013.

Sponsored by Straub Brewery, DVD Empire, and The It's Alive Show, this year's Zombie Fest will take place October 12th, noon till 7pm at Arsenal Park in Lawrenceville. There will be live bands and entertainment, including Zombie Olympics, a "hilarious slow motion sporting event," a brain eating contest and an Ugly Pageant, where two biters with the best zombie makeup will be crowned Zombie King and Queen. There will be makeup artists on hand for those freshly undead who have not yet perfected their deathly pallor. At sundown, the dead will gather to shamble down Butler St. in Zombie Fest's first annual Zombie Pub Crawl, sponsored by Straub beer. Zombie Fest is a free event, but participants should bring at least one non-perishable food item for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

Be there, or beware!

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- PITTSBURGH WILL ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPT TO CLAIM THE GUINNESS WORLD RECORD FOR "LARGEST GATHERING OF ZOMBIES".

# Dating-Common First Date Mistakes

by Corrin Scurmaci, Public Relations Specialist, Moden Matchmaker, Inc.

Let's face it, first dates are uncomfortable. We have all had the unfortunate pleasure of experiencing the disastrous first date that left us wishing the rewind button on the TV remote could be used for traveling back in time. First dates are inevitable, unless of course you are content with being single forever. However, I am going to assume that since you are reading this article you are looking forward to meeting that special someone to share your life with. Successful first dates can be rather easy to accomplish, as long as you're willing to use your common sense. If common sense is a new concept for you, I have a few common first date mistakes listed below.

#### Drinking too much:

Yes, having a glass of wine at dinner is acceptable. No, doing five shots of tequila before the appetizers are served is not. Simply put, just be smart about the amount of alcohol you are drinking. There is nothing more unattractive than going on a date with someone who is slurring their words and stumbling all over the place. You're not at a dive-bar with your college buddies chugging beer or at a bachelorette party in Las Vegas drinking vodka out of the bottle, therefore anything more than a drink or two is not necessary. One easy rule to remember: drink a glass of water in between each alcoholic beverage.

#### Getting "stuck in traffic":

Regardless of whether the excuse you give for being late is the truth or not, making your date wait around because of your tardiness is unacceptable. That is unless you want to give the impression that your time is much more valuable and important that your dates. If that is the case, take your good old time because your complete disregard for the feelings of others is one heck of a redeeming quality in a potential spouse! How in the world are you still single?



#### Put down your cell phone:

We are so connected to the world through our cell phones that first date etiquette and manners take a back seat to our handheld gadgets. Put your phone on silent, keep it in your purse or pocket and engage in face to face conversation with your date. I know, such an old school concept, but if you want a second date then the phone needs to be put away! That Facebook event invite you just received or your fantasy football team's statistics can wait, I promise. If for whatever reason the urge to check your phone while on your date is just too strong and you cave in to the temptation, you should probably reevaluate your priorities and seek help for your separation anxiety with an inanimate object. Just don't do it.

#### The Ex:

Is there really a need to go into detail about this one? This is more or less the golden rule of all first dates which is never to be broken! If you are not over your ex then you should not be going out on dates. There should be no reason to mention your ex, unless you are directly asked by your date and even then, keep it vague. A simple, we just didn't see a future together is short, sweet and to the point. If you catch yourself whining about the heartbreak you were put through, telling stories about vacations you shared or worse, comparing your date to your ex, just shove your foot in your mouth (figuratively, of course.) Redirect the conversation to your date and remember why you are on a date in the first place...for your future, not to talk about your past.

#### Me, Me, ME:

As interesting, intelligent, cultured and fabulous you may think that you are, if you catch yourself beginning every conversation with "I," chances are narcissistic is a more appropriate way to accurately describe yourself. One of the easiest ways to avoid relating anything and everything back to you and your wonderful life is to make sure you are consciously asking more questions to your date than you are answering. Dan Gheesling, a motivational speaker, suggests asking 10 questions in a row, before answering any. Yes, I know you're thinking that is impossible and would come off as totally bizarre, however I have tried this method myself. The key is to use their answers to direct your next question, which requires you to actually LISTEN to their responses.

Theatre

### The Public's MASTERPIECE SEASON Begins - "Our Town"



Tom Atkins as the Stage Manager leads a cast of 24 actors, all with Pittsburgh connections, in this colossal new staging by Ted Pappas.

Pittsburgh Public Theater's MASTERPIECE SEASON begins with Our Town, the beloved American classic by Thornton Wilder, featuring an all-Pittsburgh cast. Directed by Ted Pappas, Our Town runs Sept. 26 - Oct. 27 at the O'Reilly Theater, Pittsburgh Public Theater's home in the heart of Downtown's Cultural District. For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org. Our Town is presented by PNC. The engagement of Tom Atkins in the role of the Stage Manager in Our Town has been generously supported by Richard W. Moriarty, M.D. The engagements of Patrick Cannon and Erin Lindsey Krom in the roles of George Gibbs and Emily Webb have been generously supported by Jim and Electra Agras.

Replacing traditional props and scenery with gesture and movement, early 20th century Grover's Corners, New Hampshire bursts to life in Our Town. The audience's guide to this community is the Stage Manager, played by Tom Atkins, who comments on the townspeople as they go about their daily lives. He moves us forward and backwards through time to observe their fates.

The population of Grover's Corners includes George Gibbs and Emily Webb (Patrick Cannon and Erin Lindsey Krom), the doctor and his wife (John Shepard and Bridget Connors), the newspaper editor and his wife (Marc Epstein and Cary Anne Spear), her nephew (Tony Bingham), a neighbor (Terry Wickline), the milkman (Wali Jamal), the choirmaster (Daniel Krell), the professor (Ken Bolden), the policeman (Weston Blakesley), and the undertaker (Larry John Meyers). The citizens of the town are James FitzGerald, Linda Haston, Andy Kirtland, Karen Merritt, and Andrew Swackhamer. The children will be played by local students Charlotte Bush, Julia Coblin, Edgar O'Connell, Elliot Pullen, and Ryan Showalter.

Our Town is celebrating its 75th birthday this year, having premiered in 1938. With its unconventional staging and breadth of focus, from the commonplace to the cosmic, Our Town still inspires wonder.

The design team for Pittsburgh Public Theater's production is Ted Pappas (Scenic), Gabriel Berry (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Casting is by McCorkle Casting. Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager; Fredric H. Orner is the Assistant Stage Manager.

#### About the Playwright

Thornton Wilder (1897 – 1975) is best known as the author of seven novels and four major plays. He was born in Madison, Wisconsin and attended Yale and Princeton Universities. He received three Pulitzer Prizes – for his novel The Bridge of San Luis Rey (1927) and his plays Our Town (1938) and The Skin of Our Teeth (1943) among numerous other awards. Other popular works by Wilder include the screenplay for the Alfred Hitchcock film Shadow of a Doubt and the play The Matchmaker, which was adapted into the musical Hello, Dolly!

#### Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents Our Town

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#### **Performance Schedule**

- Tues. at 7 pm; Wed. thru Sat. at 8 pm (except Wed., Oct. 9)
- Sat. at 2 pm (except Sept. 28 & Oct. 5) also 2 pm on Thurs., Oct. 24
- Sun. at 2 & 7 pm (except Sun., Oct. 27 when then final performance is at 2 pm)
- Press Night is Thursday, Oct. 3. Opening Night is Friday, Oct. 4.
- Ticket Prices: \$29 to \$60. Students and age 26 and younger \$15.75 with valid ID.
- For tickets call 412.316.1600 or visit ppt.org

# **Cain's Saloon**

Walking into Cain's Saloon, the delicious aroma of beer battered onion rings, burgers and craft beer immediately announces itself. The interior has no frills, no beat you over the head gimmicks like certain chain restaurants; it is a comfortable and easy environment. As you enter, you notice the 33 beer tap system behind the bar, the limitless selection of liquor (bacon vodka!), and the flat screens that line the walls showing every category of sport imaginable. The bar is a classic wooden beast that stretches like an oak serpent from front to back. The tables and stools are high up, in the fashion of old school sports bar. Weaving your way through the bar area and into the back, you will find a dining area that is simply laid out, much like the front. Televisions connect ceiling and wall, and various jerseys signed by athletes from Dan Marino to Sydney Crosby hang above the booths that outline the periphery.

As mentioned earlier, Cain's has a considerable beer selection. Naturally, they carry hometown favorites like Yuengling, Fat Heads and East End, but their selection also boasts some fine brews from around the country. Heavy Seas Loose Cannon IPA is a favorite among customers.

Cain's is not only a sports bar. It is much more than your typical watering hole with the NFL Sunday Ticket. Cain's is a bastion of the Dormont community; a place that, aside from catering to the local scene, hosts anniversaries, birthdays and receptions as well as fundraisers to aid people in the community. If you live in Dormont, odds are some of your most cherished memories take place at Cain's. It is more than just a bar, it is Dormont's living room, where family can gather to enjoy a game, some good, old fashioned quality time, or a good meal. Below are highlights from Cain's staggeringly delicious offerings we sampled.

#### **APPETIZERS:**

Cain's World Famous Cheese Sticks: \$6.99: Stuffed with a secret mix of cheeses and battered in Panko bread crumbs with a hint of spices, and served with a side of house marinara. These fellas are gargantuan and a solid, gourmet interpretation of an old favorite. Try them with the Loose Cannon IPA, awesome!

Cain's House Chili: Crock: \$2.99/Bowl: 3.99: Cain's own award winning recipe is sure to take you back to your childhood. Old school home style chili. Hearty, meaty and near perfect, especially with a Guinness.



#### **ENTREES:**

Open Faced Steak Sandwich: 8 oz. NY Strip \$9.99/6 oz. Filet Mignon \$14.99: Your choice of Filet or Strip always served medium rare, unless otherwise specified, atop grilled Italian garlic bread topped with grilled portabella and crumbled blue cheese. Served with your choice of side. A word of advice: go with the baked potato. You get your choice of classic, stuffed or twice baked. Couple all of that with a cold pint of Fat Heads Pumpkin Ale and you are gold.

Pastrami Smoked Salmon Club: \$12.99: Sushi grade Pastrami styled smoked salmon (smoked in house), thick sliced bacon, lettuce and tomato topped with house made dill mayo on thick sliced marble rye. Add a side of sweet potato waffle fries and polish it off with a Hoegaarden.

Lobster Stuffed Ravioli: \$14.99: This stuff is good, really good. No, awesome. Huge ravioli stuffed to the brim with thick lumps of lobster. Drenched in house made sauce that includes fresh tomatoes, spinach and huge chunks of langostino lobster. Served with garlic Italian bread. Have a glass of white wine with this bad boy.



All of these delectable dishes are prepared by Cain's own chef, Andrew Bash.

Don't go to Cain's expecting typical bar food like greasy gut pounding potato skins and floppy cheese sticks. You can, of course, get your standard pub fare, but not in the standard frozen bag Tyson's chicken kind of way. These guys are doing it right. Locals who never venture outside of your borough, you are missing out! There is a food revolution happening under your noses and Cain's is at the forefront.

Cain's provides a modern and delicious twist on old time American comfort food. Whether it is slow cooked Sunday BBQ, make it yourself Bloody Mary's, the Cod Father or the gargantuan Pittsburgh Pierogie, anyone can find something they like. From in house soups, smoked and roasted meats to sauces, Cain's has an appreciation for fresh ingredients and solid, friendly atmosphere and service. Cain's offers daily specials and Prix Fixe Dinner Specials (which include soup, salad, entrée, 2 sides and homemade desserts) Monday through Friday, 3 p.m.-1 a.m. They are also open for breakfast daily Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. – noon. Go on the weekends and enjoy free valet parking. Go anytime, and remember to try something outside of your wheel house. Who knows, you might just learn something new about yourself.

Cain's Saloon is located in Dormont at 3239 West Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15216. Phone: 412.561.7444 or visit them on the web at www.cainssaloon.com to view all of their menus.











# Wine and Spirits - Blue Diamond Best Premium Imported Vodka 2013



Vodka is still the most popular spirit in the U.S., with over 200 imported brands available to consumers. And even after four tastings in six years, we are still amazed with the diversity of imported vodkas.

Method: The Fifty Best held a "blind" tasting of 26 imported, unflavored premium and ultra-premium vodkas with 20 prequalified judges. Strict tasting rules were applied. The order of service was established beforehand by lottery. Each of the vodkas were poured into fresh glasses from new sealed bottles, and served at slightly above room temperature. Only ice water and neutral unflavored nuts and crackers were available to cleanse the palate. The judges tasted through 3 flights of 7 vodkas each and 1 flight of five vodkas; with food served during a rest period after the second flight.

The judges wrote down their impressions of each product on score sheets. The scoring was done on a 5-point system, with 5 as the best. Double-Gold, Gold and Silver medals were awarded based on a set range of final point scores received from the judges. There were no Bronze medals awarded for this tasting. A point of fact: The judges' scores were remarkably close, particularly for the Gold medal winners.

The tasting notes are summaries of the judges' opinions, with all

replicated commentary eliminated. Countries of origin are given, with a few tidbits added for each brand.

History: The word, vodka, is a derivation of the Russian word for "little water." Vodka came to be a huge part of the Russian culture, as it was being distilled even before the word vodka came into general use. Polish historians claim that vodka was first produced in 1405, and history coupled with rumor state that it reached Russia from Poland. Back then it was consumed and produced primarily by Eastern European peasants as a way to combat the cold and to help relieve life's hardships. Prior to the 1950's, vodka was rarely consumed outside of the USSR. Vodka is now the dominant white spirits category, accounting for a quarter of worldwide spirits sales. Three billion liters are sold each year.

Today: Serious vodka drinkers are now interested not only in the product's legacy (origin, history, distillery), but also its pedigree (water source and ingredients). A common property of vodkas produced in the USA and Europe is the extensive use of filtration prior to any additional processing, such as the addition of flavorings. Filtering is sometimes done in the still during distillation, as well as afterwards, when the distilled vodka is filtered through charcoal and other media. The U.S. government officially describes vodka as "a neutral spirit, so distilled, or so treated after distillation with charcoal and other materials as to be without distinctive character, aroma, taste or color." However, this is not the case in the traditional vodka producing nations; so many distillers from these countries prefer to use very accurate distillation but minimal filtering thus preserving the unique flavors and characteristics of their products. The governmental definition was correct on one point however - unflavored vodka does not have any color. This tasting proved vodka's range of aroma, texture and flavor.

#### THE TASTING:

Anyone who still believes that vodka is an odorless, tasteless clear spirit, isn't into vodkas. Vodka lovers can distinguish the complexity and subtlety of a good, premium vodka. Once again, this tasting dispelled some popular myths about vodka. We discovered that although the source of the vodka (potato, wheat, rye, corn, quinoa) does affect the final product somewhat. The process of distillation is a continuous one, re-circulating the solution until all the alcohol is vaporized out. There are no oak barrels or long aging process. Aging vodka doesn't improve the flavor, and distillation is limited to only a day or so.

#### **TASTING RESULTS:**

Blue Diamond Vodka (Latvia)

Premium grains, artesian water, distilled 5 times.

Nose: Mineral, floral, faint violet, fruit, light cream.

Palate: Honey, caramel, vanilla notes, creamy, subtle cocoa, almond, nuts, grain, eucalyptus, grassy, herbal, pepper, potato skin, hint of salt.

Finish: Soft, smooth, clean, light pepper, spice, light body, medium.

Blue Diamond Vodka - Double Gold Medal Winner!!

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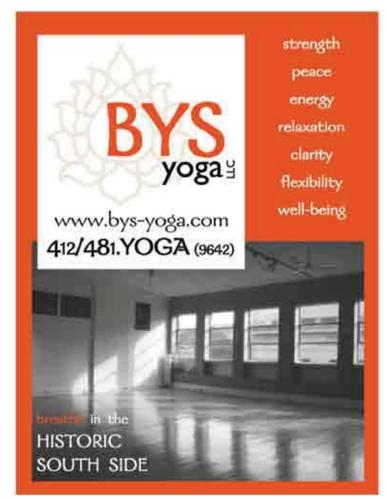


#### **Catholic Shampoo**

Two nuns were shopping at a Giant Eagle Market Place store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "wouldn't a nice cold beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?" The second nun answered, "indeed it would, sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand." "I can handle that without a problem" the other nun replied, and she picked up a six-pack and headed for the check-out. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six-pack of beer. "We use beer for washing out hair" the nun said, "back at tour nunnery, we call it catholic shampoo." Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks, and placed them in the bag with the beer. He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled, and said: "the curlers are on the house."

#### **The Library**

A guy in the library asked a girl, "Do you mind if I sit beside you"? The girl answered with a loud voice; "I DON'T WANT TO SPEND THE NIGHT WITH YOUUU!!!". All the students in the library started staring at the guy and he was embarrassed. After



a couple of minutes, the girl walked quietly to the guy's table and told him, "I study psychology and I know what a man is thinking, I guess you felt embarrassed right?"The guy responded with a loud voice, "\$200 JUST FOR ONE NIGHT!!!? THAT'S TOO MUCH!!!". All the people in the library looked at the girl in shock and the guy whispered in her ear, "I study law and I know how to make someone feel guilty"

#### True Story???

Walking through San Francisco's Chinatown, a tourist from the Midwest was enjoying the artistry of all the Chinese restaurants, shops, signs and banners... When he turned a corner and saw a building with the sign 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry.' 'Moishe Plotnik?' he wondered. 'How does that belong in Chinatown?' He walked into the shop and saw a fairly standard looking drycleaner, although he could see that the proprietors were clearly aware of the uniqueness of the store name as there were baseball hats, T-shirts and coffee mugs emblazoned with the logo 'Moishe Plotnik's Chinese Laundry..' The tourist selected a coffee cup as a conversation piece to take back to his office... Behind the counter was a smiling old Chinese gentleman who thanked him for his purchase...The tourist asked, 'Can you explain how this place got a name like 'Moishe Plotnik's Laundry?" The old man answered, 'Ah..Evleebody ask me dat. It name of owner.' Looking around, the tourist asked, 'Is he here now?' 'It me, Me him!' replied the old man...'Really? You're Chinese. How did you ever get a Jewish name like Moishe Plotnik?' It simple', said the old man...'Many, many years ago I come to this country. I standing in line at 'Documentation Center of Immiglation.' Man in flont of me was Jewish man from Poland .' 'Lady at counter look at him and say to him, 'What your name?' He say to her, 'Moishe Plotnik.' Then she look at me and say, 'What your name?' I say, 'Sam Ting.'

#### **And Then There Was Winter**

You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did it get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than I am...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last ... this I know, that when it's over on this earth ... it's not over. A new adventure will begin! Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done ... things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime. So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. Do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY ! HAVE A GREAT DAY! Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver." LIVE HAPPY IN 2013! LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING: TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE. SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

- Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect! Going out is good.. Coming home is better!
- You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... Especially golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".
- You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..
- You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"... "when?"...
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- Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear



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it anywhere.

- You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!
- What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- Everybody whispers.
- You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear again.
- But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!

#### **Dave Feherty - CBS GOLF ANNOUNCER**

A few choice Dave Feherty quotes are below. If you watch golf on TV, he's the announcer with a distinct Northern Ireland accent and a colorful way of putting things, so to speak. Feherty is a CBS and Golf Channel announcer who finds very unique, colorful and uninhibited ways of explaining or describing whatever is on his mind.

Feherty Quotes:

- "It would be easier to pick a broken nose, than a winner in that group."
- "Fortunately, Rory is 22 years old so his right wrist should be the strongest muscle in his body."



- "That ball is so far left, Lassie couldn't find it if it was wrapped in bacon."
- "I am sorry Nick Faldo couldn't be here this week. He is attending the birth of his next wife."
- Jim Furyk's swing "looks like an octopus falling out of a tree."
- "That's a great shot with that swing."
- "It's OK the bunker stopped it."
- At Augusta 2011 "It's just a glorious day. The only way to ruin a day like this would be to play golf on it."
- "That was a great shot if they'd have put the pin there today."
- "Watching Phil Mickelson play golf is like watching a drunk chasing a balloon near the edge of a cliff."

#### **Geometry Jokes**

- What do you call a man who spent all summer at the beach? Tangent
- What do you say when you see an empty parrot cage? Polygon
- What do you call a crushed angle? A Rectangle
- 4. What did the Italian say when the witch doctor removed the curse?

Hexagon

- What did the little acorn say when he grew up? Geometry
- What do you call an angle which is adorable? Acute angle
- What do you use to tie up a package? A Chord
- What do you call a fierce beast? A Line
- 9. What do you call more than one L? A Parallel
- What do you call people who are in favor of tractors? Protractors
- 11. What should you do when it rains? Coincide

#### Q and A

Q: What do you call a teapot of boiling water on top of mount everest?

A: A high-pot-in-use

Q: What do you call a crushed angle?

A: A Rectangle (wrecked angle)

Q: What does Geometry and my dick have in common?A: They're both hard for you.

Q: What did the baby tree say when it looked in a mirror? A: Gee-Om-A-Tree.

Q: What do you get when you cross geometry with McDonalds?A: A plane cheeseburger.

Q: Why did I divide sin by tan? A: Just cos.

Q. What shape is usually waiting for you at Stabucks? A. A line.

Q: Why did the obtuse angle go to the beach?

A: Because it was over 90 degrees.

Q: What do you get when you cross a mountain climber and a mosquito?

A: Nothing! You know you can't cross a scalar and a vector.

Q: What did the acorn say when he grew up? A: Gee, I'm A Tree!

Q: Why does nobody talk to circles?

A: Because there is no point!

Q: What do you call an angle which is adorable? A: acute angle

Q: What did the student say when the witch doctor removed his curse?

A: Hexagon

Q: Who invented the Round Table? A: Sir Cumference.

Q: Which triangles are the coldest?

A: Ice-sosceles triangles.

Q: What do people who whine a lot and 3 points have in common?

A: They are both coplaners

Q: How many grams of protein are there in that slice of chocolate pie? A: 3.142

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Q: What did the complementary angle say to the isosceles triangle? A: Nice Legs

Q: What kind of tree does a math teacher climb?

A: Geometry

Q: What do you call more than one L?

A: A Parallel

Q: What do you call people who like tractors?

A: Protractors

Q: What should you do when it rains?

A: Coincide

Q: Why were the similar triangles weighing themselves?

A: They were finding their scale.



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Q: Why won't the circles invite the ellipses over for dinner?A: They are too eccentric.

Q: Why did the 30-60-90 triangle marry the 45-45-90 triangle?A: They were right for each other.

Q: Why is a geometry book always unhappy?A: Because it always has lots of problems.

Q: Why is Ms. Radian such a good reporter?A: She covers the story from every angle.

Q: Why couldn't the angle get a loan?

A: His parents wouldn't cosine

Q: What did the acorn say when it grew up? A: ge om a tree!

Q: Where do circles, ellipses, hyperbolas and parabolas like to hang out in the summer?



A: Coney Island.

Q: Why didn't the chicken cross to the other side of the inequality?

A: It couldn't get past the boundary line.

Q: What do you get when you cross a linebacker with a computer geek?A: A linear programmer.

Q: What do you get if you divide the circumference of a jack-olantern by its diameter?A: Pumpkin Pi

Q: Why was the parent function upset with its child?

- A: It was stretched to its limit.
- Q: What is a proof?

A: One-half percent of alcohol.

Q: Why do you rarely find mathematicians spending time at the beach?

A: Because they have sine and cosine to get a tan and don't need the sun!

Q: What did one geometry book say to the other? A: Don't bother me I've got my own problems!

Q: What do you call a broken record? A: A Decca-gone

#### **Four Friends**

Four friends have been doing really well in their geometry class: they have been getting top grades for their homework and on the midterm. So, when it's time for the final, they decide not to study on the weekend before, but to drive to another friend's birthday party in another city - even though the exam is scheduled for Monday morning. As it happens, they drink too much at the party, and on Monday morning, they are all hung over and oversleep. When they finally arrive on campus, the exam is already over. They go to the professor's office and offer him an explanation: "We went to our friend's birthday party, and when we were driving back home very early on Monday morning, we suddenly had a flat tire. We had no spare one, and since we were driving on back roads, it took hours until we got help." The professor nods sympathetically and says: "I see that it was

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not your fault. I will allow you to make up for the missed exam tomorrow morning." When they arrive early on Tuesday morning, the students are put by the professor in a large lecture hall and are seated so far apart from each other that, even if they tried, they had no chance to cheat. The exam booklets are already in place, and confidently, the students start writing. The first question - five points out of one hundred - is a simple exercise in geometry, and all four finish it within ten minutes. When the first of them has completed the problem, he turns over the page of the exam booklet and reads on the next one: Problem 2 (95 points out of 100): Which tire went flat?

#### Chauffer

Several years ago, Saddam is riding in his limo in the Iraqi countryside when there is a sudden bump and the limo stops. The chauffer gets out, walks around the car and reports to Saddam, "I just killed a pig. I think it came from that peasant's hut by the road." So Saddam tells him to go and tell the peasant that he is Saddam Hussein's chauffer and that he just killed the pig and that the peasant must be happy because it really is a big honor, to have a pig killed by the president's limo. The chauffer goes inside the hut and disappears. About an hour later he returns very drunk, smoking a cigar, and looking extremely happy. "What happened there?" asks Saddam. "I went inside, I said what you told me to say, and the peasant hugged me and thanked me, and threw a party in my honor and gave me this cigar." "And what exactly did you tell him?" "I said 'I'm Saddam Hussein's chauffer and I just killed the pig!'"

#### **Journalist**

A photographer for a national magazine was assigned to get photos of a great forest fire. Smoke at the scene was too thick to get any good shots, so he frantically called his home office to hire a plane. "It will be waiting for you at the airport!" he was assured by his editor. As soon as he got to the small, rural airport, sure enough, a plane was warming up near the runway. He jumped in with his equipment and yelled, "Let's go! Let's go!" The pilot swung the plane into the wind and soon they were in the air. "Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make three or four low level passes." "Why?" asked the pilot. "Because I'm going to take pictures! I'm a photographer, and photographers take pictures!" said the





photographer with great exasperation. After a long pause the pilot said, "You mean you're not the instructor?"

#### **Short Cloud Jokes**

Q: What cloud is so lazy because it will not get up? A: Fog.

Q: Why don't meteorologists like to dine out on the moon?A: The moon has no atmosphere.

Q: Where do clouds go to the bathroom?

A: Anywhere they want

Q: What is it called when a high pressure goes on vacation?A: A Hiatus

Q: What do clouds want to be when they grow up?

A: Thunderstorms



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Q: What type of sense of humor does a dust storm have?A: A very dry sense of humor.

Q: What do you call a sheep with no legs? A: A cloud.

Q: What did the rain cloud where under his rain coat?A: Thunder wear!

#### **Lottery:**

A woman gets home, whirls her car into the driveway, runs into the house, slams the door and shouts at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!" The husband says, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" The wife yells back, "It doesn't matter...just get the hell out!

#### **Princess Frog**

An engineer was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you and do ANYTHING you want." Again the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it, and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess, that I'll stay with you for a week, and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now, that's cool!"

#### More Tail

A guy is outside in his front yard attempting to fly a kite with his son. Every time the kite gets up in the air, it comes crashing down. After this goes on for a while, his wife sticks her head out the front door and yells, "You need more tail." The guy turns to his son and says, "Son, I never will understand women. I just told her an hour ago I needed more tail, and she told me to go fly a kite!"

#### New House – Bill Gates Style

While the Gates' are moving in from their temporary quarters nearby, final construction of their new house is not expected to be completed until the end of the year.....

Bill: There are a few issues we need to discuss.

**Contractor:** Ah, you have our basic support option. Calls are free for the first 90 days and \$75 a call thereafter. Okay?

**Bill:** Uh, yeah... the first issue is the living room. We think its a little smaller than we anticipated.

**Contractor:** Yeah. Some compromises were made to have it out by the release date.

Bill: We won't be able to fit all our furniture in there.

**Contractor:** Well, you have two options. You can purchase a new, larger living room; or you can use a Stacker.

Bill: Stacker?

**Contractor:** Yeah, it allows you to fit twice as much furniture into the room. By stacking it, of course, you put the entertainment center on the couch... the chairs on the table... etc. You leave an empty spot, so when you want to use some furniture you can unstack what you need and then put it back when you're done.

**Bill:** Uh... I dunno... issue two is the light fixtures. The bulbs we brought with us from our old home won't fit. The threads run the wrong way.

**Contractor:** Oh! That's easy. Those bulbs aren't plug and play. You'll have to upgrade to the new bulbs.

**Bill:** And the electrical outlets? The holes are round, not rectangular. How do I fix that?

**Contractor:** Just uninstall and reinstall the electrical system. **Bill:** You're kidding!?

Contractor: Nope. Its the only way.

**Bill:** sigh, Well... I have one last problem. Sometimes, when I have guests over, someone will flush the toilet and it won't stop. Then the water pressure drops so low that the showers don't work.

**Contractor:** That's a resource leakage problem. One fixture is failing to terminate and is hogging the resources preventing access from other fixtures.

Bill: And how do I fix that?

**Contractor:** Well, after each flush, you all need to exit the house, turn off the water at the street, turn it back on, re-enter the house and then you can get back to work.

**Bill:** That's the last straw. What kind of product are you selling me? **Contractor:** Hey, if you don't like it nobody made you buy it.

**Bill:** And when will this be fixed?

**Contractor:** Oh, in your next house which will be ready to release sometime near the end of next year. Actually it was due out this year, but we've had some delays...

#### Horse

Q: What do you call a promiscious pony? A: A Little Whorse Q: How did the cowboy ride into town on Friday, stay for three days, and ride out on Friday?

A: His horse's name was Friday!

Q: What is the best type of story to tell a runaway horse? A: A tale of WHOA!

Q: When do vampires like horse racing? A: When it's neck and neck.

Q: What did the waiter say to the horse?

A: I can't take your order. That's not my stable.

Q: What's the quickest way to mail a little horse?A: Use the Pony Express.

Q: What did one horse say to the other horse?A: The pace is familiar but I can't remember the mane.

Q: How do you make a small fortune in the horse industry?A: Start with a large fortune.

Q: How does a horse from Kentucky greet another horse?A: With Southern Horspitality!

Q: What did the horse say when it fell? A: "I've fallen and I can't giddyup!"

Q: What did the teacher say when the horse walked into her class? A: "Why the long face?"

Q: What do you ask a sad horse? A: "Why the long face?"

Q: What do you call a baby donkey? A: A burrito!



Q: What do you call a horse that lives next door? A: A neigh-bor!

Q: What kind of horse likes to be ridden at night? A: A nightmare!

Q: Where do horses go when they're sick? A: The horsepital!

Q: Where do horses shop? A: Old Neigh-vy!

Q: Why did the horse eat with its mouth open? A: Because it had bad stable manners!

Q: What kind of bread does a horse eat? A: Thoroughbred

#### **Stand Up Jokes**

- So I rang up British Telecom, I said 'I want to report a nuisance caller', he said 'Not you again'.
- I don't think my wife likes me very much, when I had a heart attack she wrote for an ambulance.
- Paddy is woken in the middle of the night by a phone call. The caller says "Is that Dublin 22 33 22?" Paddy says "no it's Dublin 223 322!" the caller apologizes for waking him in the middle of the night, Paddy says "Oh it's all right I had to get up to answer the phone anyhow!"

#### **Old West**

There was a cowboy, an Indian man, and a black man setting at a bar. The Indian says many many moons ago there were thousands of Indians in America but today we are very few, The black man says long time ago there were very few black men around but today there's thousands of Blackman in America, The cowboy laughs and says well that's because we haven't played cowboys and Blackman yet!

#### **Visiting Hero**

When a visitor to a small town in Georgia came upon a wild dog attacking a young boy, he quickly grabbed the animal and choked it to sleep with his two hands. A local journalist saw this happen, congratulated the man and told him he wanted to write a story called, "Valiant Local Man Saves Child by Killing Vicious Animal." The hero told the journalist that he wasn't from that town. "Well, then," the journalist said, "the story will be called, 'Georgia Man Saves Child by Killing Dog'." "Actually," the man said, "I'm from Connecticut." "In that case," the journalist said in a huff, "the story will be called, 'Yankee Kills Family Pet'."

#### **Questions And Answers**

Q. What occurs more often in December than any other month? A. Conception.

Q. What separates "60 Minutes," on CBS from every other TV show?

A. No theme song.

Q. Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what?

A. Their birthplace.

Q. Most boat owners name their boats. What is the most popular boat name requested?A. Obsession

Q. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?A. One thousand

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common?A. All invented by women.

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Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil? A. Honey Q. There are more collect calls on this day than any other day of the year?

A. Father's Day

Q. What trivia fact about Mel Blanc (voice of Bugs Bunny) is the most ironic?

A. He was allergic to carrots.

Q. What is an activity performed by 40% of all people at a party?A. Snoop in your medicine cabinet.

#### **Psychiatrist Visit**

A psychiatrist visited a California mental institution and asked a patient, "How did you get here? What was the nature of your illness?" He got this reply... "Well, it all started when I got married and I guess I should never have done it. I got hitched to a widow with a grown daughter who then became my stepdaughter. My daddy came to visit us, fell in love with my lovely stepdaughter, then married her. Therefore, my stepdaughter was now my stepmother. Soon, my wife had a son who was, of course, my daddy's brotherin-law since he is the half-brother of my stepdaughter, who is now, of course, my daddy's wife. So, as I told you, when my stepdaughter married my daddy, she was at once my stepmother! Now, since my new son is brother to my stepmother, he also became my uncle. As you know, my wife is my step-grandmother since she is my stepmother's mother. Don't forget that my stepmother is my stepdaughter. Remember, too, that I am my wife's grandson. But hold on just a few minutes more. You see, since I'm married to my step-grandmother, I am not only the wife's grandson and her hubby, but I am also my own grandfather. Now can you understand how I got put in this place?"

#### **First Day at School**

Billy was excited about his first day at school. So excited in fact, that only a few minutes after class started, he realized that he desperately needed to go to the bathroom. So Billy raised his hand politely to ask if he could be excused. Of course the teacher said yes, but asked Billy to be quick. Five minutes later Billy returned, looking more desperate and embarrassed. "I can't find it", he admitted. The teacher sat Billy down and drew him a little diagram to where he should go and asked him if he will be able to find it now. Billy looked at the diagram, said "yes" and goes on his way. Well five minutes later he returned to the class room and says to the teacher "I can't find it". Frustrated, the teacher asked Tommy, a boy who has been at the school for a while, to help him find the bathroom. So Tommy and Billy go together and five minutes later

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#### **Male Hen**

It was Passover and the priest had lost his cock (Male hen) and didn't know where to find it. So at the sermon on Good Friday he asked, "Has anybody got the cock?" All the men stood up. "No! no! I mean has anybody seen the cock?" All the women folk stood up. "No! no! I mean has anybody seen my cock?" All the nuns stood up.

#### Accident

A car was involved in an accident. As expected a large crowd gathered. A newspaper reporter, anxious to get his story, could not get near the car. Being a clever sort, he started shouting loudly, Let me through! Let me through! I am the son of the victim. The crowd made way for him. Lying in front of the car was a donkey.

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#### **Think About It**

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire.
- It's always darkest before dawn. So if you're going to steal the neighbor's newspaper, that's the time to do it.
- Never test the depth of the water with both feet.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.
- If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything.
- If you lend someone \$20, and never see that person again; it was probably worth it.
- Some days you are the bug, some days you are the windshield.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- Never ask a barber if he thinks you need a haircut.
- Good judgment comes from bad experience and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket.
- A closed mouth gathers no foot.
- I didn't say it was your fault. I said I was going to blame you.
- Diplomacy is the art of saying "good doggie" while looking for a bigger stick.
- Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.
- If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
- The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
- Don't be irreplaceable; if you can't be replaced, you can't be promoted.
- A dropped wrench will always end up exactly 1/2 inch beyond your reach.

#### **Doctor Patient:**

**Patient:** Doctor, what should I do if my temperature goes up a point or more?

Doctor: Sell!

Patient: Doctor, Doctor, I broke my arm in two places!

Doctor: Stay out of them places!

**Patient:** My tongue tingles when I touch it to a cracked walnut wrapped in used toaster oven aluminum foil, what's wrong with me? **Doctor:** You have far too much free time.

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Doctor: Tell me about your problem.

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Patient: What problem?

**Doctor:** Did you take those pills I gave you to improve your memory?

Patient: What pills?

**Patient:** Doctor, if I give up wine, women, and song, will I live longer?

Doctor: Not really. It will just seem longer.

Patient: Doctor, I have a problem. I feel unhealthy and depressed.

Doctor: You should cut down on drinks.

Patient: I don't touch a drop.

Doctor: You should cut down on smoking.

Patient: I don't smoke.

Doctor: You should stop taking drugs.

Patient: I don't do drugs.

Doctor: You should cut down on womanizing.

Patient: Haven't touched a woman in my life.

**Doctor:** In that case, get yourself a drink, learn to smoke, do some drugs, and find a couple of girlfriends.

#### **Bungee Jumping**

Two guys are bungee-jumping one day. The first guy says to the second. "You know, we could make a lot of money running our own bungee-jumping service in Mexico." The second guy thinks this is a great idea, so the two pool their money and buy everything they'll need - a tower, an elastic cord, insurance, etc. They travel to Mexico and begin to set up on the square. As they are constructing the tower, a crowd begins to assemble. Slowly, more and more people gather to watch them at work. The first guy jumps. He bounces at the end of the cord, but when he comes back up, the second guy notices that he has a few cuts and scratches. Unfortunately, the second guy isn't able catch him, he falls again,



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bounces and comes back up again. This time, he is bruised and bleeding. Again, the second guy misses him. The first guy falls again and bounces back up. This time, he comes back pretty messed up - he's got a couple of broken bones and is almost unconscious. Luckily, the second guy finally catches him this time and says, "What happened? Was the cord too long?" The first guy says, "No, the cord was fine, but what the heck is a 'piñata'?"

#### **Short Donut Jokes**

Q: What do you call a pastry that is a priest? A: A Holy Donut!

Q: What is the Wikipedia definition for a donut?

A: A poor man's substitute for women

Q: How did the police department figure out a perp stole a cop car?

A: The lojacked cop car went 5 hours without stopping at a Dunkin Donuts!

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#### **Donut Bar Jokes**

A policeman pulls a man over for speeding and asks him to get out of the car. After looking the man over he says, "Sir, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are bloodshot. Have you been drinking?" The man gets really annoyed and says, "Officer, I couldn't help but notice your eyes are glazed. Have you been eating doughnuts?"

#### **Couples Therapy**

A doctor had a good reputation of helping couples increase the joy in their sex life, but always promised not to take a case if he felt he couldn't help. The Browns came into see the successful doctor and he gave them thorough physical exams, psychological exams, and various tests. Finally, he concluded, "Yes, I am happy to say that I can help you." "On your way home from my office stop at the grocery store and buy some grapes and doughnuts. Go home, take off your clothes, and you, sir, roll the grapes across the floor until you make a bulls eye in your wife's love canal. Then on hands and knees you must crawl to her like a leopard and retrieve the grape using only your tongue. "Then next, ma'am, you must take the doughnuts and from across the room, toss them at your husband until you make a ringer around his love pole. Then like a lioness, you must crawl to him and consume the doughnut." The couple went home and their sex life became more and more wonderful. They told their friends, Mr. & Mrs. Green that they should see the good doctor. The doctor greeted the Greens and said he would not take the case unless he felt that he could help them; so he conducted the physical exams and the same battery of tests. Then he told the Greens the bad news. "I cannot help you, so I will not take your money. I believe your sex life is as good as it will ever be, I cannot help." The Greens pleaded with him, and said, "You helped our friends the Browns, now please, please, help us." "Well, all right", the doctor said. "On your way home from the office, stop at the grocery store and buy some apples and a box of cheerios ... "

#### **Crocodile Short Jokes**

Q: What's the similarity between a Crocodile and Windows? A: Neither of them has enough bytes!

Q: How many arms has a crocodile got? A: Depends how far he has got with eating his dinner!

Q: What do you get if you cross a crocodile with a flower?A: I don't know, but I'm not going to smell it!

Q: What do crocodiles call human children? A: Appetizers.

Q: Who gives crocodiles presents on Christmas? A: Santa Jaws!

Q: What's worse than one crocodile coming to dinner?A: Two crocodiles coming to dinner

Q: Why are crocodiles comedians so funny?A: Their wit is as razor sharp as their teeth!

Q: Why won't crocodiles attack lawyers?

A: Professional courtesy!

Q: What do yuppie crocodiles like to drink A: Jaw-va

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Q: What is an crocodiles favorite smell? A: Human blood.

#### Crocodile Bar Jokes - Walks into a Bar

A man walked into a Florida bar with his crocodile and asked the bartender: "Do you serve lawyers here?" "Sure." "Good. One beer for me and a lawyer for my crocodile."

#### **Army Training**

At an army training camp in Florida, the Sergeant is giving a talk: "The main quality we look for in this army is commitment and this is what I call commitment." An crocodile came in the room and bit the sergeants penis. It stayed there for about a 10 seconds then the sergeant poked it in the eyes and kicked it off. "Now who's ready to show their commitment?" said the Sergeant. A man put his hand up and said "I will, but promise you won't poke me in the eyes."

#### **Rich Millionaire**

A rich millionaire decides to throw a massive party for his 50th birthday, so during this party, he grabs the microphone and he announces to his guests that down in the garden of his mansion he has a swimming pool with two crocodiles in it. 'I will give anything

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they desire of mine, to the man who swims across that pool.' So the party continues with no events in the pool, until suddenly, there is a great splash and all the guests of the party run to the pool to see what has happened. In the pool is a man and he is swimming as hard as he can, and the tails come out of the water and the jaws are snapping and this guy just keeps on going and the crocodiles are gaining on him and this guy reaches the end and he gets out of the pool, tired and soaked. The millionaire grabs the microphone and says, 'I am a man of my word, anything of mine I will give, my Ferraris, my house, absolutely anything, for you are the bravest man I have ever seen. So sir what will it be?' the millionaire asks. The guy grabs the microphone and says, 'Why don't we start with the name of the bastard that pushed me in!'

#### **Crocodile Shoes**

A man was on holiday in the depths of Louisiana, where he tried to buy some Crocodile shoes. However he was not prepared to pay the high prices, and after having failed to haggle the vendor down to a reasonable price level, ended up shouting "I don't give two hoots for your shoes man, I'll go and kill my own "croc!," to which the shopkeeper replied, "by all means, just watch out for those two "ole boys" who are doing the same!". So the man went out into the Bayou, and after a while saw two men with spears, standing still in the water. 'They must be the 'ole boys' he thought. Just at that point he noticed a crocodile moving in the water towards one of them. The guy stood completely passive, even as the gator came ever closer. Just as the beast was about to swallow the him, he struck home with his spear and wrestled the gator up onto the beach, where several already laying Together the two guys threw the gator onto its back, where-upon one exclaimed "Darn! This one doesn't have any shoes either!".

#### **The Crocodile Does Tricks**

A guy walks into a bar with a crocodile. The bartender goes, "You can't bring that animal in here!" But the guy says, "Hey, he does tricks. Watch!" He taps on the crocodile's head, and the beast opens its mouth. The guy unzips his pants, whips out his vulnerable member, and puts it in the crocodile's mouth. Then he taps on the crocodile's head again, and the beast closes its mouth. Everyone in the bar is aghast. The guy gets his penis out, and he goes, "I'll give 100 bucks to anyone who can do that." Everyone is really, really quiet. Suddenly, a drunk shouts, "I... I think I can do that. But I don't think I can leave my mouth open that long!"

#### **Best Defense**

Mr. Marcus was desperate for business, and was happy to be appointed by the court to defend an indigent defendant. The judge ordered Mr. Marcus, "You are to confer with the defendant in the conference room, and give him the best legal advice you can." After a time, Mr. Marcus re-entered the courtroom alone. When the judge asked where the defendant had gone, Mr. Marcus replied, "You asked me to give him good advice. I found out that he was guilty, so I told him to make a run for it."

#### **Stella Awards**

It's time once again to review the winners of the Annual "Stella Awards." The Stella Awards are named after 81 year-old Stella Liebeck of New Mexico who spilled hot coffee on herself and successfully sued McDonald's. That case inspired the Stella awards for the most frivolous, ridiculous, successful lawsuits in the United States. Here are this year's winners:

- 7th Place: Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas, was awarded \$80,000 by a jury of her peers after breaking her ankle tripping over a toddler who was running inside a furniture store. The owners of the store were understandably surprised at the verdict, considering the misbehaving little toddler was Ms. Robertson's son.
- 6th Place: 19-year-old Carl Truman of Los Angeles won \$74,000 and medical expenses when his neighbor ran over his hand with a Honda Accord. Mr. Truman apparently didn't notice there was someone at the wheel of the car when he was trying to steal his neighbor's hubcaps.
- 5th Place: Terrence Dickson of Bristol, Pennsylvania, was leaving a house he had just finished robbing by way of the garage. He was not able to get the garage door to go up since the automatic door opener was malfunctioning. He couldn't re-enter the house because the door connecting the house and garage locked when he pulled it shut. The family was on vacation, and Mr. Dickson found himself locked in the garage for eight days. He subsisted on a case of Pepsi he found, and a large bag of dry dog food. He sued the homeowner's insurance claiming the situation caused him undue mental anguish. The jury agreed to the tune of \$500,000.
- 4th Place: Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas, was awarded \$14,500 and medical expenses after being bitten on the buttocks by his next door neighbor's beagle. The beagle was on a chain in its owner's fenced yard. The award was less than sought because the jury felt the dog might have been just a little provoked at the time by Mr. Williams, who had climbed

over the fence into the yard and was shooting it repeatedly with a pellet gun.

- 3rd Place: A Philadelphia restaurant was ordered to pay Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, \$113,500 after she slipped on a soft drink and broke her coccyx (tailbone). The beverage was on the floor because Ms. Carson had thrown it at her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier during an argument.
- 2nd Place: Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware, successfully sued the owner of a night club in a neighboring city when she fell from the bathroom window to the floor and knocked out her two front teeth. This occurred while Ms.Walton was trying to sneak through the window in the ladies room to avoid paying the \$3.50 cover charge. She was awarded \$12,000 and dental expenses.
- 1st Place: This year's runaway winner was Mrs. Merv Grazinski of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mrs. Grazinski purchased a brand new 32-foot Winnebago motor home. On her first trip home, (from an OU football game), having driven onto the freeway, she set the cruise control at 70 mph and calmly left the drivers seat to go into the back & make herself a sandwich. Not surprisingly, the RV left the freeway, crashed and overturned. Mrs.Grazinski sued Winnebago for not advising her in the owner's manual that she couldn't actually do this. The jury awarded her \$1,750,000 plus a new motor home. The company actually changed their manuals on the basis of this suit, just in case there were any other complete morons around.

#### **Vampire Bat Blood**

A young vampire bat came flapping in from the night, covered in fresh blood and perched himself on the roof of the cave to get some sleep. Before long, all the other bats smelled the blood and began hassling him about where he got it. He was tired and needing a rest, so he told them to please leave him alone. However, it was clear that he wasn't going to get any sleep until he satisfied their curiosity. "OK!" he said with exasperation, "follow me," and he flew out of the cave with hundreds of bats following close behind him. Down through the valley they went, across the river and into the deep forest. Finally he slowed down and all the other bats excitedly gathered around him. "Do you see that tree over there?" he asked. "Yes, yes, yes!" the bats all screamed in a frenzy. "Good," said the first bat, "Because I DIDN'T!"

#### **The Cemetery Shortcut:**

One dark night two men were walking home after a party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the cemetery they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows. Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones. "Holy cow, Mister," one of them said after catching his breath,

"You scared us half to death we thought you were a ghost! What are you doing working here so late at night?" "Those fools!" the old man grumbled. "They misspelled my name!"

#### The Mask:

My son-in-law Matt has a great-looking Darth Vader mask. One year at Halloween, a friend asked if he could borrow it. Matt agreed, and on Halloween night, his friend came by to pick it up. Matt was surprised that his friend was dressed in his usual attire of jeans and a flannel shirt, with the addition of a black cowboy hat. "Where's your costume?" Matt asked. "This is it," his friend replied. "Well, what are you supposed to be?" Matt inquired. His friend answered, "Darth Brooks."

#### After Halloween:

A few days after Halloween, Sally came home with a bad report card. Her mother asked why her grades were so low. Sally answered, "Because everything is marked down after holidays!"

#### **Charity:**

Fred collected lots of money from trick-or-treating and he went to the candy store to buy some chocolate. "You should give that money to charity," said the sales girl. Fred thought for a moment and said, "No, I'll buy the chocolate. You give the money to charity."

#### **Three Vampires In A Bar:**

Three vampires walk into a bar and sit down at a table. The waitress comes over and asks the first vampire what he would like. The first vampire responds, "I vould like some blood." The waitress turns to the second vampire and asks what he would like. The vampire responds, "I vould like some blood." The waitress turns to the third vampire and asks what he would like. The vampire responds, "I vould like some blood." The waitress turns to the third vampire and asks what he would like. The vampire responds, "I vould like some blood." The waitress turns to the third vampire and asks what he would like. The vampire responds, "I vould like some plasma." The waitress looks up and says, "Let me see if I have this order correct. You want two bloods and a blood light?"



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#### **Football Rivalry:**

The huge college football rivalry in Texas is the annual big game between the Texas Longhorns and the Texas A&M Aggies. A few years back, the Longhorns would win this game every year. The Aggie coaches called a meeting after a particularly bad thrashing one year to figure out why they couldn't beat the Longhorns. They decided to go straight to the source and send one of their assistant coaches, Bubba, to Austin to find the answer. Bubba decided to go straight to the top, walked right onto the Longhorn practice field and went directly to the Longhorn head coach and asked, "Why do y'all beat the Aggies every year?" Darrell, the Texas coach replied, "Well, it's 'cause Aggies are stupid. Let me demonstrate ... "Darrell led Bubba to the brick building at the end of the field, held his hand up against the wall, and said, "Hit my hand." Bubba couldn't pass up this chance to do harm to the leader of the Longhorns, so he cocked his fist way back and threw his hardest punch.At the last moment, Darrell moved his hand out of the way and Bubba went back to College Station with a broken hand. The Aggie head coach was eager to learn what Bubba had found out in Austin and asked him the next day during practice. Bubba explained, "Well, we are losing every year because Aggies are stupid. Let me demonstrate ... " He looked around the field, but couldn't see a brick wall, so he held his hand in front of his face and said, "Hit my hand."

#### **College Freshman:**

The huge college freshman decided to try out for the football team. "Can you tackle?" asked the coach. "Watch this," said the freshman, who proceeded to run smack into a telephone pole, shattering it to splinters. "Wow," said the coach. "I'm impressed. Can you run?" "Of course I can run," said the freshman. He was off like a shot, and, in just over nine seconds, he had run a hundred yard dash. "Great!" enthused the coach. "But can you pass a football?" The freshman hesitated for a few seconds. "Well, sir," he said, "if I can swallow it, I can probably pass it."

#### **Football Recruiting:**

A football coach and two of his assistants were on a recruiting trip when their single-engine airplane sputtered and crashed in the mountains. The three coaches climbed out of a snow bank and immediately proved their resourcefulness. They drained a bit of gasoline out of the fuselage and started a fire. Later, when they got thirsty, they put a bit of snow in a twisted piece of metal and melted it to make drinking water. A few days later, dying of hunger, they ripped strips from the leather seats, dipped them in motor oil, and fried them up like bacon for a nourishing treat. The people up the street in the Hilton all admitted it was the most amazing thing they had ever seen.

#### **MIT and Harvard:**

There's a story about an MIT student who spent an entire summer going to the Harvard football field every day wearing a black and white striped shirt, walking up and down the field for ten or fifteen minutes throwing birdseed all over the field, blowing a whistle and then walking off the field. At the end of the summer, it came time for the first Harvard home football team, the referee walked onto the field and blew the whistle, and the game had to be delayed for a half hour to wait for the birds to get off of the field. The guy wrote his thesis on this, and graduated.

#### **Football and Fires:**

During a big fire downtown the firemen were having a bit of trouble. A woman was stuck on the fourth floor with her baby. The fire fighters instructed her to toss the child out the window, under which they had placed a net, but the mother refused. Things looked grim until a tall, well-built man burst through the crowd and shouted to the women. He said that he was a professional football player and that he could catch the baby safely. After a few minutes more of reassurances by the man, the mother finally let the child drop. The football player made a breathtaking catch, and everybody cheered. At that moment the man suddenly raised the child high in the air, spiked it on the ground and screamed, "Touchdown!"



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