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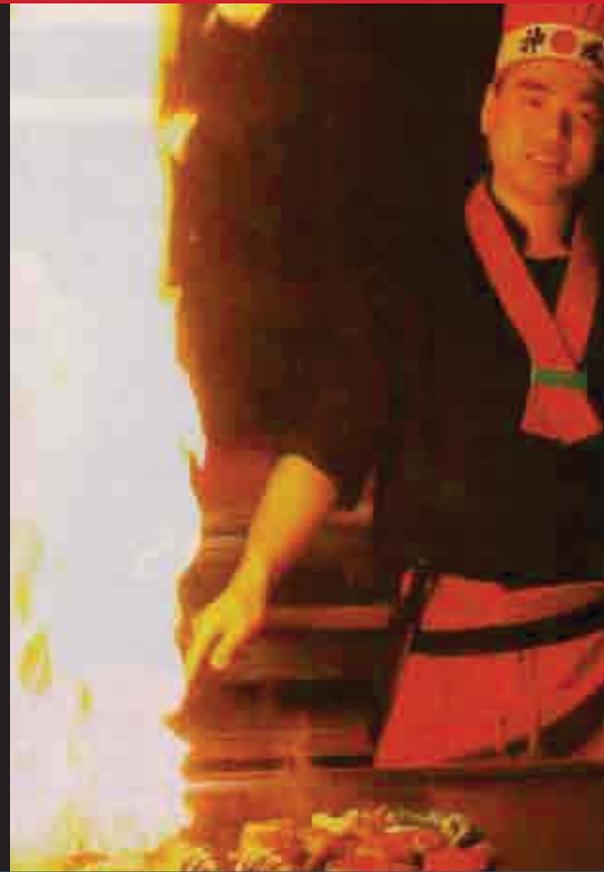
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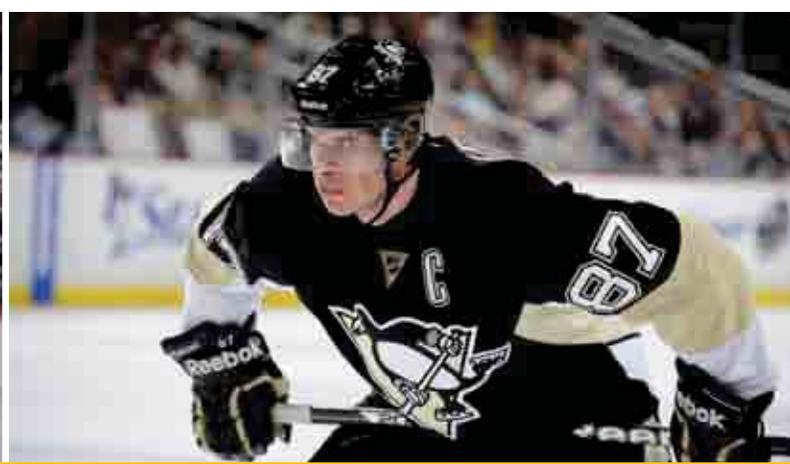
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# A Brand New Season Begins

A lot of new faces and unknown entities can be found up and down the Penguins organization as the team enters training camp to prepare for the upcoming season. Most notably, near the very top of the command chain, now sits veteran General Manager and new Vice President, Jim Rutherford, who has shaken up plenty since his interesting emergence as the winning executive from a list of 30 candidates back in June. Head Coach Dan Bylsma? Out. Majority of Assistant Coaches? Out. 40 goal scorer and noted hot head, James Neal? Out. New three headed Associate/Assistant GM conglomerate? In. Rookie NHL Head Coach? In. The Rocket, Rick Tocchet? IN.

Will all of these changes make for a better team? On the surface you can say the Penguins have had success in the win column, but when the ice melts, it comes down to playoff prowess and in the NHL second season, it's the real TEAMS, not just in name only, but that exemplify the definition, that go the furthest. Supportive, role knowing, puck protective teams are the ones that consistently rise above adversity to advance, and that hasn't been how I would describe the Penguins over the last few years. But we aren't here to look in the rearview mirror. Preseasons are built on optimism and hope. Everyone is in first place. Everyone is in last place. It's where clubs go from here that matters, so let's take a look see at your 2014-15 Pittsburgh Penguins.

New Head Coach, Mike Johnston brings with him a new system that will be 200 feet of different than what returning players are used to and that my dears, is not a bad thing. Comfortably breeds complacency and the unknown keeps players on their toes, forcing them to be

more aware and present. A familiar face will help Johnston implement his puck dumping adverse plans. Rick Tocchet.

One of the Rocket's responsibilities will be to fine tune the power play. Sure, the Pens' special teams ranked first overall with a 23.4 percent conversion rate in the regular season, but went one-for-20 on the power play in the second round collapse versus the New York Rangers that ended the Penguins' Stanley Cup hopes. Why didn't the superior PP translate into the postseason? Tocchet has said the players need to focus on three or four plays and be able to do them blindfolded, instead of trying to juggle eight different looks and get blown up by the penalty kill because you aren't a master of any.

Another part of the job description? Oversee two new additions with loose cannon reputations, Steve Downie and Daniel Carcillo. Will the former Tampa Bay Lightning Head Coach be able to turn back the clock five years to a time when Downie dialed down his edgy play and penalty minutes under Tocchet's tutelage? And was contributing to the score sheet? Carcillo has not secured a spot on the roster at this point, but if he does, can he keep his crosschecks to himself? Downie seems to have reeled in the irresponsible play, although the jury is still out on Carcillo, the 2003 third round draft pick of the Penguins.

The big reason those guys - and others - were brought in? Toughness. Something that has been sorely missed of late. Literally. Sidney Crosby is the one dealing with those sores the majority of the time, as he has become a roughhouse target of the opposition. The Pens Captain should be back at full strength to start

the season after rehabbing a wrist injury over the summer. His chosen winger, Pascal Dupuis is coming off rehab of his own injury, albeit a more serious one that sidelined him for more than half the season last year. Will the 35 year old be able to regain his speed? What type of player can Dupuis be? His production will be a big question mark.

Speaking of big questions, how will Evgeni Malkin fare without his slap shot sidekick, James Neal? The return in Rutherford's bold draft day move, Patrick Hornqvist, will do his best to make his new center happy, albeit in a different manner than Neal did. Garbage goals are Hornqvist's specialty and having his net front presence to screen the goalie and cash in on rebounds will be a welcome contribution to the second line. His measured and efficient approach is the perfect ying to Malkin's yang as the spontaneous playmaker.

Brandon Sutter is on the path to having some semblance of stability with his third line wingers, which last year was like driving off the depth chart cliff after Jussi Jokinen moved up to play with Malkin. A revolving door of line mates ensued, many of which were AHL players. Sutter handled the mish mash situation with professionalism and was arguably one of the best performers of the postseason. At 25 years old, he is poised to kick his game up a notch as long as he has an idea of who he'll be on the ice with each night. Line chemistry is critical. Understanding your teammates strengths and weaknesses, intuitively knowing where they will be and what they will do takes the guesswork out of a player's game and frees him up to execute.

Beau Bennett seems to be that guy.



After playing parts of two seasons on the left side, Bennett has been practicing on Sutter's right, which is his natural position. But does Beau know healthy? Can he stay on the ice long enough to make strides and fulfill his first round potential? This is yet another question in a preseason full of them. If not, the "throw in" to the Neal/Hornqvist deal, ala Pascal Dupuis in the Marian Hossa trade, Nick Spaling, has what it takes to help fortify that third line as well.

The word "grit" was used ad nauseam in the offseason, but there was no doubt that's exactly what the Penguins lacked in the playoffs. Spaling typifies this kind of two-way tenacious hockey player that will provide precisely that. GRIT. You don't just see that type of play. You feel it. The other players feel it. They feed off it. Tenacity, guts and heart spread like wildfires during a drought. Hornqvist was the big piece in this trade, however Spaling may prove to be the prize.

Free agent losses on the blue line of breakout top two defender, Matt Niskanen and veteran stalwart Brooks Orpik, hurt much less with the addition of Christian Ehrhoff, who is still being paid by the Buffalo Sabres after they used a compliance buyout on his contract. Rutherford signed him for one year and Johnston has paired him up with the dependable Paul Martin to create a smart, experienced twosome. Kris Letang and Olli Maatta round out the top four defensemen.

Offensively, Spaling is the guy I will be watching, since I think he will play like he has something to prove. Defensively, that player will be Simon Despres. Relegated to Baby Pens status for the majority of the last couple of seasons, and when he was up with the big club he knew the press box inside and out, the front office has made it clear that he will get a shot. Talk about a guy that will be playing with a chip on his shoulder, as the entire team should be.

The last few exits from the postseason have been ugly. Even though it's time for new beginnings and fresh starts, we all know the only thing that matters in this town, is where you finish.

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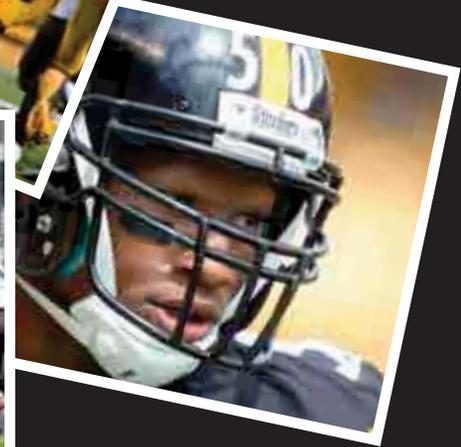
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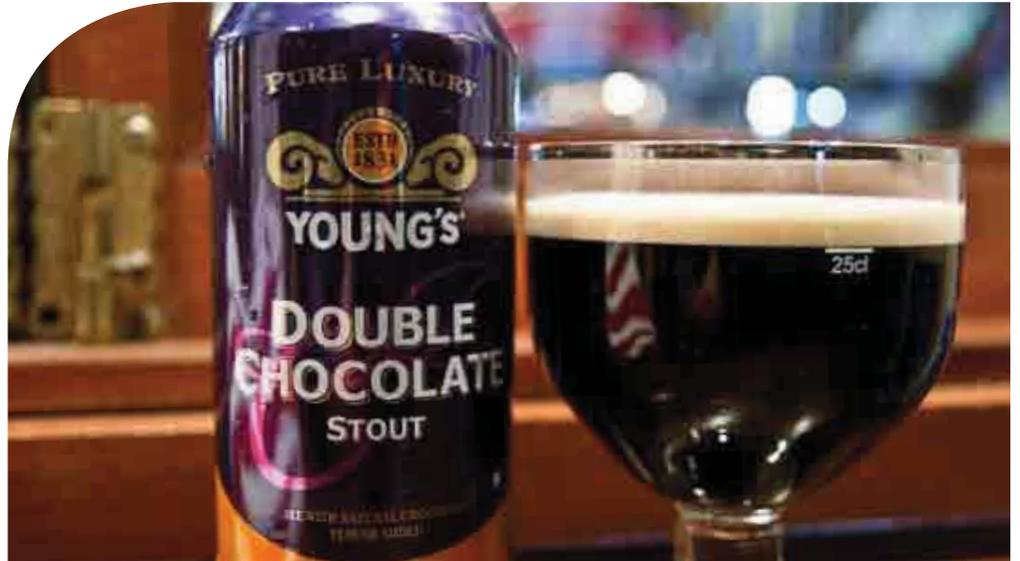
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# British Beer Variety With Wells and Young's

by Brian Meyer



Few will argue that the brewing history behind British beers is not to be trifled with. The British perfected quite a few of the brewing practices and beer styles that we hold dear today. So it shouldn't be a surprise that some of the best beers to welcome the fall and winter months come from no other than two brewers from, you guessed it, England.

Wells & Young's, while producing two different lines of beers are actually one large brewery that calls England its home. This brewery is firmly seated as the largest private brewer in all of England, and is known for their enviable list of beers and even cask ales that are primarily distributed in England. While a British brewer, quite a few of their best beers make it to our shores, and this time of year is the best to experience them.

#### Sip on Some History

The original Wells and Young's Brewery started in 1876 when Charles Wells made a drastic career change from being a Chief Officer in the Merchant Navy and bought a brewery with 32 pubs in his hometown of Bedford. The jump in careers was, as the story goes, done to win the trust of his soon-to-be father-in-law as to win his approval in marrying his daughter.

The move was a success and along with being happily married and having many children, Wells went on to steadily

grow both the brewery as well as the pubs associated with it into the 1890s, when the brewery produced over 12,500 barrels of beer and had 80 pubs associated with the brewery.

As time went on, Wells' children, grandchildren, and so on continued to play a vital role in the brewery, helping it expand to other breweries in towns like St. Neots, Newport Pagnall, and Northampton.

Fast forward to today and there are over 200 pubs associated with the brewery and their beers are exported to more than 40 countries around the world. With some of their currently-offered beers having been brewed for 200 years and counting, Wells and Young's seems to be doing something right.

The brewery today is still owned by the Wells family, and the family continues to grow, making sure there are more than enough family members to continue carrying on the family tradition for years to come.

So where does the Young's part of the brewery name come in? Well, in 2006 The Wells Brewery merged with Young and Co. of Wandsworth in London to officially become Wells and Young's. IT was this merger that made the brewery the largest family-owned brewery in the UK, and it's why we can get so many amazing beers here today.

## The Beer

While Wells and Young's offers a lengthy list of amazing beers, we're going to focus on some of the most apt beers for the coming season. With tastes of chocolate, toffee pudding, banana bread, and even a traditional bitter from England, these beers fit into the change of seasons perfectly.

It's worth noting that nearly every beer mentioned below save Sticky Toffee Pudding Ale are all available year-round. They just tend to be even better when it starts to get chilly.

**Wells Bombardier** – An iconic beer that's loaded with real British heritage, Bombardier is a rich and full-bodied beer that's reminiscent of classic English cask ales, but in a bottle. Bombardier has a medium copper color that features aromas of peppery English hops and malty, bready aromas with a slight caramel note.

The taste is focused on a sharp earthy hop profile that's supported by a solid dose of malt to balance it out. Made in the traditional English Extra Special Bitter style, Bombardier is perfect for year-round drinking and is available as such. Bombardier is available in the US and is 5.2% ABV.

Bonus: In English advertisements and online, comedy legend Rik Mayall plays the Bombardier in a variety of hilarious ads that are perfectly suited for his style of Young Ones comedy.

**Wells Banana Bread Beer** – Who doesn't love the smell of a warm loaf of banana bread cooking in the oven? Better yet, the taste of that amazing bread is enough to make your mouth water. Wells took this idea and combined it with their traditional beers to make something that truly is the best of both.

With a ripe banana flavor and a hint of bitterness, banana bread beer keeps all the banana flavor and aroma without being overly sweet. The aroma is all bready banana thanks to the malt profile mixing with the real fair-trade bananas used in the brewing process. The taste is a perfect blend of banana, malt, and a hint of hops. Each works with the other to give a blended, balanced taste that isn't too harsh in any direction. Banana Bread beer is available year-round and comes in at 5.2% ABV.

**Wells Sticky Toffee Pudding Ale** – The only seasonal offering in this list, Sticky Toffee Pudding Ale is just about exactly what you think it is. An amazing beer that captures the tastes of sticky toffee pudding and distills it down into a beer that is easy to consider a desert beer.



Combining something so quintessential to the British desert landscape as sticky toffee pudding with British beer seems to not only make sense, but to be a match made in the heavens. Sticky Toffee Pudding Ale is a rich, smooth beer that has all the warmth and aromas of its namesake desert without being overly sweet.

An English brown ale at heart, this beer pours a medium brown with a slight off-white head. The aroma is full of toffee and sweet pudding notes, with the taste carrying these notes over, without too much sweetness. The beer is dry on the finish, allowing you to drink more than one at a time without getting a sugar rush.

Wells Sticky Toffee Pudding Ale is available in the Fall and Winter months, and is 5% ABV.

**Young's Double Chocolate Stout** – The most award-winning beer in this list, Young's Double Chocolate Stout is a year-round beer that's perfect for the folder weather coming. Brewed with pale, crystal, and chocolate malt as well as real dark chocolate and traditional British hops, Double Chocolate Stout is definitely a beer anyone who loves stouts or chocolate needs to try.

This beer pours totally opaque with a foamy tan head. Expect to get lots of malty chocolate on the aroma with that chocolate carrying through to the taste. Toasty chocolate with a hint of hops come through in the outstanding beer that finished creamy with no lasting bitterness, only a want to have another.

Young's Double Chocolate Stout is available year-round and comes in at 5.2% ABV.

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# Ballantine India Pale Ale by Brian Meyer

*The original brewery's name was the Patterson & Ballantine Brewing Company, but in 1850 Peter bought out his partner and had his three sons join him in the family business.*

It all started with a mystery. Well, with the purchase of a long-forgotten brewery brand and a mystery that is. When Pabst Brewing acquired the Ballantine brand in 2005 they weren't 100% sure what they would do with it, but they did know they wanted to keep the memory of the old brewery alive.

Master brewer Greg Deuhs took it upon himself to memorialize the old brewery the best way he knew how, and that was by resurrecting their iconic Ballantine India Pale Ale. After two years of research and test batches brewed in his own kitchen, Deuhs and Pabst have come up with a beer that is as close to the original as possible. At this point you're probably wondering why they didn't just pull up the old recipe, scale it to fit their current system and brew away. Well, that's where the mystery comes in.

**The Mystery of Ballantine IPA**

Before the time of computers and digital file storage, things like recipes and procedures for brewing beer were stored the old fashioned way, on paper at the brewery. Copies were made for day to day brewing, and the originals were kept in a safe or locked cabinet. When the brewery was shuttered in the 1960s it is believed that the original recipes were lost to exiting employees who may very well have the original Ballantine India Pale Ale recipe in their attic or basement still today.

Deuhs and Pabst unlocked this mystery by studying the ingredients available at the time, talking to experts in past brewing practices, and best of all, by brewing batches and having people familiar with the brand taste them.

While we'll never know how close the newest iteration of Ballantine IPA is to the original, the important thing is that it really is a great beer.

## THE ORIGINAL

The original Ballantine IPA used some pretty interesting brewing practices to craft the iconic beer, many of which are far too costly or difficult to do on a large scale today. One such practice is the aging of the original beer in oak barrels for 6-12 months. While some higher-cost beers today do this, aging a standard IPA today like this would be far too time consuming as well as resource consuming as well.

This practice has been replaced with aging the beer on toasted oak spirals now, which is a newer brewing practice that requires far less time and oak to get the same flavor and profile.

The original Ballantine India Pale Ale also used a complex hopping system that involved grinding up the fresh hops and cooking them in a partial vacuum to extract their oils. While using hop oil is a practice today, this unique method yielded a very specific taste and bitterness that is hard to duplicate, even though it seems to have been by the brewers at Pabst.

The original IPA also used ingredients that aren't that common today, and required quite a bit of testing to find suitable replacements for. Some of the hops believed to have been used in the original Ballantine beer are hard to come by for small batches and nearly impossible to find for full-scale production. These hops were profiled and suitable replacements were found when necessary.

## FACT FROM FICTION

Any brewery that's been around since the 1840s is bound to have equal parts fact and fiction included in their story, and Ballantine is no different. The Ballantine Brewing Co.





was founded in 1840 in Newark, New Jersey by Peter Ballantine, an immigrant originally from Scotland. The original brewery's name was the Patterson & Ballantine Brewing Company, but in 1850 Peter bought out his partner and had his three sons join him in the family business.

In 1857 with his sons onboard, the name of the brewery was changed to P. Ballantine and Sons, a name it carried with it until 1972 when the brewery closed up shop.

The brewery changed hands a few times over the years, peaking at the 3rd largest brewery in the US in the 1950s before finally starting to decline in the 1960s, as the brand's beers started to be contracted out and quality decreased. Beer has been produced up until the late 1980s with the Ballantine name, even though the beer itself was a far cry from its glory days.

Jumping ahead to today, the Ballantine name is back and the same focus on quality and taste is once again a focal point for the brand. The revived Ballantine India Pale Ale is not only a great IPA for today, but a great representation of what possibly the first American IPA tasted like.

### THE BEER

History is great, but enjoying a Ballantine IPA is what you really should want. The beer itself uses four different malts and eight different hops, including a special hop oil addition in lieu of the standard dry hopping. Even though there's quite a bit of bitterness and hop flavor in this beer, there's still a nice balance between the malt and the hops, but still leans more towards the bitter side of things, as an American IPA should.

The beer pours clear and bright with a frothy white head. The aroma is very hop forward with some caramel malt in the back. Overall it's a fresh hoppy aroma that makes your mouth water.

As for the first taste, the first thing you should notice is a slight malty sweetness followed up by a hit of hoppy citrus and bitterness. The hops transition as you taste the beer from citrus to resin with some slight piney tastes. The finish continues to be hoppy and it leaves a lasting bitterness even after you swallow.

The oak chips perfectly mellow the beer out just enough to keep it from being harsh, but allow it to carry though all the hop flavor you'd expect from an American IPA. Even though this beer comes in at 7.2% ABV and 70 IBUs, it retains quite a bit of drinkability.

Overall, Ballantine India Pale Ale is a world-class beer that is thankfully available for us to drink again. Crisp, clean, and hoppy enough for any hop head, this beer is one you need to try.

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# What's Up, Brew Dog?

by Brian Meyer



So what's a BrewDog? It's easier to tell you what it's not, actually. It's not simple, boring beer, it's not the average brewery, and it's definitely not anything you'd expect. It is however some pretty great beer made by 2 guys in Scotland.

It all started in 2007 with 2 guys and a dog that were tired of the boring beers they could find in their home town of Scotland and across much of the United Kingdom. From this need for better beer The BrewDog Brewery was founded. While their beginnings were pretty small, they've grown to be one of the most unique and outspoken craft breweries around today.

In 2010 BrewDog opened their first BrewDog bar in their hometown of Aberdeen Scotland and also came out with what was then the world's most expensive beer, known as the End of History. Coming in at 55% ABV, this was no typical beer, especially when you see the packaging!

Skip ahead one more year and now there are 4 BrewDog bars throughout the United Kingdom and BrewDog released a 28% ABV beer that was fermented at the bottom of the ocean. Hopefully by now you're starting to get the idea that the BrewDog guys are pretty different than any other brewery out there by far.

Fast-forward to today and there are 13 BrewDog bars in three countries and BrewDog offers a total of 11 beers around the year with some oddballs thrown in seasonally. Before getting into the beer though, there's more story behind these BrewDogs that's worth hearing.

## Watt and Dickie

BrewDog was founded by James Watt and Martin Dickie in 2007 and today are true rock stars in the craft beer world. They have helped each other not only move away from the boring beer that's available everywhere, but instead to push the limits of what brewing is and what it can be. As mentioned above, they've brewed the world's strongest beer, released beer in taxidermy bottles (seriously) and fermented a beer on the ocean floor.

BrewDog is known for the wild and the crazy, and lately they've been best known for their hit TV show aptly named BrewDogs where they travel the United States brewing extreme beer with their favorite breweries around the country.

If you ask James and Martin, they'll tell you they're just two punks with a single mission, and that's to make as many people as possible as excited about craft beer as they are, and that's no small order.

## BrewDogs the Show

Watt and Dickie weren't happy with serving and selling great beer, they actually wanted to convert what they call "craft beer virgins" to the cause. They do this with their amazing bars that only sell great beer and recently they've done this with their TV show on Esquire network, BrewDogs. While BrewDog may brew wild and crazy beers, their standard lineup of bottles and drafts, while unique, has something for just about everybody.

The show follows the Scottish beer makers throughout the United States as they visit their favorite breweries and craft beer cities as they try new beers and brew beers crafted specifically for those cities. For example, they brewed a beer in San Francisco using captured fog for water and seaweed from the Dan Diego kelp forest.

## The Beer

Sure, the history and story behind BrewDog is great, but what you really care about is the beer, right? Luck for you BrewDog is making their triumphant return to the Pittsburgh area this month with two IPAs, a honey-infused Scotch ale, and a black ale; a seemingly perfect mix to welcome BrewDog back into the area.

**Punk IPA** - Starting things off is one of the most popular beers that BrewDog offers, their Punk IPA. The guys from BrewDog are the first to tell you they make beer for punks, and this seems to be the flagship for this ideal. Coming in at a respectable 5.6%, Punk IPA features tropical fruit and a hint of caramel in the aroma, but once you get a taste of this beer you'll find a wealth of New Zealand hops that give the beer its fruity yet bitter taste.

Punk is the perfect beer to pair with spicy foods as well as great to drink outside on the porch in the last few warm days we have left before the world of stouts and porters takes over. Punk should show you that even though BrewDog is an extreme brewery, they know how to make a great IPA that can be drinkable, too.

- ABV: 5.6%
- IBU: 45
- Hops: Chinook, Simcoe, Ahtanum, and Nelson Sauvin

**Hardcore Imperial IPA** - While Punk is a clean, lower ABV beer that's bitter yet refreshing, Hardcore IPA is where things start to get a little extreme. Hardcore is a 9.2% imperial





IPA that's in your face bitter, so much so that it's listed as having more hops and bitterness than any other beer brewed in the UK! If that doesn't satisfy a true hophead, nothing will.

Even though Hardcore is more than three times as bitter as Punk IPA, it still remains drinkable and while you probably won't be sitting down and drinking these in session, you'll enjoy every bit of the one you do have and get excited for the next. The secret to the huge hop aroma that comes with the bitterness is a massive dose of dry-hopping that twists the beer into something truly amazing.

- ABV: 9.2%
- IBU: 150
- Hops: Centennial, Columbus, Simcoe

**Libertine Black Ale** – Looking for a darker, toastier beer that still has a real hop kick to it? Libertine Black Ale is just the beer for you then. This beer has the malt flavors and alcohol content of a stout and the hop profile of a single hop IPA. Much like their other beers, the hop profile of this beer only goes to make it more drinkable and enjoyable and even though it has more bitterness than some IPAs, it's still tastes just about perfect.

Brewed using only one type of hops, Libertine uses Simcoe to give a unique and unadulterated taste unlike any you've had before.

- ABV: 7.2%
- IBU: 65
- Hops: Simcoe

**Dogma** – No list of beers from Scotland would be complete without a Scotch ale in the ranks, and Dogma helps out in strides with this. Unlike most beers that are brewed with anywhere from 1-3 types of malts, Dogma is crafted using 10 different malts to give it a solid malt backbone that's even further supported with Scottish heather honey.

Coming in at a solid 7.4% ABV, Dogma is more than your average Scotch ale, especially with the heavy-handed dose of hops that aren't usually seen in this style of beer. Well balanced and with enough sweet and hops for everyone to love, this is probably the beer you've been looking for. Trust me.

- ABV: 7.4%
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# U.S. PRO CHALLENGE

by Greg Wadlow

used it on t-shirts, hats, flags and signs as Jens even had it painted on his own bike. With his trademark saying “shut up legs” painted by spectators on the race route in each stage town, people packed the streets and cheered, and then waited for hours to get just a glimpse of the man known by many as Jensie. Every once in a while, the fan favorite of a professional sport is not the most well-known, most recognizable, highest paid, highest scoring athlete, but instead, someone who reminds us of one of us, and someone we can identify with. Jens Voigt has never been the favorite to win a grand tour, never been in the same class as an Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault or a Greg LeMond, but instead, Jens has been put into a class all by himself and has always been known as a relentless, hardworking, positive, honest and approachable professional and that’s

The cycling event known as “Americas Race” kicked off its fourth anniversary in Aspen, Colorado this past month with the defending champion poised to repeat. Last year’s winner (and Colorado native) Tejay Van Garderen was looking to defend his title and become the first two time winner of this Colorado classic. The US Pro Challenge brings some of the world’s top cyclists to the United States for a high altitude test unlike any other in professional cycling. Meant to showcase the state of Colorado, the US Pro Challenge is a weeklong multi-stage race that forces riders to endure grueling climbs over mountain passes that surpass 11,000’ as well as steep white knuckled descents where riders approach speeds in excess of 60mph.

Perhaps the biggest story of this year’s edition was Jens Voigt, a 17 year veteran of the cycling world who announced his retirement earlier this year at the same time announcing that this would be his last race. A month away from turning 43 years old, this legendary German born superstar whose palmares include stage wins in the Tour de France, the Giro D’Italia and the Tour of Poland was here to say goodbye to everyone, from Colorado. In an interview many years ago with a Danish television network after a stage of the Tour de France, Jens Voigt said that he could consistently be in the breakaway day after day by telling his legs simply to “shut up and do what I tell you”. The cycling world fell in love with those words and has since





exactly what the fans of this sport crave.

The week long race started with Tejay Van Garderen as the favorite, and ended with

Tejay Van Garderen winning for the second time in as many years. The five stages in between were largely uneventful. Tejay pulled ahead to take the lead on the climb up Monarch Mountain on stage three and he never looked back. There was the occasional lead change to take the days stage, some sprinting for the green jersey, crashes and some high speed finishes, but the real storyline here is Jens Voigt and his one of a kind, custom chrome bike that Trek made especially for his last race. The custom made Trek Madone was decorated with all of the colors of the jerseys he has ever worn, the flag of Germany, and other significant colors that all have special meaning to Jens.

While the fan favorite Jens Voigt was not able to win the last stage of his last professional race for the fairy tale ending, he did give the fans some hope that day as he rode in the lead for much of the stage. With what has become his trademark style of a hunched and thin, but muscle shredded mass with his hands in the drops of his bars and pedaling with relentless optimism, it was over. The peloton caught the old veteran with just over 5 miles to go. As the Garmin Sharp team passed, they tapped Jens on the shoulder as a sign of respect for all the years of hard work and a sort of "we are sorry" for catching you. A man loved by seemingly everyone in the cycling world, was pedaling to the end of more than the just the days stage. Seventeen years of professional racing was over, the days of telling his legs to shut up were over and getting on stage as he so fittingly did this day to be presented with the orange jersey for the most aggressive rider were over.

The US Pro Challenge will be in Colorado again in 2015, with 128 world class cyclists vying for the yellow jersey in the August heat and up the mountain climbs. The defending and two time champion Tejay Van Garderen will be there to defend his home turf on a course that has yet to be determined. The party like atmosphere of the stage start and finish towns will be there waiting for the tourists and the cycling fans. The team cars, the \$20,000 bikes, the TV helicopters, the press people and the photographers, will all be there ready for the action to start. What won't be there is Jens Voigt and "Shut Up Legs" freshly painted on the streets and him cruising through the finish line giving high fives to the thousands of fans. Maybe he will be at the race as a spectator, maybe he will be in a team car helping to run a team, or just maybe he will be at home in Germany watching on television with his legs finally getting the chance to tell him to shut up!

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# Wine and Spirits

## Blue Diamond Vodka

by Daniel Calig

Produced from superior European grains and deep artesian water near the cold blue Baltic Sea, Blue Diamond could be every vodka connoisseurs favorite new brand. Why? Its impressive drinkability. Awarded the Double Gold Medal at the International Premium Vodka Competition in New York sponsored by Fifty Best, it is what a good vodka should be.

Clean and clear on the palate with hints of sweetness, herbs, nuts and grains. Floral on the nose with a faint breath of violets, minerals and light cream, it finishes extremely smooth with a light peppery body. No mixers ever needed.

Owned by Pittsburgher Mark Lucero, the vodka itself is produced within a region of Northeast Europe sometimes referred to as the “vodka belt”, as many brands hail from the area, due to the climate being perfect for growing the grains needed for production.

As with most vodkas, carbon is used in the filtering process to remove impurities and produces a clean tasting final product. Similar to using a Brita pitcher on tap water, the raw vodka is run again and again through carbon filters until the desired level of purity is reached.

Blue Diamond however is different in that new filters are used for each pass, to ensure a neutral flavor and thus a higher quality vodka.

The end result is a superior quality vodka, comparable to brands like Grey Goose, yet \$10 less expensive than its overly marketed brethren. So the next time you're looking for a good vodka, try Blue Diamond. Available in 144 stores throughout Pennsylvania.



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# TERROR TOWN - TRULY HAUNTED

by Joyce Campisi

Smith and his employees often heard footsteps walking behind them, and sensed that someone was there as they crossed the cavernous playing field alone in the dark, he says. After he installed video cameras with monitors in the staging area, he and others often saw a male figure standing in the middle of the playing field, always in the same spot and always staring into the same lens.

Terror Town is Pittsburgh's largest indoor haunted attraction, conveniently located in the heart of Pittsburgh in the historic Strip District on Smallman Street. Terror Town encompasses over 30,000 square feet of spine tingling, heart stopping, non-stop terrifying action with gruesome props. Terror Town officially kicked off their 2014 season on Friday, October 26 and is open weekends and select dates through November 1.

Since its opening in 2011, Terror Town has become one of the premier Halloween haunted attractions. Speaking of haunted, Terror Town has been verified by the Pennsylvania Department of Paranormal Investigations lead by paranormal investigator, Barbara King, who has stated that this attraction definitely has paranormal activity. After months of research, the investigators claim that there's more than just a Halloween attraction in the basement. "Spirits, ghosts, entities, apparitions, voices - this building has everything and it's authentic." Barbara King said. "I've never seen a building like this." When questioned as to how she can substantiate such a claim. Barbara replied, "Well, first there are the voices, like the ones recorded during hours spent in Terror Town after dark. They captured an unidentified laugh when no one else was in the building and the name, "Gifford." "If you talk like you're talking to a normal person, they respond better," said paranormal investigator



Joyelle King. And then there are pictures. As a part of the research, the team snaps photos every time they go down.

Photos are evaluated and often catch images or orbs - which they describe as spirits - round, defined circles that show up in photographs, but not to the naked eye. "We caught a face that we can't explain, and we're still working on that," said Barbara.

"The most authentic building I have ever seen," Barbara added. "Everybody hears voices. Everybody hears footsteps, and there's no one in the building," says Bernie Firman, who owns Static Nightclub in the building on Smallman Street between 16th and 17th streets.

King and three members of her group say they heard footsteps on upper floors, knocks on walls and watched a shadow dart from behind a tall shelf. Something knocked over a rack of poster paper in the front of the building during their investigation, which also video documented an elevator open and close twice without being prompted. "This whole building is connected paranormally," King says.

King believes the building's entities have become more active with the activity surrounding the haunted house. She and her group again reported witnessing a number of aberrations during a walk-through. "We could see them peaking around from behind the walls, watching," King says. The entities



include a group of young kids and indigent people and an old man, she says.

Julian Smith needs no convincing when it comes to the building being haunted. "There is definitely some paranormal activity there. I'm sure of it," says Smith, 57, of Shaler, who owned a paintball business on the third floor from 1997 to 2002.

Smith and his employees often heard footsteps walking behind them, and sensed that someone was there as they crossed the cavernous playing field alone in the dark, he says. After he installed video cameras with monitors in the staging area, he and others often saw a male figure standing in the middle of the playing field, always in the same spot and always staring into the same lens. "It was clearly a person," Smith says. Only it wasn't. No one was there when they went in to look.

Terror Town... More than just a haunted attraction - it's truly a haunted place! So come if you dare for an experience you won't forget!!

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Highlights of the renovations include structural changes that increased the size of the bar and lounge areas. They added two garage-door-style walls that open to a 50 seat patio. Upstairs was totally renovated expanding their event venue so they can now accommodate both small and larger events and parties up to 150 guests.

The menu at the Willow has been overhauled and updated under the guidance of S+P Restaurant Group's acclaimed Chef Brian Pekarck and Executive Chef, John Mottinger. Cuisine now features more contemporary ingredients and promotes casual sharing. Menu items feature twists on classic dishes and comfort food, such as taquitos with duck confit, lobster roll bits and spicy tuna flatbread. Their dinner menu includes hand crafted burgers, gourmet sandwiches and fresh salads. On their small plates menu you will find items like, charred shishito, beef tartare, rabbit & dumpling and boar ribs just to name a few. Their large plates menu offers a

wide variety of options from pork chops, Eichner's farm fresh chicken, Scottish salmon, black grouper, pasta carbonara to filet of beef. Prices range from \$8 to \$29.

Lunch is served with daily offerings of burgers, gourmet sandwiches, salads, small plates and flatbreads. Lunch prices range from \$8 to \$19.

Willow now joins the S+P Restaurant Group, owned by Rick Stern and Chef Brian Pekarck. S+P Restaurant Group encompasses four premier Pittsburgh restaurants. BRGR a go-to spot for stacked burgers and spiked shakes with locations in East Liberty, Cranberry and PNC Park, BRGR also hits the road with





its Food Truck and plans to open a South Hills location this fall. Grit and Grace, an Asian inspired fine-dining restaurant located in downtown Pittsburgh features small plates and delicious cocktails bringing a unique but perfectly balanced dining experience. Spoon located in East Liberty offers an intimate and modern dining experience with savory, inventive dishes that support local farmers and artisanal purveyors. Willow, inspired by the idyllic grounds that surround the restaurant in the North Hills boasts a simple menu of Contemporary American delights and offers a charming escape.



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# Travel: Air Travel Etiquette:

## Five Major Don'ts for Sharing Cabin Space

By Sydney Pearl

The ability to afford air travel is a privilege. Although you may not consider a plane ticket as luxurious as a Louis Vuitton handbag, it is still a luxury that many cannot afford. For those of you that are lucky enough to afford air travel, there are a few issues that need to be addressed:

### 1. Don't Forget the Headphones:

With the new rules appointed by the FAA, you now have the ability to listen to your personal electronic device (PED) throughout the entire flight. While that is great for you, the rest of the plane may not share your enthusiasm for the latest episode of "Orange is the New Black", or hit song from Jay-Z, while they are trying to sleep. Please be courteous and wear headphones while using your PEDs or if you do not have any headphones, you must turn your volume off. Keep in mind that not all airlines provide headphones, so please come prepared.

### 2. Don't Be a Space Invader: Who Gets the Armrest?

Picture this scenario: The last passenger to board is a small woman and the last seat on the plane is nestled between two huge guys who are both taking up all of the armrests. The woman sits with her hands tucked into her sides. Very unpleasant. Rather than be uncomfortable, just ask for an armrest or put your elbows on the armrest and play a game of elbows to see who wins. Kidding. While there are not any rules for who gets the armrest and how many are allocated per person, approach the situation as if you were at a yield only intersection. Give the right of way when necessary, use your best judgment, be courteous and hope your seat mate can locate their common sense. Unless they checked it along with their luggage.

### 3. Don't Offer Your Life Story

Most people look toward air travel as a way to unwind while watching a movie, a chance to catch up on a good book or work-related materials, and also a chance to catch up on sleep. What most people do not expect is the Chatty Cathy seated next to them. It is acceptable to strike up a brief, polite conversation, whether it be plans at your final destination, the weather, the rude attendant you just encountered, or the seemingly drunk guy in row two. It is not acceptable to engage in conversation if you see your neighbor on their PED. If you see your neighbor

watching a movie, please do not lean in and attempt to watch their movie over their shoulder. Likewise for crossword puzzles. Do not provide answers to their beloved USA Today puzzle unless you are asked for your expertise. Look for subtle hints to gauge whether your seat mate wants to communicate with you or not.

### 4. Don't Forget to Flush

The lavatories onboard the aircraft are small units that provide little wiggle room and serious amounts of claustrophobia. While these smelly units may be frustrating, there are some simple ways to navigate the onboard porta-potty. When you approach the door, notice if there is a handle or some writing that says PUSH. Once inside, locate the FLUSH button, the signs that say TRASH, PAPER TOWELS, and TISSUES. Acquaint yourself with the functions of the sink. Now that you have familiarized yourself with the proper functions, the next passenger should not find tissues on the floor, napkins sitting on the sink soaked in water, remnants in the toilet, and wet unknown substances on the floor. Please wear shoes at all times, please courtesy flush, and if needed, discreetly ask the flight attendant for air freshener. Oh, and close the door on your way out.

### 5. Don't Abuse the Overhead Bin Compartments

Overhead bins are the most shared space onboard the aircraft. While each model of aircraft may have different sized bins, you can still apply the same logic when stowing your luggage. If you have 2 carry-on items, please place the smaller of the two items underneath the seat in front of you, leaving the overhead bins for larger bags. Placing small items in the overhead bins, such as purses, laptops, shopping bags and baked goods, can and do get ruined. With larger roller bags, if they do not fit in with the handle out try placing it in backwards with the wheels out and that will usually work. If that fails, then stow your luggage vertically. Please keep in mind that the bins above each set of seats is supposed to accommodate the luggage of the occupants of that row. If the bins are full, that causes passengers to take more time placing their bags in other bins and taking away space from another row, which can lead to bags having to be checked last minute, which delays the whole flight.



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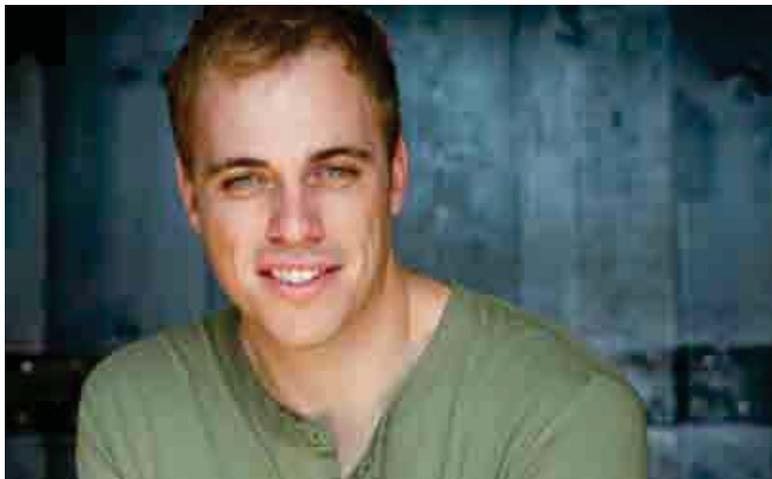
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In this essential work of art, Tom Wingfield (Fisher Neal) recalls a turning point in his family's life. He remembers when he lived with his domineering mother, Amanda (Lynne Wintersteller), and his

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emotionally fragile sister, Laura (Cathryn Wake), who collects tiny glass animals. When Amanda becomes convinced that Laura needs to find a husband, she pressures Tom to bring home a friend from work – a Gentleman Caller (Jordan Whalen) – who might be right for his sister. From this deceptively simple plot, Williams created one of America’s greatest plays. The Glass Menagerie endures because of the depth of its perceptions, the vigor and beauty of its writing, and the relatable family situation.

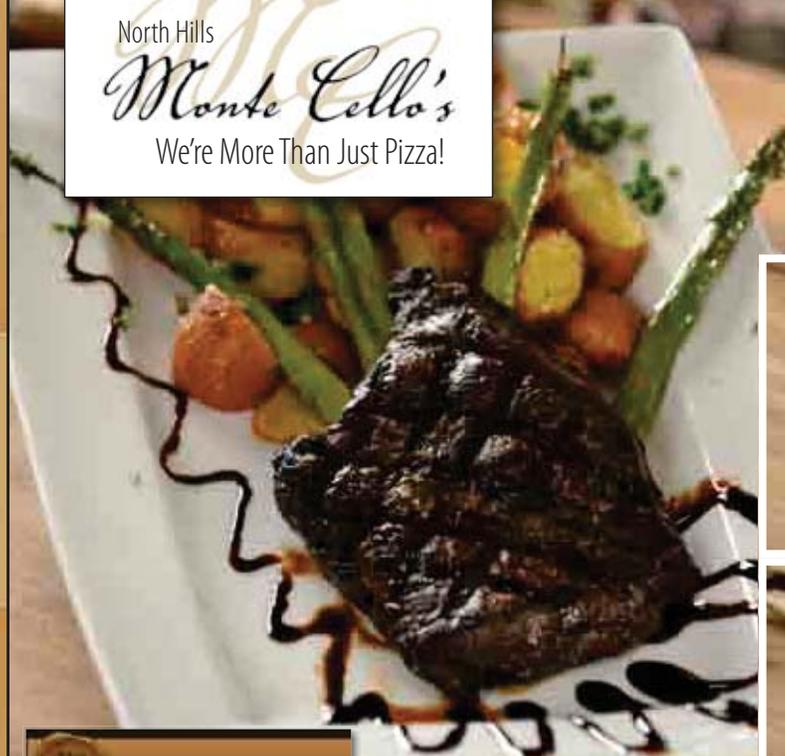
The designers for The Glass Menagerie are Michael Schweikardt (Scenery), Suzanne Chesney (Costumes), Rui Rita (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Casting is by McCorkle Casting, LTD. Fred Noel is the Production Stage Manager and Spencer Whale is the Assistant Stage Manager.

**About the Playwright**

Tennessee Williams (1911 – 1983) is one of the most prolific and revered writers of all time. He often used his complicated family situation as the fuel for his art. Williams wrote poetry, short stories and two novels, but he was most widely recognized for his plays. The Glass Menagerie, which was his first hit, debuted on Broadway in 1945. He went on to create dozens of major works. His most acclaimed plays include: A Streetcar Named Desire (1948 Pulitzer Prize); Summer and Smoke; The Rose Tattoo (1951 Best Play Tony Award); Camino Real; Cat On a Hot Tin Roof (1955 Pulitzer Prize); Orpheus Descending; Suddenly, Last Summer; Sweet Bird of Youth, and The Night of the Iguana. Williams wrote his revealing autobiography, Memoirs, in 1975.



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1. What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. If you said, bread, go to Question 2.

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

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

"water", proceed to question 3.

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

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

4. It's twenty years ago, and a plane is flying at 20,000 feet over Germany (If you will recall, Germany at the time was politically divided into West Germany and East Germany.) Anyway, during the flight, two engines fail. The pilot, realizing that the last remaining engine is also failing, decides on a crash landing procedure. Unfortunately the engine fails before he can do so and the plane fatally crashes smack in the middle of "no man's land" between East Germany and West Germany. Where would you bury the survivors? East Germany, West Germany, or no man's land?"

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

5. Without using a calculator - You are driving a bus from London to Milford Haven in Wales . In London, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, 6 people get off the bus and 9 people get on. In Swindon , two people get off and 4 get on. In Cardiff , 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea , 3 people get off and five people get on . In Carmathen, six people get off and three get on. You then arrive at Milford Haven. What was the name of the bus driver? Answer: Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember your own name? It was YOU!! PS: 95% of people fail most of the questions!!

- The puck's always hard.
- The protective equipment is reusable.
- It lasts at least an hour.
- A two-on-one or a three-on-one is not uncommon.
- You always know how big the stick is.
- You can clean your stick in public without anyone minding.
- You can change players on the fly.
- You don't have to be embarrassed if you don't get the puck up.
- Everyone is finished when the buzzer sounds.
- Your parents cheer when you score.
- Periods last only 20 minutes.
- You're sure to get it at least twice a week.
- You can tell your friends about it afterward.

## Ah, Face Lifts.....

A woman decides to have a facelift for her 50th birthday. She spent \$15,000 and feels pretty good about the results. On her way home, she stops at a newsstand to buy a newspaper. Before leaving, she says to the clerk, "I hope you don't mind my asking, but how old do you think I am?" "About 32," is the reply. "Nope! I'm exactly 50," the woman says happily. A little while later she goes into McDonald's and asks the counter girl the very same question. The girl replies, "I'd guess about 29." The woman replies with a big smile, "Nope, I'm 50." Now she's feeling really good about herself. She stops in a drug store on her way down the street. She goes up to the counter to get some mints and asks the clerk this burning question. The clerk responds, "Oh, I'd say 30." Again she proudly responds, "I'm 50, but thank you!" While waiting for the bus to go home, she asks an old man waiting next to her the same question. He replies, "Lady, I'm 78 and my eyesight is going. Although, when I was young, there was a sure-fire way to tell how old a woman was. And this may sound very forward, but it requires you to let me put my hands under your bra. Then and only then can I tell you EXACTLY how old you are." They wait in silence on the empty street until her curiosity gets the best of her. She finally blurts out, "What the heck, go ahead." "He

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## Hockey Is Better Than Sex

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- Many people play hockey even after they're married.

slips both of his hands under her blouse and begins to feel around very slowly and carefully. He bounces and weighs each breast and he gently pinches each nipple. He pushes her breasts together and rubs them against each other. After a couple of minutes of this, she says, "Okay, okay. How old am I?" He completes one last squeeze of her breasts, removes his hands, and says, "Madam, you are 50." Stunned and amazed, the woman says, "That was incredible, how could you tell?" The old man says, "Promise you won't get mad?" "I promise I won't" she says. "I was behind you in line at McDonald's."

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

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

### Spaghetti

For several years, a man was having an affair with an Italian woman. One night, she confided in him that she was pregnant. Not wanting to ruin his reputation or his marriage, he paid her a large sum of money so she would go to Italy to secretly have the child. If she stayed in Italy to raise the child, he would also provide child support until the child turned 18. She agreed, but asked how he would know when the baby was born. To keep it discrete, he told her to simply mail him a post card, and write "Spaghetti" on the back. He would then arrange for the child support payments to begin. One day, about 9 months later, he came home to his confused wife. "Honey," she said, "you received a very strange post card today." The wife handed over the postcard and watched as her husband read the card, turned white and fainted. On the card it was written....."Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti, Spaghetti. Three with meatballs, two without. Send extra sauce."

### No So Smart Marriage Advice

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



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

as an excuse. However, we require at least two weeks notice, as it is your duty to train your own replacement.

- Restroom use: Too much time is being spent in the restroom. In the future, we will follow the practice of going in alphabetical order. For instance, all employees whose names begin with "A" will go from 8:00 to 8:10, employees whose names begin with "B" will go from 8:10 to 8:20, and so on.
- If you're unable to go at your allotted time, it will be necessary to wait until the next day when your turn comes again. In extreme emergencies, employees may swap their time with a co-worker. Both employees' supervisors must approve this exchange in writing. In addition, there is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, and the stall door will open.
- Paycheck guide: The following helpful guide has been prepared to help our employees better understand their paychecks:
 

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Interstate tax	=	\$61.10	County tax = \$6.11
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Back tax	=	\$1.11	Front tax = \$1.16
Side tax	=	\$1.61	Up tax = \$1.08
Down tax	=	\$1.14	Tic-Tacs = \$1.98
Thumbtacks	=	\$3.93	Carpet tacks = \$0.98
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Health insurance	=	\$16.23	Dental insurance = \$4.50
Mental insurance	=	\$4.33	Disability = \$2.50
Ability	=	\$0.25	Liability = \$3.41
Coffee	=	\$6.85	Coffee cups = \$66.51
Floor rental	=	\$16.85	Chair rental = \$0.32
Desk rental	=	\$4.32	Union dues = \$5.85
Union donuts	=	\$3.77	Cash advance = \$0.69
Cash retreats	=	\$121.35	Overtime = \$1.26
Under time	=	\$54.83	Eastern time = \$9.00
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Pacific time	=	\$6.00	Time Out = \$12.21
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Thank you for your loyalty to our company. We are here to provide a positive employment experience. Therefore, all questions, comments, concerns, complaints, frustrations, irritations, aggravations, insinuations, allegations, accusations, contemplations, consternations, or input should be directed elsewhere.

Have a nice week,  
The Management

## Biker in Hell

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

Satan: "Why so glum?"

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

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

Biker: "Sure, I love to drink."

Satan: "Well, you're gonna love Mondays then. On Mondays, that's all we do is drink. Whiskey, tequila, Guinness, wine coolers, Tab, and Fresca. We drink 'til we throw up, and then we drink some more!

And you don't have to worry about getting a hangover, because you're dead anyway."

Biker: "Gee that sounds great!"

Satan: "You a smoker?"

Biker: "You better believe it"

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

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

Satan: "I bet you like to gamble."

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

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

Biker: "Cool!"

Satan: "What about Drugs?"

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

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

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

Satan: "You gay?"

Biker: "No..."

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

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## New math..

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

If:  
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K =  $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$   
And

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E =  $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$

But, A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E =  $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$

And:

B-U-L-L-S-H-I-T =  $2+21+12+12+19+8+9+20 = 103\%$

AND: Look how far ass kissing will take you.

A-S-S-K-I-S-S-I-N-G =  $1+19+19+11+9+19+19+9+14+7 = 118\%$

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

## Rookie Priest

A new priest, born and raised in Texas, is nervous about hearing confessions, so he asks the older priest to sit in on his sessions.

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

## Have a Laugh

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



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## AMAZINGLY SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic! Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and presto, the blockage will be almost instantly removed.
2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. You can avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat just by using the sink.
4. For high blood pressure sufferers: simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the reassurance in your veins. Remember to use an egg timer.
5. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you will be afraid to cough.
7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget all about the toothache.
8. Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are:  
In life, you only need two tools - WD-40 and Duct Tape.  
If it doesn't move but should, use the WD-40.  
If it should not move and does, use the duct tape.
9. Remember: Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.
10. Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.

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

### It's a 2014 Corvette

A man goes out and buys a new Vette convertible. One night he takes it out for a spin, and stops at a red light. An old man pulls up next to him riding a mo-ped. The old man looks over the Vette and says, "What kind of car ya got there sonny?" The man replies, "It's a 2014 Corvette, the best sports car in the USA; it cost me over \$50,000." "That's a lot of money" says the old man. Why do they cost so much?" The man answers, "Because they can go 170 miles an hour!" The old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Leaning back on his mo-ped, the old man says, "That's a pretty nice car all right!" Just then the light changes, so the guy decides to show the old man what the car can do. He floors it, and in a few seconds the speedo reads 120 MPH. Suddenly he notices a dot in his rear view mirror that seems to be catching up to him. Afraid it might be a cop, he slows down to 65 and suddenly hhhooooosshh! Something whips by him going much faster! "What on earth could be going faster than this Vette?" the man asks himself. Then, ahead of him, he sees a dot coming towards him. Whhhooooosshh! It goes by again, heading the opposite direction! And it sorta looked

like the old man on the mo-ped! "Couldn't be," thinks the guy. "How could a mo-ped outrun a Vette?" Then again he sees a dot in his rear view mirror! Whhhooooosshh - Blam! It plows into the back of the Vette! The man jumps out. It IS the old man! Of course, the mo-ped and the old man are in a world of hurt. The guy runs up to the old man and cries, "You're hurt bad! Is there anything I can do for you?" The old man groans and replies, "Yes, could you please unhook my suspenders from your side mirror?"

### Useless Facts

- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- 2/3 of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screched."
- On a Canadian two-dollar bill, the flag flying over the Parliament building is an American flag.
- All of the clocks in the movie "Pulp Fiction" are stuck on 4:20.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt."
- All 50 states are listed across the top of the Lincoln Memorial on the back of the \$5.00 bill.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
- Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.
- There are only 4 words in the English language which end in "dous":  
tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
- In most advertisements, the time



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displayed on a watch is 10:10.

- Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
- The characters Bert & Ernie on Sesame Street were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."
- A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.
- A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.
- A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
- It's impossible to sneeze with your eyes open. (DON'T try this at work!)
- The giant squid has the largest eyes in the world.
- In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- Mr. Rogers is an ordained minister. (Presbyterian)
- The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.
- There are 336 dimples on a regulation golf ball.
- The average human eats 8 spiders in their lifetime at night.
- A cockroach can live nine days without its head before it starves to death.
- A polar bear's skin is black. Its fur is not white, but actually clear.
- Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.
- More people are killed by donkeys annually than are killed in plane crashes.
- Stewardesses is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- Shakespeare invented the words "assassination" and "bump."
- Marilyn Monroe had 6 toes on one foot.
- If you keep a goldfish in a dark room, it will eventually turn white..
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Right-handed people live, on average, nine years longer than left-handed people do.
- The sentence "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the English language.
- The names of the continents all end with the same letter with which they start.
- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters on only one row of the keyboard.
- The words racecar and kayak are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left.
- A snail can sleep for 3 years.
- American Airlines saved \$40,000 in 1987 by eliminating one olive from each salad served in first-class.
- The electric chair was invented by a dentist. (Does that one really surprise any of us?)
- Vatican City is the smallest country in the world with a population of 1000 & a size of 108.7 acres.
- "I am." is the shortest complete sentence in the English language.
- Barack Obama is the only United States president to be an only child.
- And last and definitely most important:
- The average chocolate bar has 8 insects' legs in it.



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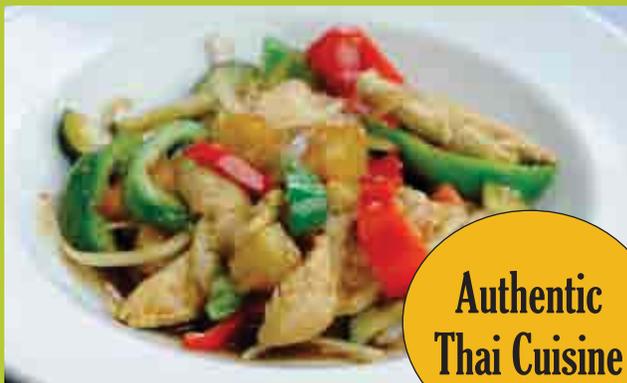
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## PSYCHIATRIST VISIT:

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

## BEE JOKE:

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

## Why it's good to be a woman:

1. We got off the Titanic first.
2. We can scare male bosses with the mysterious gynecological disorder excuses.
3. Taxis stop for us.
4. We don't look like a frog in a blender when dancing.
5. No fashion faux pas we make, could ever rival the Speedo.
6. We don't have to pass gas to amuse ourselves.
7. If we forget to shave, no one has to know.
8. We can congratulate our teammate without ever touching her rear end.
9. We never have to reach down every so often to make sure our privates are still there.
10. We have the ability to dress ourselves.
11. We can talk to the opposite sex without having to picture them naked.
12. If we marry someone 20 years younger, we are aware that we will look like an idiot.
13. We will never regret piercing our ears.
14. There are times when chocolate really can solve all your problems.
15. We can make comments about how silly men are in their presence because they aren't listening anyway.

## MARRIAGE SEMINAR

While attending a Marriage Seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife Grace listened to the instructor, "It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes." He addressed the man, "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?" Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?"



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## Credit Cards

Be sure & cancel your credit cards before you die. This is so priceless, and so easy to see happening, customer service being what it is today. A lady died this past January, and Citibank billed her for February & March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees & interest on the monthly charge. The balance had been \$0.00, now it's somewhere around \$60.00. A family member placed a call to Citibank:

Family Member: "I'm calling to tell you that she died in January."  
Citibank: "The account was never closed and the late fees & charges still apply."  
Family Member: "Maybe you should turn it over to collections."  
Citibank: "Since it is two months past due, it already has been."  
Family Member: So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?"  
Citibank: "Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau; maybe both!"  
Family Member: "Do you think God will be mad at her?"  
Citibank: "Excuse me?"  
Family Member: "Did you just get what I

was telling you . . . the part about her being dead?"  
Citibank: "Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor"  
Supervisor gets on the phone.  
Family Member: "I'm calling to tell you, she died in January."  
Citibank: "The account was never closed and the late fees & charges still apply."  
Family Member: "You mean you want to collect from her estate?"  
Citibank: (Stammer) "Are you her lawyer?"  
Family Member: "No, I'm her great nephew." (Lawyer info given)  
Citibank: "Could you fax us a certificate of death?"  
Family Member: "Sure." (the fax number is given)  
After they get the fax ...  
Citibank: "Our system just isn't setup for death. I don't know what more I can do to help."  
Family Member: "Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care."  
Citibank: "Well, the late fees & charges do still apply."  
Family Member: "Would you like her new billing address?"  
Citibank: "That might help."  
Family Member: "Odessa Memorial Cemetery, Highway 129, Plot Number 69."  
Citibank: "Sir, that's a cemetery!"  
Family Member: "What do you do with dead people on your planet?"  
What fun it is dealing with "customer service"

## Weather Forecast

It was early November and the Indians on a remote reservation asked their new Chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild. Since he was a Chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like. Nevertheless, to be on the safe side he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared. But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He went to the phone booth, called the National Weather Service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?" "It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist at the weather service responded. So the Chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be

prepared. A week later he called the National Weather Service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?" "Yes," the man at National Weather Service again replied, "it's going to be a very cold winter." The Chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find. Two weeks later the Chief called the National Weather Service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?" "Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever." "How can you be so sure?" the Chief asked. The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

## Funny Quotes About Marriage

- "In my house I'm the boss, my wife is just the decision maker." -Woody Allen.
- "My wife and I were happy for twenty years. Then we met." -Rodney Dangerfield.
- "Ah, yes, divorce...from the Latin word meaning to rip out a man's genitals through his wallet." -Robin Williams.
- "A married man should forget his mistakes; no use two people remembering the same thing." -Duane Dewel.
- "When you see a married couple walking down the street, the one that's a few steps ahead is the one that's mad." -Helen Rowland
- "Eighty percent of married men cheat in America...The rest cheat in Europe." -Jackie Mason
- "Marriage is like putting your hand into a bag of snakes in the hope of pulling out an eel." -Leonardo Di Vinci.
- "I don't think I'll get married again. I'll just find a woman I don't like and give her a house." -Lewis Grizzard.
- "I'm the only man in the world with a marriage license made out to whom it may concern." -Mickey Rooney.
- "I haven't spoken to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her." -Rodney Dangerfield.
- "The difference between divorce and legal separation is that legal separation gives a husband time to hide his money." -Johnny Carson

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## LAWS MURPHY MISSED:

- Law of Mechanical Repair: After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee
- Law of the Workshop: Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
- Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
- Law of the Telephone: When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.
- Law of the Alibi: If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
- Variation Law: If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one

you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time)

- Bath Theorem: When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
- Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
- Law of the Result : When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
- Law of Biomechanics: The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
- Theatre Rule: At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.
- Law of Coffee: As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
- Murphy's Law of Lockers: If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
- Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets: The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet/rug.
- Law of Location: No matter where you go, there you are.
- Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
- Brown's Law: If the shoe fits, it's really ugly.
- Oliver's Law: A closed mouth gathers no feet.
- Wilson's Law: As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it



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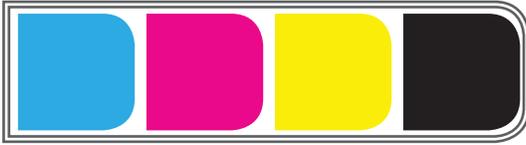
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**THINGS TO PONDER:**

1. The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.
2. Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.
3. If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
4. Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.
5. A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
6. How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
7. Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
8. Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
9. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.
10. No one has more driving ambition than the boy who wants to buy a car.
11. There are no new sins; the old ones just get more publicity.

12. There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.
13. Think about this..., No one ever says "It's only a game." when his team is winning.
14. I've reached the age where the happy hour is a nap
15. Be careful reading the fine print. There's no way you're going to like it.
16. The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.
17. Do you realize that in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And RAP music will be the Golden Oldies!)
18. Money can't buy happiness -- but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than in a Kia.
19. After a certain age, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you are probably dead.

**Priest Retirement Speech**

A priest was being honored at his retirement dinner after 25 years in the parish. A leading local politician and member of the congregation were chosen to make the presentation and give a little speech at the dinner. He was delayed, so the priest decided to say his own few words while they waited. "I got my first impression of the parish



from the first confession I heard here. I thought I had been assigned to a terrible place. The very first person who entered my confessional told me he had stolen a television set and, when stopped by the police, had almost murdered the officer. He had stolen money from his parents, embezzled from his place of business, had an affair with his boss's wife; taken illegal drugs, and gave VD to his sister. I was appalled. But as the days went on, I knew that my people were not all like that and I had, indeed, come to a fine parish full of good and loving people. "Just as the priest finished his talk, the politician arrived full of apologies at being late. He immediately began to make the presentation and give his talk "I'll never forget the first day our parish priest arrived," said the politician. "In fact, I had the honor of being the first one to go to him in confession." Moral: DON'T EVER BE LATE

**WHEN GIRLS DRINK TOO MUCH.....**

1. We have absolutely no idea where our purse is .
2. We believe that dancing with our arms overhead and wiggling our butt While yelling " woo-hoo!" Is truly the sexiest dance move around.
3. We've suddenly decided that we want to kick someone's ass and Honestly believe we could do it too.
4. In our last trip to pee, we realize that we now look more like a Homeless hooker than the goddess we were just four hours ago.

5. We start crying and telling everyone we see that we love them sooooo Much.
6. We get extremely excited and jump up and down every time a new song Plays because "oh my god! Oh my god! I love this song!"
7. We've found a deeper/spiritual side to the geek sitting next to us.
8. We've suddenly taken up smoking and are really good at it.
9. We yell at the bartender, who we believe cheated us by giving us justLemonade, but that's just because we can no longer taste the gin.
10. We think we are in bed, but our pillow feels strangely like theKitchen floor (or the mop?)
11. We fail to notice that the toilet lid's down when we sit on it.
12. We take our shoes off because we believe it's their fault that we'reHaving problems walking straight.

Share this with all the women you know, who like to have fun. MakeThem laugh at themselves like you probably did....Sadly, most of the above points are so true!!

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**Three Football Fans...**

Three football fans were on their way to watch the games when one noticed a foot sticking out of the bushes by the side of the road. They stopped and discovered a beautiful nude female dead drunk. Out of respect and propriety, the Steelers fan took off his cap and placed it over her right breast. The 49ers fan took off his cap and placed it over her left breast. Following their lead, the Browns fan took off his Cap and placed it over her crotch. The police were called and when the officer arrived, he conducted his inspection. First, he lifted up the Steelers cap, replaced it, and wrote down some notes. Next, he lifted the 49ers cap, replaced it, and wrote down some more notes. The officer then lifted the Browns cap, replaced it, then lifted it again, replaced it, lifted it a third time, and replaced it one last time. The Browns fan was getting upset and finally asked, "What are you, a pervert or something? Why do you keep lifting and looking, lifting and looking?" "Well," said the officer, "I am simply surprised. Normally when I look under a Browns hat, I find a butt hole."

**GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:**

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandpa's lap.

**THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:**

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

**SUCCESS:**

At age 4 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.  
 At age 12 success is . . . having friends.  
 At age 16 success is . . . having a drivers license.  
 At age 35 success is . . . having money.  
 At age 50 success is . . . having money.  
 At age 70 success is . . . having a drivers license.  
 At age 75 success is . . . having friends.  
 At age 80 success is . . . not peeing in your pants.  
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 - If we see you wearing Prada shoes and carrying a Gucci bag, we will assume you are doing well financially and therefore do not need a raise.  
 - If you dress poorly, you need to learn to manage your money better, so that you may buy nicer clothes, and therefore you do not need a raise.  
 - If you dress just right, you are right where you need to be and therefore you do not need a raise.

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Bathroom Breaks:  
 Entirely too much time is being spent on

**GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:**

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not for the toy.

**GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD**

- 1) Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy hairdresser.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.



the toilet. There is now a strict three-minute time limit in the stalls. At the end of three minutes, an alarm will sound, the toilet paper roll will retract, the stall door will open, and a picture will be taken. After your second offense, your picture will be posted on the company bulletin board under the "Chronic Offenders" category. Anyone caught smiling in the picture will be sanctioned under the company's mental health policy.

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- Skinny people get 30 minutes for lunch, as they need to eat more, so that they can look healthy.
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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!"

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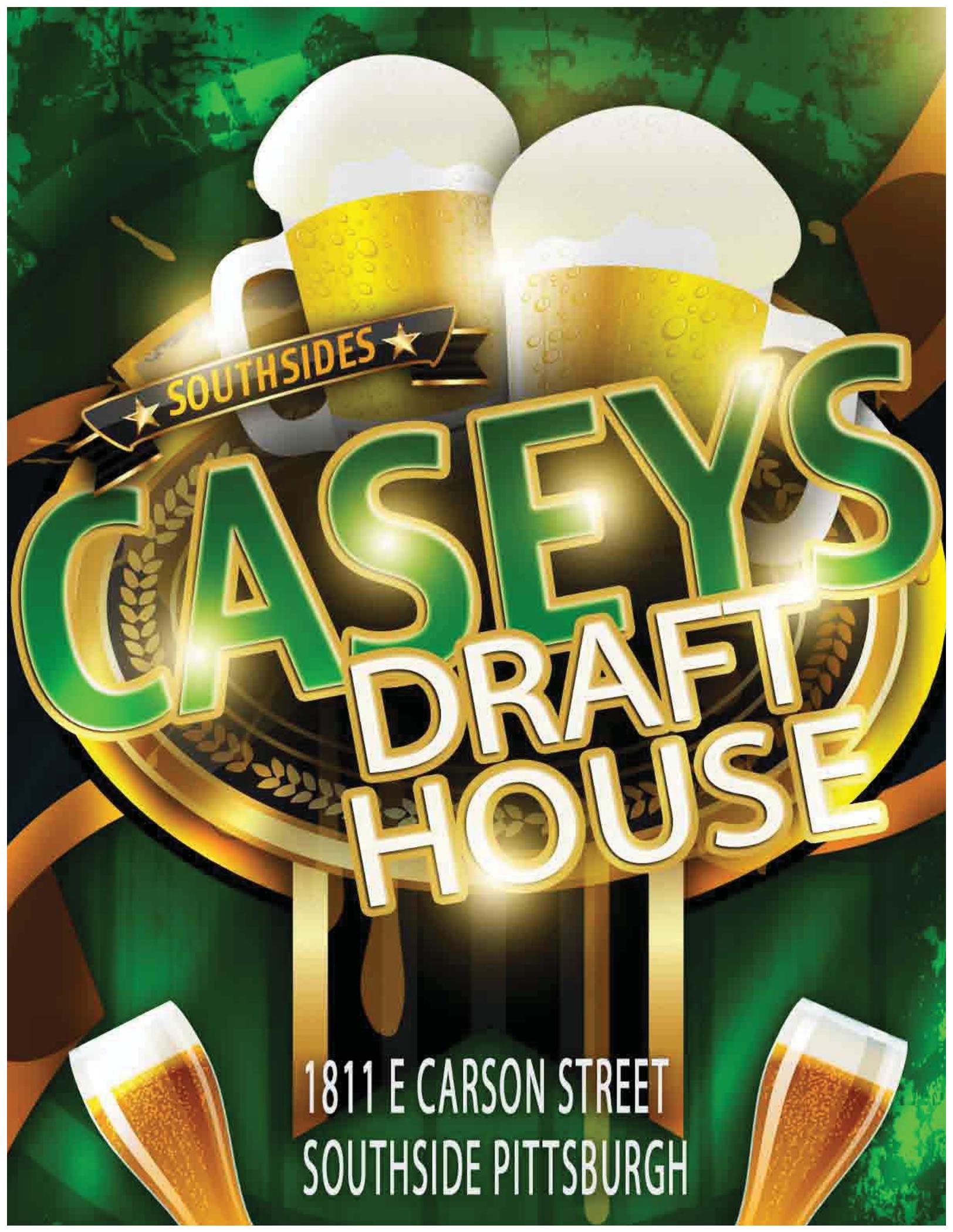
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