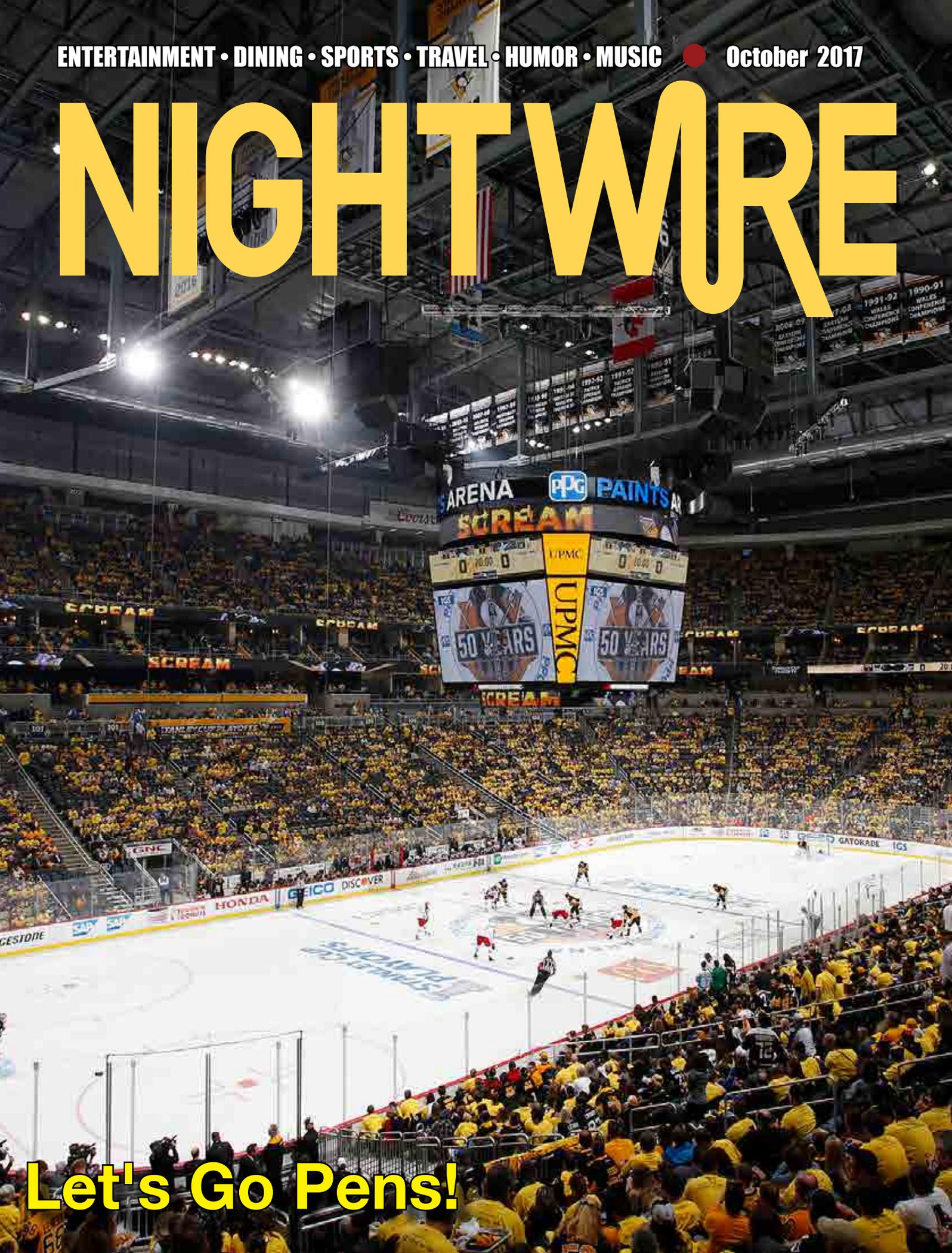


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# SPORTS:

## More History In the Making

by Stacy Kauffman, Sports Editor, Nightwire Magazine  
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Less than four months after hoisting the Stanley Cup the Penguins will lace 'em up to begin their championship defense for the second consecutive season. Not since the New York Islanders dynasty of the early 1980s has a team won three Stanley Cups in a row, and as most Pens fans remember, eliminated Pittsburgh on their way to their third of what would be a four-peat. That's rarified ice.

While the black and gold are halfway to that feat, the focus is squarely on the trifecta. And they'll have to do it without several key players that helped them get there. Title winning teams tend to have roster turnover – when is a player's stock higher than that? – but throw an expansion draft into the offseason mix and you have even more to lose. And for the Penguins, one of the franchise's all-time greats has gone.

For the first time in 14 years, Marc Andre Fleury will not don the Penguins sweater. While his team records won't be

going anywhere for a while, his presence in the room and on the ice can't be replaced. Matt Murray has been there before, of course and will fill the net well in Fleury's absence, but as just one of five players to have won all three Stanley Cups in the Sidney Crosby era, it will be interesting to see how his longtime teammates respond.

Another one of the five guys with three Pittsburgh rings, Chris Kunitz has also moved on, in his case it was his choice to sign with another team. The Tampa Bay Lightning inked the veteran winger to a one-year deal. Inspiration for one of the legendary goal calls in Penguins' postseason history, Nick Bonino cashed in at Nashville, while the "old man" of the group, Matt Cullen went home to Minnesota for a season. Blueliner Trevor Daley got paid in Detroit and Arizona lured assistant coach, Rick Tocchet behind their bench.

But enough about who won't be helping the Penguins in



their pursuit, GM Jim Rutherford has added some new faces and others will be stepping into bigger roles. Here's a couple of guys to keep an eye on this season . . .

A forward known for his physicality, Ryan Reaves was acquired in a trade with St. Louis. While fans agreed that the Pens took unnecessary – and in some cases illegal – hits though out the playoffs, not all agreed that sending promising centerman, Oskar Sundqvist to the Blues in return for the heavy-hitter was wise. Especially with the lack of depth at the position after Bonino and Cullen left. People will scrutinize Reaves all season, but it won't be until the playoffs that we see whether or not this deal has paid off.

The other new additions to the roster are veteran goalie, Antti Niemi and reliable defenseman Matt Hunwick. A Stanley Cup winning goalie, Niemi joins his fourth team in the past seven years. He'll spell Murray between the pipes and hopefully won't be needed more than that. The 32-year old



Hunwick comes to the Pens from Toronto to help curb the loss of Daley.

Kris Letang will certainly fortify a blueline as he returns from neck surgery (understatement of the year). But it remains to be seen, after missing half the season due to various injuries, whether or not the dynamic defenseman will be able to stay on the ice.

It's been highly reported that former coach, Rick Tocchet was the guy that kept the peace between Phil Kessel and Evgeni Malkin, without his presence, how will these two get along?



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Will it impact performance? It could be overblown, but we will see how it plays out on the ice. How will Jake Guentzel respond in his second season after 29 goals in 65 games between his first NHL regular and postseason experience? Will he draw defenses to him and open up Crosby for more plays? And who stakes claim to Sid's other wing?

One last thing to watch – how will Murray react to being the undisputed started goalie? Will he be empowered or get complacent?

The season opens October 4th at home versus St. Louis. Three days later the Penguins host Nashville in a Stanley Cup Finals rematch. The new Knights of Las Vegas will come to town February 6th but they'll head to Vegas Dec 16th to face their old friend Fleury. As is the case every season, the biggest opponent they'll take on this season will be injuries. Stay healthy and who knows what can happen.

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# Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents Equus

Ted Pappas gallops into his Grand Finale Season with a high-powered new staging of Peter Shaffer's epic psychological thriller.

Pittsburgh Public Theater begins its 43rd season with Peter Shaffer's sensational drama, *Equus*. The play is directed by Pittsburgh Public Theater's Producing Artistic Director, Ted Pappas, as part of his Grand Finale Season. Mr. Pappas will leave the company in August, 2018. *Equus* runs September 28 – October 29, 2017 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](http://ppt.org).

*Equus* is set in England in the mid-1970s. It tells the story of young stable hand Alan Strang (Spencer T. Hamp), whose love of horses morphs into something odd, and then suddenly into violence. Martin Dysart (Daniel Krell) is the psychiatrist who must uncover the hidden motives behind Alan's deed.

The cast includes Alan's authoritative father (Timothy Carter) and religiously zealous mother (Nancy McNulty), the compassionate magistrate (Lisa Velten Smith), the stable owner (Philip Winters), the girl who is attracted to Alan (Jessie Wray Goodman), and the Nurse (Amy Landis). One of the most famous and fascinating aspects of *Equus* is using actors to play horses. Wearing metal sculpted heads and hooves, these six men will embody the essence of a stable of horses: Ben Blazer (Nugget), Michael Greer, Lawrence Karl, Ryan Patrick Kearney, Benjamin James Michael, and Luke Steinhauer. This production contains nudity.

The design team for *Equus* is James Noone (Scenic), Tilly Grimes (Costumes), Kirk Bookman (Lighting), and Zach Moore (Sound). Don Wadsworth is the Dialect Coach, Casting is by Pat McCorkle, Ruth E. Kramer is the Production Stage Manager, and Phill Madore is the Assistant Stage Manager.

*Equus* opened in London in 1973 and transferred to Broadway in 1974, where it received the Tony Award for Best Play. The Royal Hunt of the Sun and *Amadeus* are Mr. Shaffer's other epics. *Amadeus* won a Tony for Best Play and the film version took home the Oscar for Best Picture in 1984. Mr. Shaffer received an Academy Award for Best Adapted Screenplay for *Amadeus*. After a brilliant career that included numerous other plays, including *Five Finger Exercise* and *Lettice and Lovage*, he died last year at age 90.



## Pittsburgh Public Theater Presents **Equus**

**September 28 – October 29, 2017**

### **Performance Schedule**

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Sundays at 2 & 7 pm (except Oct. 29 when the final show is at 2 pm).

Press Night is Thursday, Oct. 5. Opening Night is Friday, Oct. 6.

**Ticket prices:** \$30 - \$75. Tickets for students & age 26 & younger: \$15.75.

Discounts for groups of 10+ are available by contacting Casey Helm at 412.316.8200 ext. 704 or [chelm@ppt.org](mailto:chelm@ppt.org).

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# Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Presents:

## MULTIPLE CHOICE EVENT: VARIETY HOUR: MULTIPLE CHOICE LOCALLY SOURCED HOSTED BY RICK SEBAK FEATURES 6 LOCAL PERFORMING ARTISTS

The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust is pleased to announce the next happening for the 2017 Multiple Choice Events is Variety Hour: Multiple Choice Locally Sourced, to be held at the August Wilson Center, 980 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, on Saturday, October 14, 2017. Guests of all ages are welcome to attend the Variety Hour featuring six local performing artists, at 8:00 p.m.; then at 9:00 p.m. everyone can join us for a speed painting competition featuring local visual artists, an art auction to benefit each artist and after party.

Now in its second season, the 2017 Multiple Choice Events, presented by the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust, seeks to engage audiences of all ages and backgrounds and has featured Hip Hop revolutionaries, a groundbreaking guitarist, a live monster fighting spectacle and more. A unique key programming component to the series offers guests optional event choices: "Your Night, You Decide. Select one, select them all."

You own the night with Multiple Choice Events:

[A] Attend a show

[B] Go to a party featuring a speed painting competition

[C] Grab a bite to eat at our food truck roundup, or

ALL OF THE ABOVE

Ticket (\$25) includes the 8:00 p.m. Variety Hour and 9:00 p.m. speed painting competition and after party. Ticket (\$5 in advance; \$10 at the door) includes 9:00 p.m. entry to the speed painting competition, art auction and after party. Food trucks will be on site offering attendees a variety of food and beverage options to purchase throughout the evening.

Tickets are available at [www.TrustArts.org](http://www.TrustArts.org), by calling 412-456-6666 or in person at Theater Square Box Office, 655 Penn Avenue. For group of 10+, call 412-471-693 or online at [www.TrustArts.org](http://www.TrustArts.org).

Multiple Choice: Locally Sourced features a Variety Hour, showcasing the best Pittsburgh has to offer. Hosted by local native Rick Sebak, the Variety Hour will showcase performers who live or work within fifty miles of the city; each performer has up to 10 minutes to show off their skills and creativity. This past summer, Randal Miller, Director of Dance Programming and Special Projects with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust curated the on-line call for the artist event submissions. The open call winner chosen from the submissions, Spoken Word Artist Karla "Spirit-Lead" Payne, receives a \$250 cash award, tickets to the Variety Hour: Multiple Choice Locally Sourced and the opportunity to perform during the event.

"An important aspect of the Cultural Trust's mission is to create

a Cultural District that is welcoming to everyone. Locally Sourced provides us an opportunity to connect directly with Pittsburgh's performing and visual artists and provide them with a platform in a major downtown venue," shares Randal Miller, Director of Dance Programming and Special Projects, with the Cultural Trust.

The Variety Hour at 8:00 p.m. will feature Pittsburgh artists Alt. R&B Musician Amir Miles, Dancer Teena Custer, Physical Comedian Bill Shannon, Playwright Brian Pope, Spoken Word Artist Karla "Spirit-Lead" Payne (open call artist winner) and Texture Contemporary Ballet.

At 9:00 p.m., Locally Sourced continues with more multiple choice happenings for guests of all ages to enjoy and be a participant as an art judge following the speed painting competition during the after party. The speed painting competition features 12 Pittsburgh visual artists who will be given 30 minutes and a blank canvas to create works that will then be judged by the audience. The top four artists from the preliminary rounds will face off in a second round of painting to determine the winner. At the end of the evening, all art pieces will be auctioned off with proceeds going directly to the artists.

An exciting, eclectic and diverse line-up for Multiple Choice Events 2018 will be announced at a later date and information will be available on [TrustArts.org](http://TrustArts.org).

### About Rick Sebak

Emmy® Award-winning Rick Sebak is a producer, film director, writer and narrator of unique documentaries for public television. His documentaries have featured interesting people, places and history - locally and across the country.

### August Wilson Center

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# Pittsburgh Cultural Trust - School Is Back In Session With Trustarts Education Programming!

School is back in session, which means education programs at the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust are in full swing! The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Arts Education Department provides a wide range of opportunities for educators, students and community members alike, through performances, workshops, classes and other programs that nurture an appreciation and understanding through the arts.

Dedicated to fostering a love of the arts at all ages, the Arts Education Department provides hands-on and interactive programming to engage and entertain young children, as well as opportunities that grow and develop as the age of the audience does. Programs allow younger audiences and artists to develop imagination, critical thinking, and self-esteem, while enabling older performers and patrons to improve their craft, cultivate new skills and improve their knowledge. Professional development is also a key component to the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust Arts Education Department programming, with programs that focus on arts integration, providing teachers with innovative tools and techniques to apply in the classroom.

"We welcome and encourage everyone to participate in our educational programs. Our team strives to produce programming that compliments and informs the work being done in the Cultural District, as well as pave the way for future artists and patrons," shared Tracy L. Edmunds, Vice President of Arts Education-Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. "All year long, we have talented teaching artists creating unique classes and community activities that combine learning something new in a fun and supportive environment."

Immersive, exciting, educational experiences are available throughout the year to audiences of all ages and backgrounds interested in deepening their knowledge of the arts. Take a look at what the Trust Arts Education Center has in store this October!

## **Audition Workshop Series**

For Ages 15-20

Saturdays, October 7, 14, and 21

Do you know a budding artist aged 15-20? This three-part workshop is designed for students who want to prepare and sharpen their audition technique for musical theatre. Participants will work with professional local artists, educators and performers who know all aspects of the audition process. Artists will gain skills to master the audition, from monologue to audition song. Each week will build on the curriculum as

participants learn new material and specific techniques to help when in the audition room, with the support of their peers.

## **Ghost Stories**

Saturday, October 14, 12:00 p.m.

Goblins and ghouls of all ages will love storyteller Alison K. Babusci's most popular program. Her spine-chilling stories, terrifying tales and frighteningly funny fictions will have the audience howling for more. This education fall feature will get you in the trick-or-treat spirit just in time for Halloween.

Babusci is a Pittsburgh-born artist, teacher, professional storyteller and arts education consultant. As a storyteller, she has performed for children and adults in museums, independent bookstores, schools, libraries, theaters and festivals from Pittsburgh to New York City.

## **Kids Night on Broadway – School of Rock**

Tuesday, October 17, 6:00 p.m.

Kids' Night on Broadway is a national initiative sponsored by The Broadway League. This special event will take place during the opening night performance of School of Rock. Adults can purchase on Price Level D ticket and receive one Price Level D Kid's (6-18) admission free. The performance is kicked off by lots of friendly interactive activities in the Trust Arts Education Center prior to the show.

To purchase tickets, visit [TrustArts.org](http://TrustArts.org) or call 412-456-4800. Discount code: KIDS1718 (limited availability), offer is not valid on previously purchased tickets.

## **Know the Show Before You Go – School of Rock**

Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.

Join us at the Trust Arts Education Center on opening night of PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh performances. Get the inside scoop on our Broadway performances – you will appreciate the theater experience that much more. Admission to Know the Show Before You Go is free for all ticket holders and takes place an hour before show time. Refreshments will be served. Sit back, relax and get to know the show – before you go!

For all ages and audiences, the Arts Education Department can create a custom experience that deepens the Cultural District experience. The full year of Pittsburgh Cultural Trust educational programming and options can be found online at [www.TrustArts.org/education](http://www.TrustArts.org/education).



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# Movie Reviews

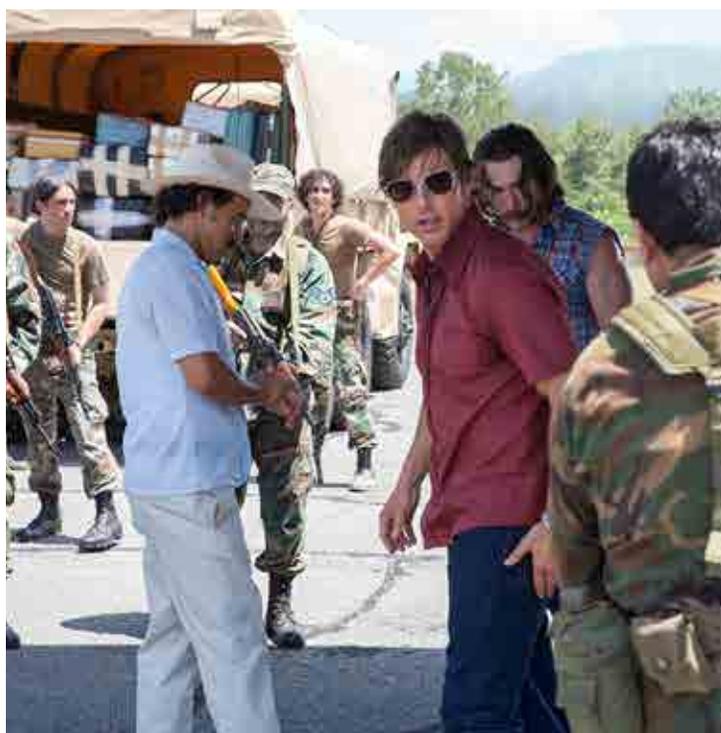
NIGHTWIRE - FILM REVIEWS by FIORE



## AMERICAN MADE

This film will serve only to display the hypocrisy of the Hollywood Liberal Looney Left (H3L), who praise star Tom Cruise for this performance, while demeaning his performance in THE MUMMY, when he is essentially playing the same character. What begins as a film utilizing revisionist history to create an anti-hero out of a rogue, turns into demagoguery on Republican Presidents and America.

The film divulges its story at a time just before the Iran-Contra scandal, when General Noriega, Pablo Escobar and Oliver North were all coming to power. Barry Seal was a commercial airline pilot, who opted to chuck the friendly skies to run drugs and then weapons to South America before he was recruited by the CIA to help fund a South American revolution. The film stars Tom Cruise; Domhnall Gleeson; Sarah Wright and E. Roger Mitchell .





The hypocrisy shows in the trade press for the film. Critics are salivating over Cruise's performance, yet it is a carbon copy of the persona he offered in *THE MUMMY*. Admittedly one character is fictitious while the other is based on an actual person, but he deliver and manner Cruise creates are the same. *THE MUMMY* was worth repeated viewings; this one, is not.

I remember the incidents surrounding *Seals* well. They were not funny, but rather bordered on tragic. Yet all the events in *AMERICAN MADE* are 'Hollywoodized" and the film is played for laughs. Cruise plays Seal as a lovable rogue, often bewildered by his circumstances. This is the same way he played Nick Morton.

The reason the trades are favorable to this performance is, at the film's conclusion, the Hollywood leftist agenda rumbles in with snide, and unnecessary comments on the two former presidents and one final insult to America.

Mel Gibson, in *AIR AMERICA* tackled this topic with a little more style, and a little more panache. Director Doug Liman teamed with Cruise before on *EDGE OF TOMORROW*; unfortunately, *AMERICAN MADE* does not capture any of the duo's past glory.

## **LAST RAMPAGE**

As you travel the fields of Independent Films this awards season, be sure to pay particular attention to *LAST RAMPAGE*. It is an engrossing and engaging retelling of the events of Gary Tison's escape from prison and his murderous trek to make the Mexican border. The story is told in crisp fashion with excellent performances by Robert Patrick and Bruce Davison.

In 1978, Gary Tison, in the Arizona State Penitentiary for murder, staged a daring escape utilizing his three sons and cellmate Randy Greenawalt as conspirators. Greenawalt, played by Chris Browning, was also serving a life sentence for murder.

The escape takes place in the region of Sheriff Cooper's jurisdiction, and he takes responsibility for the escape and ensuing murders. Torn by guilt and a sense of justice, Cooper avows to bring Tison back to prison. Bruce Davison plays Sheriff Cooper.

The acting in *LAST RAMPAGE* is solid. Performances by Davison and Patrick are outstanding. Usually, these two are relegated to supporting roles. They have the opportunity



to take the lead here, and do so with aplomb. Rounding out the cast is Heather Graham who plays Tison's wife, a staunch defender of her family's actions.

Usually, films based on true events are cumbersome, but the fine quality of the acting, and expert editing in keeping the film to 93 minutes, help make LAST RAMPAGE the exception to the maxim.

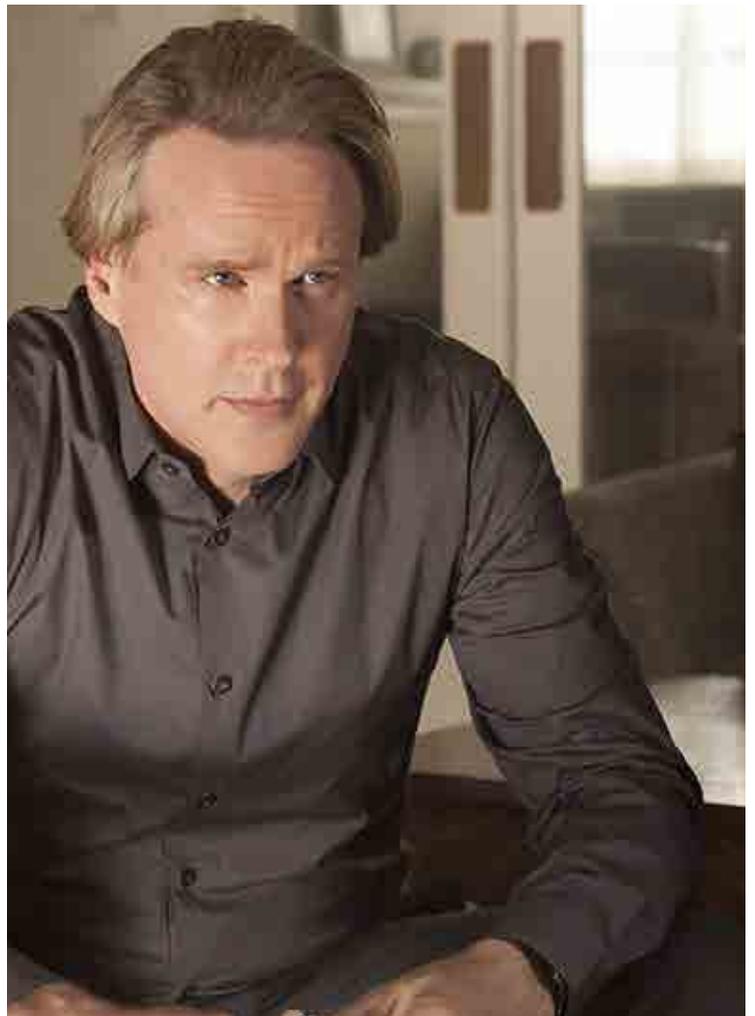
This one is definitely worth a view. While it will not open in the Pittsburgh market, it is available on VOD and PPV. Well worth the price.

### **DON'T SLEEP**

Sometimes a name change can be devastating. DON'T SLEEP, released currently on VOD and PPV was originally titled THE OTHER. Apparently, there were copyright issues with that name, and so it was changed. Pity. THE OTHER suits this film so much better.

It concerns demon possession through dreams. A young boy battles demons in his sleep and conquers them, at least he thinks. As a young man, he discovers the demons have





only been in remission, and are returning with a fury. The cast includes Drea deMatteo, Dominic Sherwood, Jill Hennessy and a cameo appearance by Cary Elwes, as the psychiatrist.

Independent horror films usually offer something worthwhile from the garden variety main stream tales. *DON'T SLEEP* is no exception, but it reveals the novel twist literally as the last line of the film. Why this aspect was not florid throughout the movie is truly puzzling. As a result, Writer and Director Rick Bieber presents a horror tale that moves slower than molasses. While the movie is only ninety minutes, it felt as if I was sitting in my chair for hours.

So, once again, we have another independent horror film that has great promise, but fails to deliver. This one is only for people who like their horror movies real slow, or are exceptional fans of Elwes.

# Embrace the Pumpkin With These Fall Beers

by Brian Meyer

Each year as the weather cools down and the leaves begin to change, the yearly battle of the gourds inevitably begins. Sadly, this skirmish doesn't involve punkin' chunkin', but it does involve fans of beer near and far. Lovers of the fall-centric squash embrace it in everything from beer to coffee to shampoo while their sworn enemies think the only good pumpkin is one smashed in the street.

Wherever you fall on this squash scale, pumpkin beers are a sure sign that the seasons are changing and shorter days and cooler nights are in our very near future. The use of pumpkins in beer is far from a recent occurrence, and its presence in beer recipes can be traced back to the early settlers of our United States.

While there's far more pumpkin pie spice found in pumpkin beers today, there's still a healthy dose of gourd in most of the better pumpkin beers around today, making them a unique drinking experience that's typically only around for a few short months.

Whether you're a lover of all things pumpkin or you're new to the gourd game and you want to see what all the fuss is about, finding the right pumpkin beer can be tough to say the least. Yours truly has done the legwork and with the help of the fine folks at Vecenie Distributing, I've put together a list of must-try pumpkin beers to fill your fall with all things pumpkin. Check out the list below and don't listen to the haters...pumpkin beers are not only craft beer, they're a great way to celebrate and enjoy the changing of seasons before it gets too cold to think about it.

**Anderson Valley Brewing Company** - Fall Hornin': With a brilliant, deep copper hue and creamy beige-colored head, our Fall Hornin' Pumpkin Ale has inviting aromas of caramelized malt and baking bread with highlights of cinnamon, nutmeg, pumpkin and seasonal spices. The pleasantly creamy mouthfeel and silky body embrace the sweet caramel flavors and tang of spices with just hint of hops that ends with a smooth, round finish. 6% ABV

**Buffalo Bill's Brewery** - Pumpkin: America's Original Pumpkin Ale was first brewed in 1985. Made with real pumpkin, it has a golden amber color, and the sweet aroma of pumpkin pie. This brew is perfect for Fall, Halloween, and Thanksgiving. Pumpkin Ale is available from August through November. 6% ABV





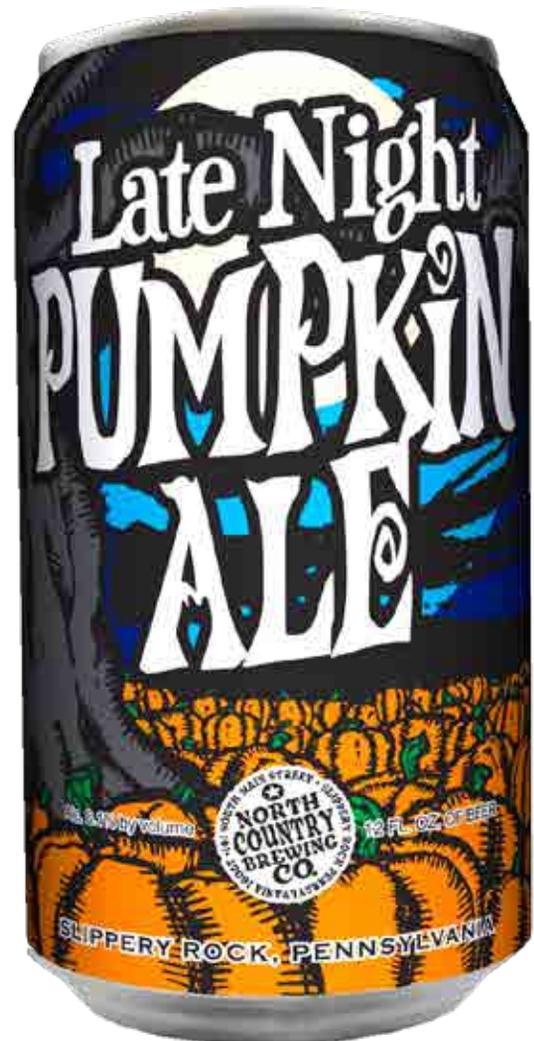
**Dogfish Head Craft Brewery - Punkin' Ale:** A full-bodied brown ale with smooth hints of pumpkin and brown sugar. Dogfish Head brews Punkin Ale with pumpkin meat, brown sugar and spices. As the season cools, this is the perfect beer to warm up with. 7% ABV

**Erie Brewing Company - Johnny Rails Pumpkin:** A blonde based ale gives this pumpkin beer a lighter, meltier flavor to start with. It is a fruit beer with delicious flavor, a great nose, and the

perfect poise of pumpkin and spice. This flavorful brew is sure to get you in the fall spirit. 6.5% ABV

**Heavy Seas Beer - Greater Pumpkin:** In the most-worthy of pumpkin patches and during the silence of the midnight hour, the Greater Pumpkin rises up and pours a rich deep and orange color. Heady aromas of bourbon, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and clove linger over the thick white head of this giant brew. Its love at first sip as the full malt body, dominated by British crystal malt, brown sugar and pumpkin, slowly washes over your tongue. Bourbon barrel aging rounds out the flavors with notes of oak, vanilla, and bourbon. 10% ABV

**Lancaster Brewing Company - Baked Pumpkin:** Have your pie and drink it too! Bold flavor with a deep amber color, our big Baked Pumpkin Ale is sure to remind you of Grandma's homemade pumpkin pie. 7.3% ABV



**North Country Brewing Company - Late Night Pumpkin:** For the fall season, North Country brews their Late Night Pumpkin with a healthy dose of pumpkin, spice, and of course this is all done late at night, when the pumpkins taste their best. Coming in at 6.1% ABV with a gold color and a nice spiced character, Late Night Pumpkin is a canned beer you definitely need to try. Oh, and if you can find the barrel-aged version, don't pass it up! 6.1% ABV

**Smuttynose Brewing Company - Pumpkin Ale:** This beer is a homage to the craft and heritage of America's brewers. Recipes calling for the use of pumpkins in beer date back to early colonial times, when brewers sought to extend their supply of costly imported malt with locally grown ingredients, such as squash and "pompions." in that spirit, Smuttynose brews this ale with the addition of pumpkin to the mash, along with traditional spices to create a delicious American original. 6.35% ABV

**Weyerbacher Brewing Company - Imperial Pumpkin:** This high gravity pumpkin ale is the mother of all pumpkin ales. It is heartier, spicier, and more "caramelly" and "pumpkiny" than its faint brethren! Weyerbacher added lots of pumpkin along with cinnamon, nutmeg and a touch of cardamom and clove giving this beer a spicy, full-bodied flavor. This truly is an Imperial Pumpkin Ale. 8% ABV

**Tröegs Independent Brewery - Master of Pumpkins:** Pulling the strings of great beer and smashing some pumpkins in the process is a pretty amazing beer from The Tröegs brothers out of Hershey, PA. Master of Pumpkin is brewed with native Pennsylvania neck pumpkins that're harvested just a few miles away from the brewery, and is combined with traditional pie spices that's so good it's almost blinding. 7.5% ABV

As you can see, there's a lot more to pumpkin beers than meets the eye. From big and spicy to reasonable with a hint of spice... there's a pumpkin beer for everyone to try this fall season. Don't pass up your chance to try some of them today.



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# Antebellum Return

Suzanne Ferrara

With the allure of the Hollywood epic, coupled with the historical worldliness of a fairytale, there's no chance Oak Alley would leave a visitor with anything but awe. The near 200-year-old homestead is unparalleled by any place in America and is a captivating vortex of wonder and beauty. You will certainly be swept away by the larger-than-life presence which oozes from this cinematic scene (also a National Historic Landmark) in Vacherie, La.

Its antebellum charm exudes from every corner of the Greek Revival estate, and you can all but see the swaying hoop skirts dashing across the gallery and distinguished noblemen of the day entering the mansion.

Once you're standing in front of one of the most photographed and storied Southern plantations, under its legendary alley of 300-year-old live oaks whose canopy of branches seem to be holding hands, you too, will be taken by the soulful and perhaps surreal site. It's no wonder people from around the world ardently await the moment they can stand in her presence and admire her exquisiteness. A visit here will unveil what the 'Golden Age' of sugar plantations was really all about, from the slaves who built the plantation to the sugar cane they cultivated for colossal empire of Jacques T. Roman and his family.

To begin unveiling this enthralling history, a tour of the mansion

is a perfect introduction to all that awaits your exploration on the lush grounds of Oak Alley. Here you will learn about the families who resided at Oak Alley and view several artifacts belonging to the owners. (Fact: Descendants of the Stewart family, the longest inhabitants of Oak Alley, still live and work at the plantation).

The plantation's slave exhibit, entitled 'Slavery at Oak Alley', offers an intimate look at the lives of the slaves whose hands made the Roman family flourish and allowed for their extravagant existence. You will need several hours to take in all the history and



Oak Alley Plantation, Vacherie, Louisiana



Close up of the trees on Oak Alley

beauty of the 25-acre estate.

Be sure to grab a refreshing signature plantation cocktail while enjoying the grounds. You can wet your whistle at Oak Alley's Spirits Bar (with its famous Mint Julep) or if you want a different twist on this traditional Southern concoction, try the tasty Lemon Julep or Frozen Blackberry Mint Julep. (Tip: you can enjoy your drink of choice while touring the plantation).

Hungry? Oak Alley Restaurant offers scrumptious, house-made Southern Cajun/creole house dishes that are sure to please everyone. The Chicken, Smoked Sausage, and Andouille Gumbo, as well as the Vacherie Burger with its special Creolaise Sauce (creole mustard, mayonnaise and seasonings) are sure crowd-pleasers. (Tip: Regulars ask for extra sauce to dip their French fries). The Seafood Au Gratin, Red Beans & Rice with Smoked

Sausage, and a Cajun Medley, which features a cup of gumbo, crawfish etouffee, and red beans and rice, are also popular dishes. (Tip: A favorite among many plantation employees is the Open-Faced, Sloppy, Roast Beef & Gravy Po-Boy). Be sure to save lots of room for dessert, especially the Pecan Praline Cheesecake topped with a dark rum sauce. If that doesn't work, try the mouthwatering Buttermilk Pie or Oak Alley Plantation's Famous Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce, made with real French bread.

Of course, one of the biggest natural draws to Oak Alley is the mighty Mississippi which put the iconic plantation and other river road plantations on the map. You can sit on one of the benches atop the levee and watch the riverboats and barges traverse

morning. (Tip: For an additional fee, be sure to reserve the 'Do Not Disturb' package which includes wine or house-made Mint Juleps, plus a fruit and cheese tray and chocolate-covered strawberries. This package also includes breakfast brought to your room).

While Louisiana is riddled with plantations, especially along the mighty Mississippi River, the grand dame of them all--the largest plantation in the entire South-- is Nottoway Plantation and Resort. This sprawling, majestic "White Castle" and its 15 acres of stunning landscape, cottages, and resort facilities is only 60 miles upriver from Oak Alley in White Castle, Louisiana. Nottoway (also a National Historic Landmark) is a premier historical resort with AAA-



Nottoway Plantation Resort, White Castle, Louisiana

through this iconic waterway.

After a day of being swept away by antebellum charm and a history, be sure to have one of the best sleeps of your life courtesy of the AAA-approved, three diamond accredited Oak Alley Cottages. You can stay in either one of the century-old cottages or a newer deluxe cottage, all of which have kitchens. (Tip: Cottage #6 is an historic suite with two bedrooms and a back porch with a large oak tree. Room #'s 7, 8 and 9 are the newer cottages with king-size beds.) Dinner is served in your room only, and you can make your menu selections before you check into the cottages. (Fun Fact: Overnight guests use the flashlights supplied in each cottage to walk around the grounds at night, right under the oaks. Be sure to turn off your flashlights to completely enjoy the enchanted, star-studded night sky).

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A visit to Nottoway's 1850s sugarcane plantation certainly leaves one awed by its captivating grandeur and glory. When you lay your eyes on the massive 53,000-foot Greek Revival and Italianate-styled mansion, and then walk through this picturesque setting, it's almost surreal and, like many visitors, you may feel as though you were dropped right into the cinematic scene of the antebellum era. (Fun Fact: The mansion itself has 64 rooms with a total of 365 doors and windows which its 1850s owner, John Hampden Randolph, wanted to represent the 365 days of the year).

If you can, spend two nights at Nottoway because it will be hard to leave after just one day! Before delving into its captivating history, a great option is to spend the first day by basking in its hypnotic atmosphere and enjoying amenities that will surely please and whisk you away.

After checking into your luxurious one-of-a-kind accommodations, indulge with a refreshing quintessential Louisiana cocktail from The Mansion Bar and Lounge (or perhaps a frozen lemonade) and stroll the lush grounds dotted with magnificent 200-year old oak trees and beautiful gardens lush with native plants and flowers. (Tip: When making your reservations, request that a bottle of chilled champagne be waiting in your room).

Need more ideas before diving into the fascinating history tours and museum experience? Take a dip in the gorgeous pool, soak in the hot tub, or grab one of several complimentary bikes and explore the area which is surrounded by sugarcane fields and the Mississippi River; guests can peddle atop the levee which skirts the Mississippi and is only 200 yards feet from the front of Nottoway! (Fact: Some of the sugarcane fields surrounding Nottoway are original to the plantation, and that very sugar is used in many of the desserts served here. Nottoway Plantation included 6,200 acres in 1860).

There are 40 different elegantly appointed accommodations at Nottoway with lodging options ranging from cottages, grand suites inside the plantation, and honeymoon suites, one of which has its own private pool! You can sleep like the Randolph family did in the 1800s in their very rooms inside mansion; these rooms are full of antique furniture and decor from the era and some even contain original furnishings. (Tip: You can see the Mississippi River and boats passing by from the grand windows inside the Cornelia Randolph Room which is located on the third floor. Every other Saturday, the American Queen Steamboat is docked on the banks of the river right in front of Nottoway; it's truly a sight to behold).



The cottage accommodations resemble plantation-era structures on the outside, but inside, there are modern, plush rooms with covered porches and oversized rocking chairs. (Tip: Guests of Nottoway are free to roam about the mansion, (traditionally only done with a tour guide), throughout the evening and at night, and if you get a chance, ask Bob (who works plantation security at night) if there are any ghosts at Nottoway. (Tip: Be sure to sit in an oversized rocking chair and enjoy the riverfront breeze on the mansion's massive third floor balcony that overlooks the river. This is a special great experience at night as well). By the way, all rooms have flat-screen TVs with cable and high-speed wireless internet.



Your stay also includes access to the fitness center, tennis courts and a scrumptious full plantation breakfast at the Mansion Restaurant, and you can either order breakfast from the menu or opt for the buffet which includes several house-made options. (Tip: Be sure to meet Arlene, a fixture who has been working at Nottoway for nearly 20 years, and serves breakfast and lunch).

Whether eating breakfast, lunch, or dinner, request a table or make a reservation for a window- view table so that, while dining, you can enjoy the view of the breathtaking grounds. (At night, the magnificent 200-year old oaks and the surrounding cottages are lit up and provide a stunning view).

The men behind Nottoway's mouthwatering cuisine are Executive Chef Michael Loupe and Sous Chef Brandon Geske, the latter of which started cooking at home when he was just eight years old and has learn the trade under Chef Loupe's wing. Geske will quickly tell patrons, "My success is all due to him (Loupe); he is like

a father to me.” (Dinner Menu Tip: The Jumbo Lump Crab Cake and Brandon’s Sugar Cane chicken (made with raw cane sugar from Nottoway’s sugarcane fields) are sure-to-please appetizers. Tempt your taste buds with the Chicken and Sausage Gumbo, and entrees Roasted Duck 31, Shrimp and Crab Tagliatelle Pasta and Prime Rib are musts!

There are two types of historic tours offered at Nottoway: one a self-guided audio version, the other with a guide dressed in period clothing. Nottoway suggests taking both tours to get the best of both worlds since each provides a different experience. The self-guided tour is great because, with a touch of a button, you can hear interesting facts and details about Nottoway at your own pace,

and stop-and-go as you please. (Fun Fact: The audio recording is of an actor portraying John Randolph, but using Randolph’s own descriptions of Nottoway). (Tip: After your tour, visit Le’ Café’ and pick up a ‘Meal-To-Go’, which is a sampling of traditional Louisiana food, and then picnic under the grand oaks).

Do not miss Nottoway’s museum, theater and historical cemetery on the grounds. Artifacts belonging to the Randolphs, and from the era as well, are displayed in the museum, and there’s an excellent video that gives the history of Nottoway and plantation life of this bygone era. (Tip: Block out an hour to experience and read all that is offered in the museum and theater).

Want some fun? Take part in one of Nottoway’s Murder Mystery



Suite #19 at the Nottoway Resort



Oak Alley With Pond

Dinners which includes hors d’oeuvres, champagne, wine and an exquisite four-course dinner. Actors and actresses, with some portraying Nottoway’s original owners John and Emily Randolph, are dressed in stunningly-detailed 1850s -period clothing and perform a fascinating mystery story set in 1859. This Mystery Dinner is both fun and thrilling, and guests are invited to participate.

There is no doubt that a trip to the antebellum South along the Great Mississippi River Road, will take hold of your soul and sweep you off your feet with all the grandeur and captivating history of a bygone era. As you leave these historical wonders behind, you will not only take home a storied history unlike any other, but a filmic scene as well, one that will be forever etched in your mind.

For more information go to: <http://www.oakalleyplantation.com> and <http://www.nottoway.com>

# Aspinwall Riverfront Part – Seventh Annual River Rocks Fundraiser

The annual River Rocks fundraiser was held on Saturday, September 23. This annual fundraiser will help transform Aspinwall Riverfront Park into an Enchanted Garden.

This year's event featured live music, food, drinks, artists, gorgeous decorations and an overall awesome event.

Aspinwall Park is located between Freeport Road and the



Allegheny River offering an amazing river front experience. Giant metal flowers, picnic tables and soft seating adorned the park. Guest were treated to a park decked out with flowers, steel drum music, amazing food which made guest feel as if they were on a Mediterranean Coast vacation and enjoying the view, site, sounds and surroundings.

Guests came from all over and were treated to a spectacular event filled with music and great food and cocktails. You could sit back, relax or dance the night away in this beautiful setting.

If you have never been to Aspinwall Park, we would highly recommend taking the time to visit this hidden gem. Aspinwall Park is truly an amazing park and great place to enjoy. You can just sit and enjoy the view and your surroundings or take a walk, bring a book or perhaps your favorite beverage while you unwind and let your worries and troubles drift away in this secret oasis. Aspinwall is one of Pittsburgh's great hidden treasures, home to some great restaurants and little shops, its quaint and welcoming





atmosphere reminds me of the streets and towns in Europe. Come, Enjoy the park.. Enjoy Aspinwall!

Event Chairwomen Kristin Hilton and Tara Balonick goals are to raise awareness of the park and to help fund it's operating costs next year. The 12 member board of directors, a nonprofit corporation plans to remove a football sized concrete parking lot to improve the aesthetics of the park and help slow rainwater runoff on the property. Their goal was to raise \$100,000.

"We really wanted the patrons to come and see the park, to show it off," Balonick said.

Both women want a magical event which will convince all partygoers to return to the park.

"The riverfront is a precious area ... the community can enjoy," Hilton said.

The park is also available for weddings and other events and offers a complete catering service. Check out their website for more information. Visit [aspinwallriverfrontpark.org](http://aspinwallriverfrontpark.org).





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### Woman and Hockey

Women and Hockey Two women were at a bar. One looked at the other and said, "You know, 80 percent of all men think the best way to end an argument is to make love." "Well," said the other woman, "that will certainly revolutionize the game of hockey!"

### Doctor

This guy goes to the doctor for a checkup, and after some tests, the doctor comes in with a grave look on his face. Doctor: Well, I have some bad news and some really bad news. Guy: Well, give me the really bad news first. Doctor: You have cancer, and only 6 months to live. Guy: And the bad news? Doctor: You have Alzheimer's disease. Guy: Thank God. I was afraid I had cancer!

### Fast Food

Order a whopper from McDonalds, when they say they don't have whoppers insist that they do. If they still argue demand to see a manager then when you talk to them order a normal meal and say i don't know what's up with kids these days. Go to any burger joint and order Chinese. In summer turn stereo up full volume to Christmas music while ordering in drive through. Walk up to drive through window with hands in the air like your holding onto a steering wheel. Go through drive through and ask for directions to the place you're at. Go through drive through naked, excluding the rabbit slippers of course! Go inside and ask in a load voice if they got rid of the Ebola problems they've been having Argue with your passenger (that's not there) and continue until you pay. Pretend your deaf and order in sign language. Go through Taco Bell order the 7 layer burrito. When they repeat your order ask if each layer of the burrito is sold separately.

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- The car reaches its optimum speed when going downhill.
- The hi-tech stereo system often requires a new needle.
- The rear-view mirror says, "Objects in Mirror Are Better Than This Piece of Junk."
- The odometer on the dashboard is not as sophisticated as the everyday abacus.
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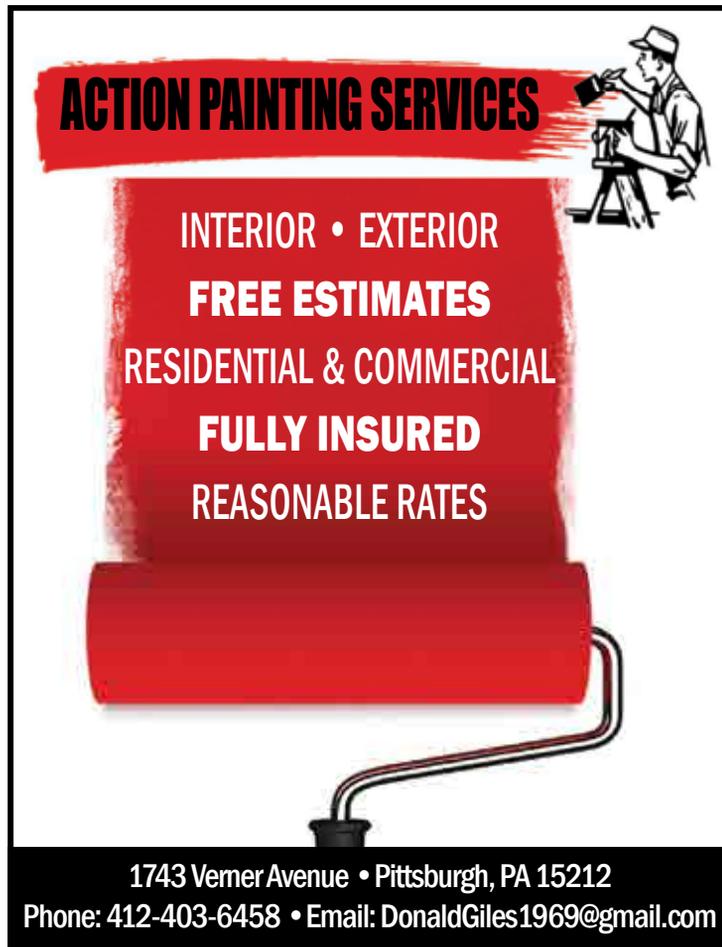
# Humor

## Enough is Enough

"Your honor," a defense attorney began, "I have a series of witnesses that can testify that Mr. Johnson was nowhere near the scene of the crime when it occurred." The judge looked at the defense table and said, "This is the third time you've been in this court room this week, and I'm getting sick of hearing your lies." The defendant stood up with a confused expression and said, "Your honor, you must be mistaken. I've never been here in my life." Waving his finger, the judge replied, "I was referring to your lawyer."

## The Checkup

The old man takes the old lady to the doctor for a checkup. The doctor wants to have some fun with the old man so after the checkup he tells the old man that the problem is serious the old ladies health is deteriorating and the only cure is sex. The old man says sex? Yes, the doctor says sex you know. How many times she must have sex? The doctor says three times a week. What days? The old man says. Well, lets say Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Well, doctor Tuesday and Thursday I can but, on Saturday I have something to do, I can't bring her to you.



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## Woman on Deathbed

A woman on her deathbed called her husband and instructed him to look under their bed and open the wooden box he found. He was puzzled by the 5 eggs and \$16,000 in cash he found in the box, so he asked his wife what the eggs were for. "Oh those", she replied, "every time we had bad sex, I put an egg in the box". Not bad, the husband thought to himself, after 25 years of marriage, then he asked, "But what about the \$16,000?" "Oh that", she replied, "every time I got a dozen I sold them."

## Catholic Boys

There were two Catholic Boys, Timothy Murphy and Antonio Secola, whose lives paralleled each other in amazing ways. In the same year Timothy was born in Ireland, Antonio was born in Italy. Faithfully they attended parochial school from kindergarten through their Senior year in high school. They took their vows to enter the priesthood early in college and upon graduation became priests. Their careers had come to amaze the world; but, it was generally acknowledged that Antonio was just a cut above Timothy in all respects. Their rise through the ranks of Bishop, Archbishop and finally Cardinal was meteoric to say the least, and the Catholic world knew that when the present Pope died, it would be either Timothy or Antonio who would become the next Pope. In time the Pope did die, and the College of Cardinals went to work. In less time than anyone had expected, white smoke rose from the chimney, and the world waited to see who they had chosen. The world, Catholic, Protestant and secular was surprised to learn that Timothy Murphy had been elected Pope! Antonio was beyond surprise, he was devastated, because even with all Timothy's gifts, Antonio knew he was the better qualified. With gall that shocked the Cardinals, Antonio asked for a private session with them in which he candidly asked, "Why Timothy?" After a long silence, one old Cardinal took pity on the bewildered Antonio and rose to reply, "We knew you were the better of the two, but we just could not bear the thought of the leader of the Roman Catholic Church being called Pope Secola.

## Marines and the Police

Based on a true story:

The Marines were backing-up LAPD on a call that someone had broken into a store. At the scene, the cop told the Marines to "cover" him as he approached the store (to police, "cover" means to point your weapons in the direction of the threat,

to Marines it means lay down a base of fire!). The Marines promptly laid down a base of fire. The Marines fired 178 rounds before they stopped shooting. The thief, probably a little scared at this point, called 911 and reported, "They're shooting at me!".

### Phone Call

A woman is in bed with her lover who also happens to be her husband's best friend. They had sex for hours, and afterwards, while they're just laying there, the phone rings. Since it is the woman's house, she picks up the receiver. Her lover looks over at her and listens, only hearing her side of the conversation... She is speaking in a cheery voice) "Hello? Oh, hi. I'm so glad that you called. Really? That's wonderful. I am so happy for you. That sounds terrific. Great! Thanks. Okay. Bye." She hangs up the telephone and her lover asks, "Who was that?" "Oh" she replies, "that was my husband telling me all about the wonderful time he's having on his fishing trip with you."

### Baby Watch Observing The Baby

One night a wife found her husband standing over their baby's crib. Silently she watched him. As he stood looking down at the sleeping infant, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions: disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism. Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening she slipped her arm around her husband. "A penny for your thoughts," she said. "It's amazing!" he replied. "I just can't see how anybody can make a crib like that for only \$67.50."

### Walks Into A Room

Four Catholic ladies are having brunch together. The first one tells her friends, "My son is a priest. When he walks into a room, everyone calls him 'Father'." The second Catholic woman chirps, "My son is a Bishop. Whenever he walks into a room, people say, 'Your Grace'." The third Catholic woman says smugly, "My son is a Cardinal. Whenever he walks into a room, people say, 'Your Eminence'." The fourth Catholic woman sips her coffee in silence. The first three women give her this subtle "Well.....?" She replies, "My son is a gorgeous, 6'3", hard bodied stripper. When he walks into a room, people say, 'Oh my God...!'"

### Football Exam

Two Florida State football players, Bubba and Tiny, were taking an important exam. If they failed, they would be on academic probation and not allowed to play in the big game

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the following week. The exam was "fill in the blank" and the last question read, "Old MacDonald had a\_\_\_\_." Bubba was stumped -- he had no idea what to answer, but he knew he needed to get this one right to be sure he passed. Making sure the teacher wasn't watching, he tapped Tiny in the shoulder. "Tiny, what's the answer to the last question?" Tiny laughed, then looked around to make sure the professor hadn't noticed. He turned to Bubba and said, "Bubba, you're so stupid. Everyone knows that Old MacDonald had a FARM." "Oh yeah," said Bubba, "I remember now." he picked up his No. 2 pencil and started to write the answer in the blank. Then he stopped. Tapping Tiny on the shoulder, he whispered, "Tiny, how do you spell farm?" "You are really dumb, Bubba. that's so easy," hissed Tiny, "farm is spelled E-I-E-I-O."

### Three Wishes

Three guys, one Irish, one English, and one Scottish, are out walking along the beach together one day. They come across a lantern and a Genie pops out of it. "I will give you each one wish, that's three wishes in total", says the Genie. The Scottish guy says, "I am a fisherman, my Dad's a fisherman, his Dad was a fisherman and my son will be one too. I want all the oceans full of fish for all eternity." So, with a blink of the Genie's eye FOOM! the oceans were teaming with fish. The Englishman was amazed, so he said, "I want a wall around England, protecting her, so that no one will get in for all eternity." Again, with a blink of the Genie's eye POOF! There was a huge wall around England. The Irishman asks, "I'm very curious. Please tell me more about this wall." The Genie explains, "well, it's about 150 feet high, 50 feet thick, protecting England so that nothing can get in or out." The Irishman says, "Fill it up with water."

### Winnie The Pooh Jokes

Q: Why was Tigger in the toilet?

A: He was looking for Pooh!

Q: What does Pooh Bear call his girl friend?

A: Hunny!

Q: What did Winnie the Pooh say to his agent?

A: Show me the honey.

Q: What do you get when you cross Pooh and a skunk?

A: Winnie the P.U.

Q: Why does Piglet always smell so bad?

A: Because Piglet is always playing with Pooh

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A man lies on his deathbed, surrounded by his family: a weeping wife and five children. Three of the children are tall, good looking and athletic; but, the fourth and youngest is an ugly runt. "Darling wife," the husband whispers, "assure me that the youngest child really is mine. I want to know the truth before I die, I will forgive you if ..." The wife gently interrupts him. "Yes, my dearest, absolutely, no question, I swear on my mother's grave that you are his father." The man then dies, happy. The wife mutters under her breath: "Thank God he didn't ask about the other four."

## Marriage

A married man and his secretary were having torrid affair. One afternoon they couldn't contain their passion, so they rushed over to her place where they spent the afternoon making passionate love. When they were finished, they fell asleep, not waking until 8 o'clock. They got dressed quickly. Then the man told his secretary to take his shoes outside and rub them on the lawn. Bewildered, she did as he asked thinking him pretty weird. The man finally got home and his wife met him at the door. Upset, she asked where he'd been. The man replied, "I cannot tell a lie. My secretary and I are having an affair. Today we left work early, went to her place, spent the afternoon making love, and

then fell asleep. That's why I'm late." The wife looked at him, took notice of his shoes and yelled, "I can see those are grass stains on your shoes. YOU DAMN LIAR! You've been playing golf again, haven't you?"

## Human Design

Three freshman engineering students were sitting together at lunch time, when one brought up the question of who designed the human body. One of the students insisted that the human body must have been designed by an electrical engineer because of the perfection of the nerves and synapses. Another disagreed, and proclaimed that it had to have been a mechanical engineer who designed the human body. The system of levers and pullies is ingenious. "No," the third student said "your both wrong. The human body was designed by an architect. Who else but an architect would have put a toxic waste line through a recreation area?"

## 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.



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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.

Q. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?

A. Honey

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.

### Three Californians

Three Californians go down to Mexico one night and get drunk and wake up in jail. They found out that they are to be executed for their crimes but none of them can remember what they have done. The first one is strapped in the electric chair and is asked if he has any last words. He says, "I am from the San Diego School of Divinity and I believe in the almighty power of God to intervene on behalf of the innocent." They throw the switch and nothing happens, so they figure God must not want this guy to die, and they let him go. The second one is strapped in and gives his last words. "I am from the University of California School of Law and I believe in the eternal power of Justice to intervene on the part of the innocent." The switch is thrown and again nothing happens. They figure that the law is on this guy's side and let him go. The last one is strapped in and says, "Well, I'm a Cal-Berkley Electrical Engineer, and I'll tell you right now you'll never electrocute anybody if you don't connect those two wires."



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## Wheel Of Fortune Jokes

- What do you call a game show in a Chinese Restaurant?  
Wheel of Fortune cookies.
- What game show do fish watch? Whale of Fortune.
- Have you seen the game show about Theon Greyjoy? It's called "Wheel of Torture."

## Baboon

Q: What do you call a flying primate?

A: A hot air baboon!

Q: What do you call a naughty monkey?

A: A badboon!

Q: What do you call an exploding monkey?

A: A baBOOM!

Q: What is a Baboon's favorite cookie?

A: Chocolate chimp!

Q: What kind of monkey flies to school?

A: A hot air baboon.

Q: How did Gertie Baboon win the beauty contest?

A: She was the beast of the show!

Q: How do you prepare a Baboon sundae?

A: Your start getting it ready Fridae and Saturdae!

Q: What did George Washington have to do with Baboons?

A: As little as possible, dummy!

Q: What do you feed a 600 pound Baboon?

A: Anything it wants!

Q: What does a Baboon attorney study?

A: The Law of the jungle!

Q: What does a Baboon learn first in school?

A: The Apey-cees!

Q: What gives a Baboon good taste?

A: Four years in an Ivy League school!

Q: What happens if you cross a parrot with a Baboon?

A: Nobody is sure, but if it opened its mouth to speak, you'd listen!

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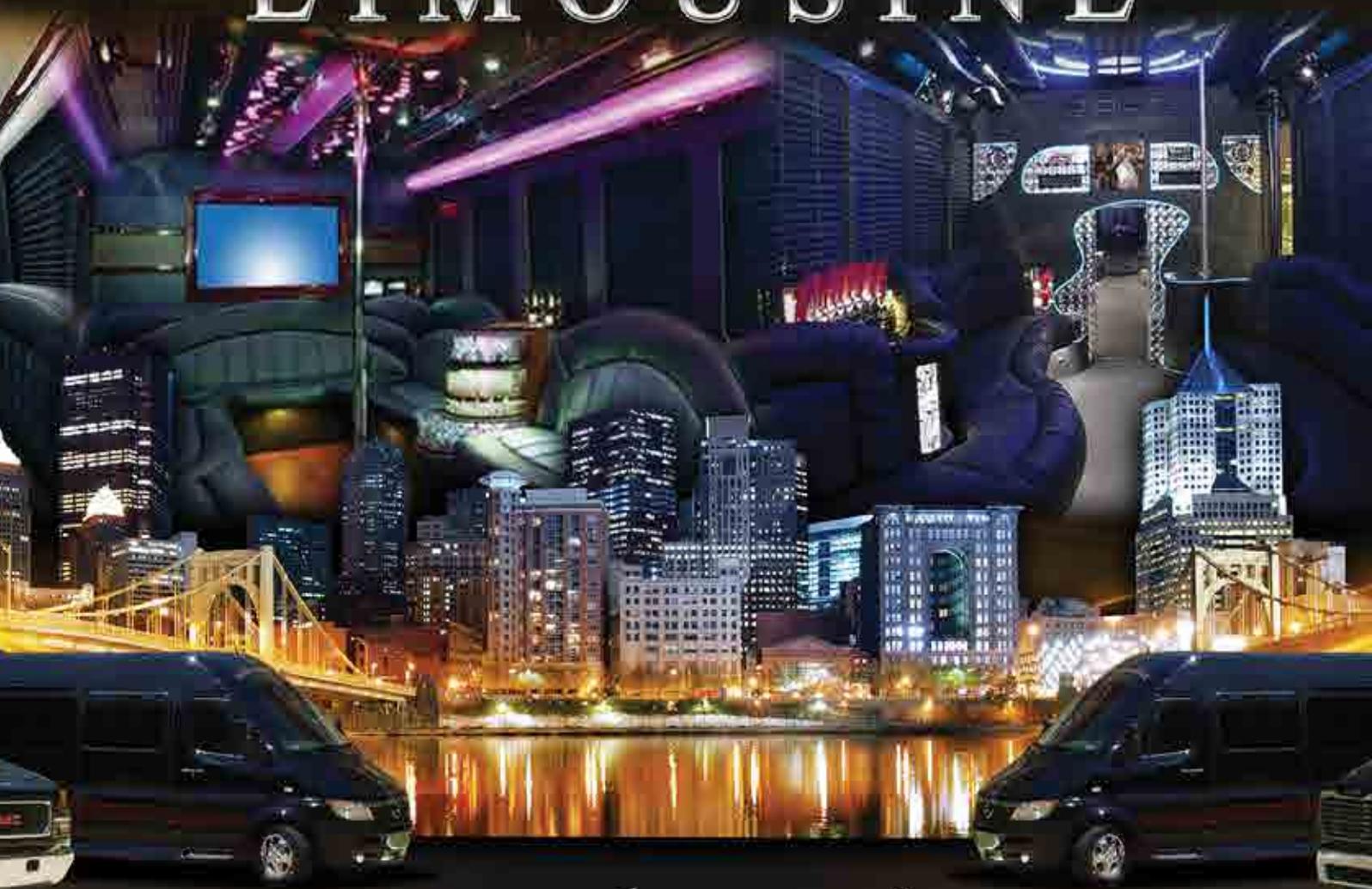
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Q: When did the Baboons start to picket the cookie factory?

A: The day they started to manufacture animal crackers!

Q: Which author do the Baboons love most?

A: Joh Steinbeck - who wrote 'The Apes of Wrath!'

Q: Which drink makes a Baboon feel tipsy?

A: An ape-ricot sour!

Q: Which technique does a Baboon borrow from another animal when it gets romantic?

A: The bear hug!

Q: Who is the Baboons' favorite President of recent years?

A: Hairy Truman!

Q: Why did both Germany and the U.S want to hire Baboons during World War Two?

A: Because they are excellent at waging Gorilla warfare!

Q: Why did the actor fire his Baboon agent?

A: The big Ape kept wanting to take more than a 10% bite!

Q: Why did the female Baboon, engaged to the invisible man, call off the wedding?

A: Because in the last analysis she just couldn't see it!

Q: Why did the Baboon fail English?

A: He had little Ape-titude!

Q: Why do waiters like Baboons better than flies?

A: Did you ever hear a customer complain 'Waiter, there's a Baboon in my soup!'

Q: Why do Baboons have big nostrils?

A: They have big fingers.

Q: How do you make a Baboon laugh?

A: Tell it a whale of a tale!

Q: How do you make a Baboon float?

A: Two scoops of ice cream, some club soda and a very tasty Baboon!

Q: Why don't the Baboons in the jungle play poker any more?

A: There are just too many Cheetahs.

Q: Why are Baboons so noisy?

A: They were raised in a zoo!

Q: How did a Baboon come to be with Washington at Valley Forge?

A: He had seen a sign saying, 'Uncle Simian Wants You!'

Q: Why did the Baboon fall out of the tree?

A: It was dead.

Q: What do Baboons do when they're mad at each other?

A: They have a Gorilla war!

Q: Why did the Baboon go to the doctor?

A: Because his banana wasn't peeling very well!

Q: What should you do if you find a Baboon sitting at your school desk?

A: Sit somewhere else!

Q: What's a Baboon's favorite drink?

A: A sas-gorilla.

Q: How do Baboons get down the stairs?

A: They slide down the banana-ster!

Q: What do Baboons do when they go mad?

A: Go bananas!

Q: What do you call a Baboon playing quid ditch?

A: A hairy potter!!

Q: What's a Baboon's favorite pop group?

A: Bananarama!

Q: What is a Baboon's favorite toy?

A: A Bab-boom-orang!

Q: What sort of key does a Baboon need to open a banana?

A: A monk-key!

Q: Where do Baboons like to get their hair cut?

A: Vidal Baboon!

Q: What's a Baboons favorite music band?

A: The Gorillaz!

Q: What did the banana say to the Baboon?

A: Nothing, bananas don't talk!

### 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 our 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 YOUUUU!!!". 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

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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"

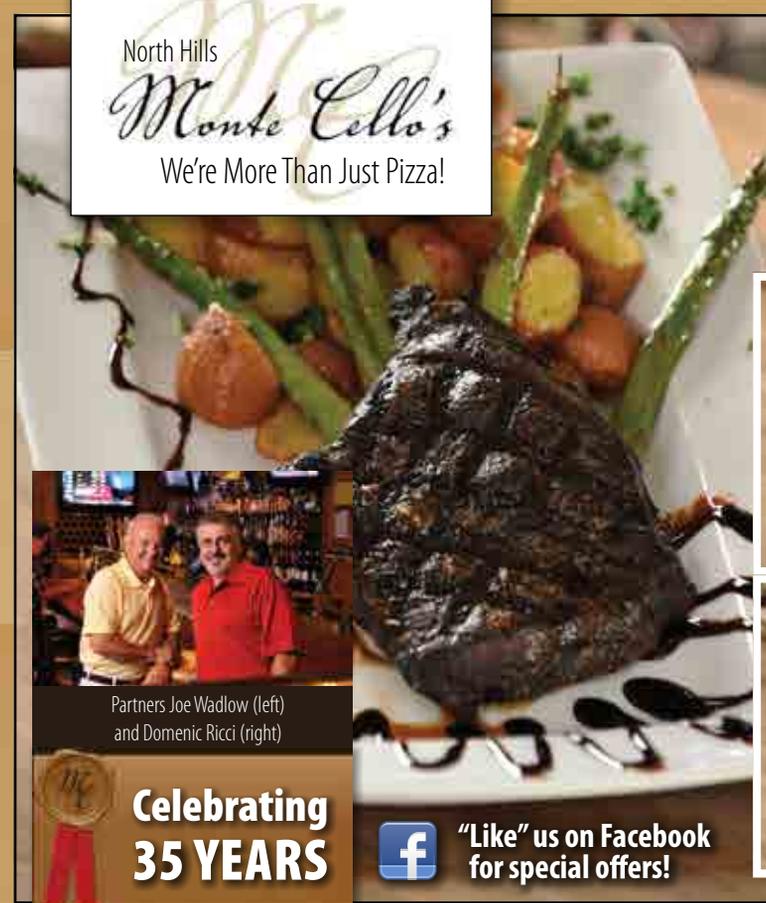
### True Story???

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



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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.

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- 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?"... ???
- Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear 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.
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## 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 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?"

### Lottery:

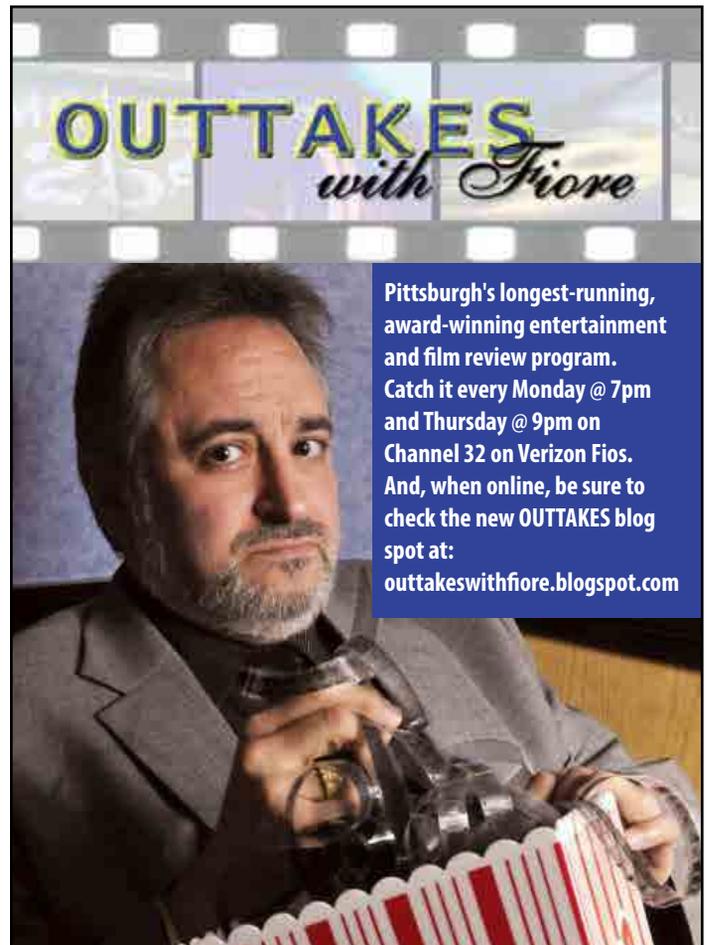
A woman gets home, whirls her car into the driveway, runs into the house, slams the door and shouts at the top of her lungs, "Honey, pack your bags. I won the lottery!" The husband says, "Oh my God! What should I pack, beach stuff or mountain stuff?" The wife yells back, "It doesn't matter....just get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



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