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On the Cover

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Letters

Boo!

Our spooktacular October issue scared the pants off some readers, and some models as well.

Xtina Excites!

Regarding Christina Aguilera: Holy shit! I never realized how beautiful this woman is! What a great photo spread you guys did with her. Two thumbs up. Toes, too... Hell, everything up!

—Jeffrey Crain, Kalamazoo, MI

We appreciate the enthusiasm, Jeffrey, but please put your belly button back down. Wait, that's not your belly button? Oh, you poor bastard...

OK. I had made up my mind that after the Alyssa Milano issue [July/August], there would be no need to buy another issue from you. My goal was to stop buying magazines so I can save money. But then you have an issue with Christina. And it comes out two days after my birthday. I promise you this will be the last one I buy. Thank you.

—William Ferguson, via e-mail

Yes, Maxim is a hard habit to quit. We gave up fighting the addiction years ago and find it's most pleasurable when injected between the toes or directly into the scrotum.

Big Ball Buster

How can you have Jill Wagner in your magazine ["Wonder Woman," October] and include only two pictures?

—Nate Smith, via e-mail

Punch yourself really hard in the face and you'll see four. Or check out our digital edition for bonus pics!



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Furry Fury

Regarding your "Talk Like a Furry" story [How To, October], *spoo* is not an expression of excitement. Well, I suppose you could say it is, considering that it's another word for semen. I believe the word you were looking for is *squee*.

—Benjamin Nelson, via e-mail

Squee!

Scary Good List

I write for a horror movie Web site called DreadCentral.com, and I was really excited to read "The Maxim Horror Movie Awards" [October]. I expect lists like this to be predictable and lame, but you guys nailed it! The inclusion of films like *Inside*, *High Tension*, *A Serbian Film*, *The Poughkeepsie*

Tapes, and *Ichi the Killer* shows that you really know your stuff! And including lesser-known classics like *Basket Case*, *Brain Damage*, *Pieces*, and *Nekromantik* was great! If I were going to be picky, I could point out a couple of little errors (for instance, it's *Audition*, not *The Audition*), and I know you guys are pretty thick-skinned over there, but I won't sully this list by nit-picking! From a guy who lives and breathes horror, let me say kudos to you. Excellent job!

—Scott Hallam, via e-mail

Thought we'd print your letter just because it gushes more than a heart recently ripped out of a scantily clad teen's chest? Well, you thought right, mister!

Ye Olde Reader

You forgot to mention in October's Ask Maxim that the top-row keys were put there so salesmen could spell *typewriter* really fast. By the way, I am too old to get your magazine—64. When I was a teenager, I could pick out ugly women in beauty pageants. Now they all look hot. I appreciate your magazine in a way that you won't understand till 2053. P.S. Please fix spelling for me, because I have gray hair and can do anything I want.

—Darrell Rucker, via e-mail

Are you our long-lost grandfather? If so, you owe us a shitload of happy birthday \$5 checks!

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Separate Butt Equal

This month our butts received a special delivery: a box of Dude Wipes, which are billed as the manly version of baby wipes. Assuming they'd be bacon-scented and moisturized with the tears of Chuck Norris, we eagerly ripped open a packet and found the opposite: We were hit with a clean scent and dingleberry-battling soothing wetness. We heart them, although wipes are rumored to be clogging sewage drains across the country. Small price to pay for freshness! \$10, dudeproducts.com





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GET TO KNOW...

Winter Ave Zoli

She plays a reckless porn star on *Sons of Anarchy*, but in real life she follows the rules. Starting with our order to fill in these blanks.



Hometown: New Hope, PA

Astrological sign: Cancer

Job: Actress

Pets: A cat named Munch

I would be embarrassed if you looked in my closet and saw my collection of Birkenstocks from high school.

The last thing that made me LOL was rewatching an SNL skit of Bill Hader interviewing John Malkovich.

My hidden talent is muay Thai.

A guy is more likely to get lucky with me if he is compassionate toward animals and nature.

My favorite way to get in trouble is shopping.

The worst word in the universe is any celebrity-couple hybrid name.

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HOLIDAY BREAK-IN

In November 2011, Terry Trent, 44, was allegedly high on bath salts and Christmas

spirit when he broke into a house to put up holiday decorations. Police were called and charged Trent with burglary and possession of illegal amounts of festivity.



GRINCH MOB

At the annual Santa Claus Parade in Ontario last year, a 24-year-old man with his hair

gelled into devil horns ran around screaming obscenities and telling children that Santa wasn't real. Police arrested him for disturbing the peace, and now he'll forever be on Santa's naughty list.



YULETIDE STABBING

After stealing a Christmas ornament at a craft fair in Connecticut, Ruth Wagner, 55, allegedly

used it to stab a vendor who tried blocking her way. The vendor survived with a serious injury, and Wagner was arrested. She's also been disinvented to our tree-trimming party.



JINGLE BELL GLOCK

In 2007 a dog damaged holiday decorations outside of Ethel McKinney's mobile home in Louisiana. In retaliation, the 28-year-old homeowner allegedly fired several shots at the dogs' two owners, injuring both of them. Her Rudolph lawn ornament can now rest easy.



HOT MESS

Bad Girl of the Month Club

This porn star's mug shot made our jaws drop.

Name: Michelle Chapman (Tori Black) **Age:** 24 **Charge:** After her fiancé accused her of being an "unfit mother," the award-winning porn star allegedly punched him in the head, kicking off an altercation in a Vegas hotel that ended with both being arrested for domestic battery. Hotel security guards who saw the whole thing unravel on video surveillance hailed the event as a masterpiece rivaled only by the 2010 classic *Tori Black Is Pretty Filthy 2*.



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Spike Lee

The acclaimed director (and Knicks superfan) has a new revenge flick called *Oldboy*...and one final day.

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How would you spend your last day on Earth?

My last day will be spent walking over the Brooklyn Bridge, on the Brooklyn Heights Promenade, and through the Fort Greene section of Brooklyn.

What's your last meal?

A slice of original cheese-cake from Junior's.

What other basketball superfan would be sitting next to you in heaven?

Jack Nicholson. I admire him so much. He's a great actor, he's from New Jersey, and he knows basketball. Here's the thing about Jack and me: We would be doing the same thing at a game whether we were courtside or in the last row.

Will you see the New York Knicks win another championship before you go?

I'm not dying till we win another! I want my son to see them win, too. There

are generations of Knicks fans who haven't lived through a championship.

Your new movie, *Oldboy*, is a tale of vengeance. Is there anyone you'd need to square off with before you go?

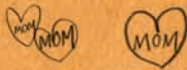
No one I can think of. Oh! Maybe a couple of NBA referees.

What movie do you regret not seeing?

I've seen all the movies I wanted to see.

What's one movie you would hate to watch over and over again for the rest of eternity?

She's Gotta Have It. That was my first film, and even today I cannot watch it all the way through. I know



it was very successful, and it put me on the map, but at the same time, in it I see myself as a very beginning filmmaker. Primitive, almost.

If you could come back and spy on someone who's still alive, who would it be?

Can't say I would, but I do wish my mother could have lived to see how she shaped and formed me. She passed before I made any of my films. My mother would drag me to movies when I was four years old, not because she wanted me to be a filmmaker but because she loved films. My father was a jazz musician—he hated movies—so I was her date.

What is your proudest accomplishment?

Our children. My wife, Tonya, and I have some

great kids who turned into two really great young adults, and most of that credit has to go to her.

What song is playing at your funeral?

I'm not sure, but it has to be a song that makes people get up and dance, not cry.

During your lifetime, what did you spend the most money on?

Knicks tickets! That's my one vice. I've never smoked a joint or done any drugs, but I got a basketball jones.

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I think the most popular request was just to sit on my lap! Once they took a seat, most guys asked for sporting goods and tech stuff, but others froze up and looked a bit terrified.

Don't worry, you're definitely not as scary as the Santa at the mall. I doubt I'd get as many visitors as him. I probably wouldn't get too many women sitting on my lap, just high school boys and dads who are shopping without the moms.

As for the single guys, were there any you'd take under the mistletoe? Oh, maybe one or two. I

⌚ 1 P.M. "Can I use my Shell card for this?"

liked the guy who showed me how to use the beer funnel, except I may have poured too much down for him. I didn't grow up with those in Germany!

What kind of guys do you usually go for?

I love men who look healthy and fit, and I love nice teeth. Good dental hygiene is actually a huge turn-on for me, so I would definitely slip a toothbrush and some toothpaste into every-one's stocking.

Dreaming of a pearly-white Christmas—got it.

RÉSUMÉ



NAME
Carina

BIRTHDAY
January 10

HOMETOWN
Munich, Germany

SECRET TALENT
"I'm ambidextrous, so I play the piano well."

GO-TO DRINK
"You can't go wrong with a nice cabernet by the fireplace."



⌚ 4 P.M. Our Netflix pick: *How the Grinch Stole Her Pants*.

⌚ 6 P.M. Those lights are always turned on.



➔ **So what's the verdict? Are there bad boys or good boys in the office?**

The staff was nice, but there are definitely some cheeky ones in the bunch. I caught a few peeking.

What were some big gift requests this year?

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MAXIM 2014 HOMETOWN HOTTIES

On September 15th, Maxim flew the Hometown Hotties Finalists to Miami for a week of photo and video shoots plus Maxim parties, of course!

The week ended with a celebration of the top ten finalists at the Miami Beach hotspot, Hyde Beach, for an afternoon pool party and party at night! Both events were hosted by past Hometown Hotties Finalist, Lisa Morales, while DJ Irie had guests dancing all night long.

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- After a few minutes of kissing, slip your hand under her shirt and softly whisper, "Your bra isn't the only thing that can cut glass right now."
- The clasp can be tricky to unhook. Ask the security guard standing nearby for a hand.
- With steady hands, delicately remove the bra. Admire your date's breasts...*Oh, my God, look at those sparkles!*
- Thank her for an amazing evening. And since a woman wearing a \$5 million bra could attract the attention of nefarious street thugs, do the gentlemanly thing and offer to wear it home for her.

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What it is: A mineral discovered in Cummington, Massachusetts.

What it could be: What the person who discovered it thought was going to happen every night after getting famous for finding a rock.

CLITORIACETAL

What it is: A chemical derived from the *Clitoria fairchildiana* plant.

What it could be: That thing you can't find on a woman.

FUKALITE

What it is: A mineral found in a Japanese mine called Fuka.

What it could be: Sex when it's "just the tip."

NONANAL

What it is: A naturally occurring chemical used in flavorings and perfumes.

What it could be: A word found on the fine print of a prostitute's business cards.

ARSOLE

What it is: A chemical structure of arsenic and carbon.

What it could be: That guy who stole your parking spot.

VAGINATIN

What it is: A compound from the *Selinum vaginatum* plant.

What it could be: A yeast infection medication.



TRENDSTOPPING

Women's Wear... for Men

Please, stop the man-sanity!



It all started with meggings. Why, we wondered, are "man leg-gings" a thing, and what can we do to stop them? A strongly worded letter? A protest? Arson at the manufacturing plant? Instead we went with passive disapproval, and our silence was soon punished with the arrival of "murses" and "man-gagement rings." All of a sudden, dudes who weren't in rock bands were using "guyliner" to blacken their eyes. Isn't that what getting punched in the face is for?

The final straw of this disgraceful trend came with the recent launch of HommeMystere, a line of lingerie...for men: "manties" and "brosierres" and other lacy things to indulge your bulge. The way we see it, if you want to wear women's underwear, grab some duct tape and pack it in like any self-respecting transsexual.

Otherwise we're doing what we should have done when meggings first reared their stretchy heads: fighting for our right to wear flannels, dirty jeans, and holey boxers. And, no, we are *not* going to be sporting a *brozilian* wax underneath them. Stand with us, fellas, for we're ending our silence now: Just say no to manties and burn your brosierre!

Darn elves.



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Why do we use pennies?

—Don Lumb

A big reason for keeping the cent alive is that losing it would lead to inflation. “Prices would likely be rounded up to the nearest nickel,” says Michael Fuljenz, president of Universal Coin & Bullion. “Plus, producers of zinc and copper would lose contracts worth tens of millions of dollars.” Want Americans to keep their jobs? Shut up and buy a damn coin purse.



Why does scaring someone cure the hiccups?

—Marcus Sims

Marc I. Leavey, M.D., at Mercy Medical Center, breaks it down: “When your diaphragm is having spasms that produce hiccups, a good swift stretch, such as that produced by the involuntary gasp from a scare, often is enough to break the cycle.” Now if you can tell us our financial future, chances are our hiccups will be gone for good.

Can bees actually smell fear?

—Troy Nelson

They can't smell your fear, but they can smell your nervous B.O. “When afraid, a person sweats, discharging ‘does not belong in hive’ chemicals,” says Deborah O’Dell, associate professor of biology at the University of Mary Washington. “When bees detect that, they produce an alarm pheromone that may signal others to attack.” So always wear strong, unscented deodorant around bees. Actually, that’s good advice even for when you’re not around bees, you smelly scary-cat.



Bar Trivia

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The price of the ornament atop the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. Who’s got a really, really long ladder?



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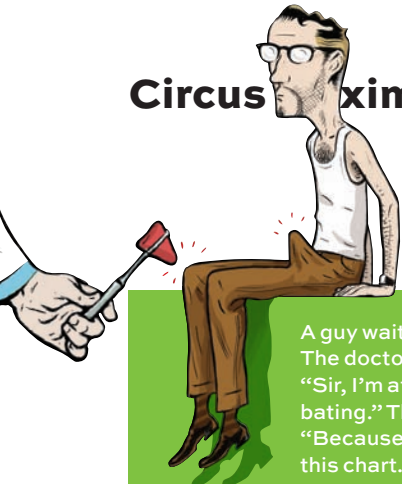
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A guy waits in his urologist's office for test results. The doctor walks in, looks at his chart, and says, "Sir, I'm afraid you're going to need to stop masturbating." The guy says, "What? Why?" The doctor replies, "Because it is very distracting while I'm trying to read this chart."—DARREN GEARY

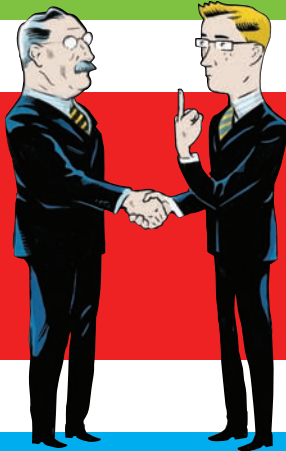
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When I see a girl under 25 texting, I think, "So nice she's taking a break from photographing her face."

A man is in an interview. "What would you say is your biggest weakness?" asks the employer. "Well, I think I'm too honest," he replies. "I don't see that as being a weakness at all," says the interviewer. To which the interviewee replies, "I don't give a shit what you think."—MIKE HUDETZ



A penguin's car breaks down and has to be towed to a garage. The mechanic tells him it will take a few hours to diagnose the problem, so the penguin stops at the ice cream shop next door. The penguin buys a big bowl, holds it between his flippers, and plunges his face in, making a big mess. When he goes back to the garage and asks what's wrong with the car, the mechanic looks at him and says, "You blew a seal." The penguin looks at the mechanic, very upset: "I did not! It's ice cream."—WAYNE KLEINMAN



Found Porn!
He just blue himself.
—Mick Lestley

Beat This Caption



Meanwhile, the elves were back home trying the same trick with Mrs. Claus.

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Stop a Family Brawl

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WATCH THE MENU

“Holiday meals are full of sloppy foods like mashed potatoes and gravy, so if you know there’s going to be drama and things might get thrown, stick to serving solids. And for the record, when it comes to flying objects, the last time a chair was actually thrown on our show was 17 years ago. Security always gets there in time.”

DITCH POLITICS

“Having a couple of glasses of wine is no reason to suddenly proclaim, ‘You know what, maybe I do like George W. Bush,’ at the Thanksgiving table—even if it’s long been a source of internal conflict. You can have a heated discussion about baseball, but skip topics like political philosophy if they’re going to ruffle your uncle’s feathers.”

PICK A CONFIDANT

“If a 21-year-old girl wants to tell her family, ‘Hey, I’m a stripper,’ during Passover seder, she’s already set on her decision, and it’s more like a *Boom!* Take it or leave it announcement. If you’re actually seeking understanding, don’t shock people. Choose the relative you trust most to tell first in a private moment.”

KEEP SECRET AFFAIRS SECRET

“Cheating is the top thing that gets people riled up. When you realize *My other half isn’t taking me seriously*, you are going to swear, scream, and maybe punch the other guy. So if you’re sleeping with your brother’s wife and need to let everyone know, you’d better be standing by the door.”

JUST CALM THE F*#! DOWN

“Guests are never angry with me, but real life isn’t like TV, where I can step in and defuse the situation. So if there’s only one person getting angry, tell him you two can discuss it, personally, another time. But if your whole family has been hoping for an altercation, you’re going to have a brawl.”

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How To



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Defy Death

SPANKY SPANGLER, star of the History Channel's *American Daredevils*, preps you for a very hard landing.

- 1 DON'T SKIP MATH CLASS**
When I was young, I didn't want to be called a daredevil, because I felt I was more of a professional. I use science and degrees and radar guns. I'll crash, then look back at the deceleration rates and calculate the G-force and figure out if I need to go higher or faster next time, but eventually, I figured if calling me a daredevil sells more tickets, I'm all for it.
- 2 PRACTICE ON THE CHEAP**
You can't do large-scale crash stunts without an audience; the setup is too expensive. But you can train for free falls by experimenting with height and landing techniques. I started out jumping one, two, three stories onto cardboard boxes. If you stack them tightly at different levels, you hit them a little bit at a time, which will make your fall a lot softer.
- 3 LEARN FROM THE DEAD**
You usually prep your car for a stunt by changing the seats and putting roll bars in. Before I jumped my car into a lake, I knew that the two guys who'd tried it before me died doing it. One of them got wrapped in his plastic windshield when it caved in, which is why I put the plastic one behind the actual one, and there was still a hiccup with that...
- 4 AND GET A GOOD ENTOURAGE**
With the water jump, the impact caused my windshield to fold in and land on my hands. I'm upside down 25 feet underwater with no way to get out. That's why you don't do a stunt alone. I had divers on standby, and we had rehearsed when to come in and what to do. I held my breath for two and a half minutes, but I knew I could count on them.

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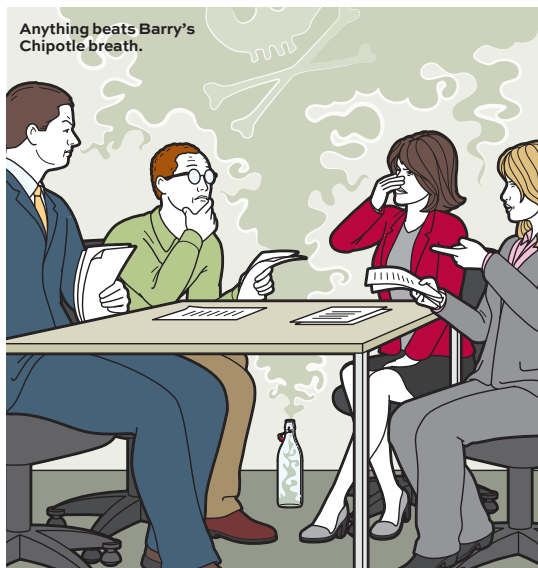
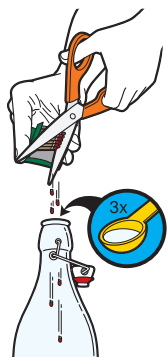


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How To



Build a Stink Bomb

A silent-but-deadly-to-the-nostrils way to break up your next meeting.

Materials:

- Book of matches
- Household ammonia
- Clean 20 oz. glass bottle with cap
- Scissors

- 1 Carefully cut the heads off all the matches in the book.
- 2 Put match heads in bottle and pour in 2–3 Tbs. of ammonia. Cap it and swirl contents around.
- 3 Let it rest for three to four days. During this time the liquid mix forms ammonium sulfide, a vapor associated with hydrogen-

sulfide gas, which is that disgusting rotten-egg stench.

- 4 Now it's time to bring the bottle to your desired "explosion" site. Make sure you're not near any heat or flames, since the vapor is now flammable. Plug your nose, uncap, and accuse Barry from accounting of farting. Gross, Barry!

Couldn't I be chained to the cover model story?



Talk Like a Prisoner

When you're not crying, sound like the toughest guy in the slammer.

Take It to the Stalls

Settle a dispute by fighting in the showers.

Road Kill

Cigarette butts collected by the prison work crew on the job.

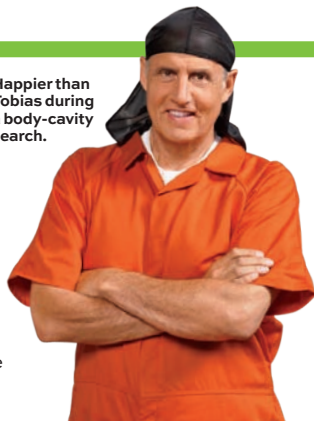
Pack the Rabbit

Hide contraband in one's body cavities.

Grandma's

Term for a prison gang's meeting place or headquarters.

Happier than Tobias during a body-cavity search.



Rule in a Hockey Fight

Bruins enforcer **SHAWN THORNTON**

helps you handle yourself on the ice.

Bros Before Teeth

"Instigate to stick up for your teammates or for yourself or to change the momentum of the game. If you think getting punched in the face will give your team a spark, that's part of the job."

Find Your Match

"The other team always has an enforcer. If you're hurt, turning him down depends on the extent of your injury. If it's blatant, you can pick up a fight the next time your teams meet."

Strip

"The stick goes down and the gloves come off. You need to grab your combatant to keep your balance. And forget about pulling jerseys over each other's heads. We can't take them off on the ice anymore now that they have tie-downs."

Be a Gentleman

"Some guys aren't afraid of a solid punch-in-the-face competition. Others are more technical if they have fight training outside of the rink. Just remember there's no hair pulling, head butting, biting, or gouging allowed."

Know When to Say When

"Quit when you're exhausted or step back if you're clearly on top. If a guy is on the ice, you don't usually finish him off like you would in a UFC fight."

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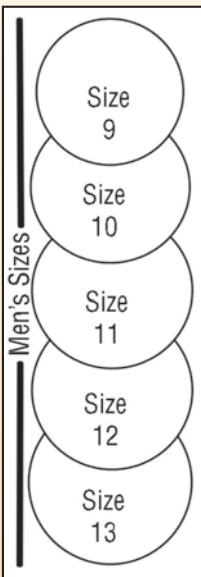


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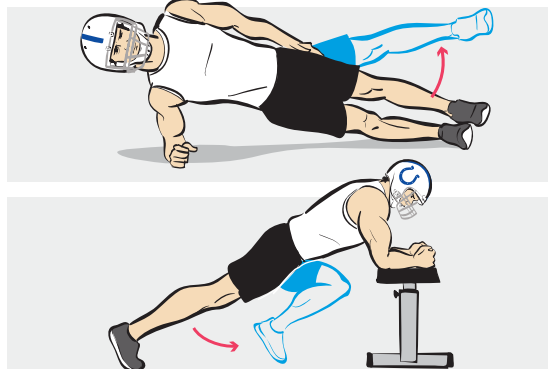
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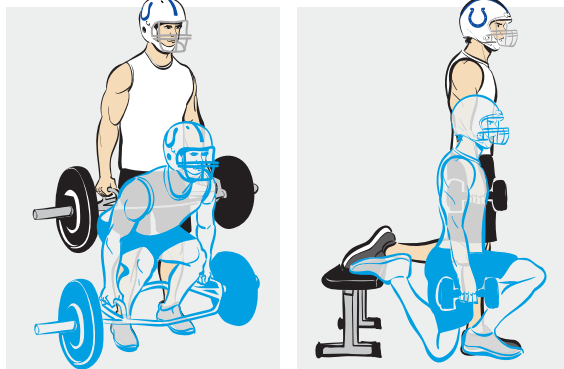


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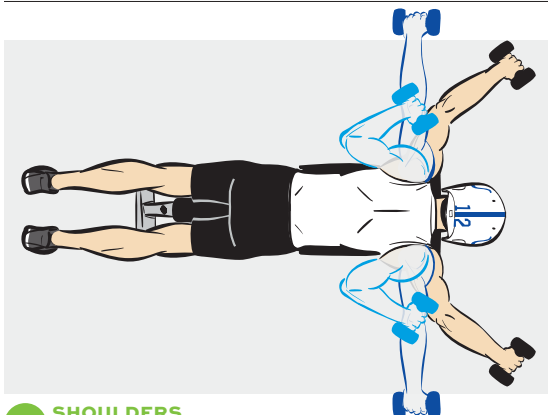
Colts QB and BodyArmor Superdrink guzzler **ANDREW LUCK** tells you how to do a touchdown dance on your flab.



1 CORE
“Having a strong core is crucial because it links your arms and your legs. Over the years I’ve gotten away from traditional crunches and more into plank series, which work the abs as well as the obliques. Hold each position for 20 to 30 seconds. Rest for 30 seconds between sets of whatever you can handle.”
Variation 1: Do side planks with a leg up in the air, making your body into a star shape.
Variation 2: Get into plank position with your elbows on a bench, alternating your legs up.



2 BASE
“You need to have a solid base in terms of your legs and glutes, since the force of your throw comes from your lower body. Alternate between these two exercises—eight to 12 reps each for three to four sets.”
Hex-bar dead lifts: Use hex bars with various weights throughout your routine. You have better form with a hex bar, and it puts less stress on your lower back.
Split squats: Place one foot behind you on a bench and squat while holding dumbbells. Keep good posture and stay in line, not letting your knee go out or in.



3 SHOULDERS
“Strong shoulders help with throwing accuracy and distance. Use light weights, around 2.5 pounds, to focus on technique and work your scaps. Alternate between these two exercises, 10 to 12 reps each for three to four sets.”
Dumbbell bench press: Lift and hold at the top for a second or two, then bring the weights down slowly.
YTWL raise: Start on your stomach, locking your shoulder blades back. Pull your arms up into a Y shape, then a T, then a W, and finally an L.



4 BRAIN
“You always need an outlet outside of your profession. I try to go to as many concerts as I can to get away from football, at least one night a week. Also, I don’t watch that much sports news or read anything about myself. When you have good friends and family who don’t let your head get big, you keep perspective on how lucky you are to be playing this game. Yeah, you take it seriously, but you don’t think too much of yourself when things are going well, and you aren’t too hard on yourself when things are going badly.”

How To

Turn Your Bloody Mary Into a Meal

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THE DRINK

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- ¼ tsp. each grated horseradish, celery salt, and pepper
- The juice of 1/8 piece each fresh lemon and lime
- Dash of anchovy paste (or two fresh anchovies ground until smooth)

Stir together all the ingredients except for the vodka in a 20 oz. shaker glass. Add the Tito's and ice, shake well, and pour into a tall glass. Garnish with celery and a stalk of asparagus.

THE SURF

- 1 Add one shrimp (peeled and deveined) to a small pot of boiling water that's been seasoned with 1 tsp. crab boil and the juice of one lemon. Cook for about three minutes, and then shock with an ice bath to keep it from overcooking. Set aside.

- 2 Grill one andouille sausage and cut off a one-inch chunk. Wrap the shrimp around the piece of sausage and stick it onto a six-inch skewer. Add it to the glass.

THE TURF

- 1 Season a 2.5 oz. Kobe beef patty with salt and pepper, set it on a charbroiler, and sear until markings are visible.
- 2 Brush a mini ciabatta roll with butter and toast it. Mix 1 Tbs. mayo with a couple of drops of sriracha and spread that onto the roll.
- 3 Place the beef patty on the roll and top with shredded lettuce, Tabasco-fried red onions, and Boursin cheese pressed into a wheel. Put a pickle on a six-inch skewer, then a grape tomato, then the slider, and finally another grape tomato to secure it all in place.

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FOR MOST OF OUR LIVES, WE WERE FAMILIAR WITH ONLY ONE GRETZKY,

the one who is universally considered the best hockey player in history. Then in 2011, thanks to a tiny bikini and Twitter, a far more scintillating one captured our attention: his gorgeous daughter Paulina. After a brief break from the social media spotlight (partly due to a little chat with Pops), the model is back to heat up the cover of *Maxim*. Guess Santa received our letter after all!

Congratulations on your *Maxim* shoot!

Thanks! It was a lot of fun, but also a bit of a challenge, since the McLaren and I had to share the spotlight. We had to be careful not to overshadow each other.

Are you a big gearhead?

You would think so, since I have three brothers and even my mom and little sister are very tomboyish. We're all more sports-oriented, but I do appreciate a nice car.

You recently got engaged to PGA star Dustin Johnson. Is your dad excited to welcome another athlete to the family?

My dad loves playing golf, so it's certainly a plus.

Are you more into hockey or golf these days?

I've been playing golf since I was 12, but I'm more of the type to say, "I'll come watch for a bit," rather than wake up at dawn to hit the course. I'm still a huge

hockey fan, and if I'm in a city where there's a game going on, you can count me in. I grew up at hockey games and was fortunate enough to watch my dad play for the L.A. Kings and in the 1998 Olympics, which was unreal.

Do you consider yourself more of an American or a Canadian?

I know where my dad is from, and I know how much he means to Canada, but I'm American. I grew up in California. These days I basically split my time between L.A., where my family is, and Florida, where my fiancé is based.

That would explain why you're always in a bikini.

Exactly! Some people gave me such a hard time for posting all these swimsuit pics on Twitter. I'm sorry; I'm not posting pictures when I'm reading a book. I feel like social media is supposed to be for fun, to share

what you're doing when you're enjoying life.

Ironically, there seem to be a lot of online complaints that your photos have become more conservative.

It's so silly. People on the Internet always find something to complain about. But at least they'll be happy to see this shoot! I'm living my life. I don't take the time to think, OK, should I post the photo that has my boobs in it or the one where I'm in a turtleneck? If I like the picture, I post it, simple as that.

Do you have any tips for guys who are looking to gain more Instagram followers?

Ha, I'm the wrong person to ask! Some of my guy friends will ask me to give them a shout-out, and I'm like, "You don't understand. All my followers are men, and I don't think they are going to follow you." I wish more women followed me, though.

For those folks who don't follow you on social media yet, what are you up to these days?

I love writing music and singing, but that's kind of on pause right now. The past few months have been about spending time with Dustin. We keep things pretty chill, cooking or going out on the boat. Oh, except for when we took my brother to celebrate his 21st birthday in Vegas. We hopped on a plane right after my *Maxim* photo shoot!

We're glad we brought out that side of you! So this year, overall, have you been naughty or nice?

I've definitely been nice, with just a sprinkle of naughty...a good type of naughty.



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Stephanie
HARRISON, NY

"The best thing about being a firefighter is that I get to serve my community. It's a rewarding experience to be able to help those in need."

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Rebecca
ATLANTA, GA

"My theme song would be 'Heartbreaker' by Led Zeppelin. They're my favorite band, and the song is so fun and sexy."

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Cindy
MIAMI, FL

"Most people don't think I am Hispanic until I open my mouth! Well, that only applies to days when I'm not wearing cleavage-bearing shirts."

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Christen
MEMPHIS, TN

"My guilty pleasure is ice cream and cuddles...not necessarily at the same time."

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Christine
DALLAS, TX

"I love chain restaurants. In L.A. everyone's like, 'Have you tried this new artisanal cheese place?!' I'm like, 'Have you had Chili's queso dip?'"



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“My guilty pleasure is food! If I want it, the price does not matter. I have to have it if it sounds good.”

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Jamie-Rae
LIVINGSTON, NJ
“The thing I look for in a guy is family values. I’m a really caring girl.”

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Grace
ORLANDO, FL
“What I love most about my hometown is the endless access to roller coasters.”

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Molly
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK
“The craziest thing I’ve ever done would have to be going skinny-dipping with my friend at a guy’s house while his parents were home.”

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Johana
EL SEGUNDO, CA
“My all-time theme song is “Down in Mexico” by the Coasters. It’s the kind of song you can strip to. (It’s about a cat named Joe.)”

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The Big Bang Theory's geek goddess
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The Big Bang Theory. Listen
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 slippery serpents, spilled
 beer, and Underoos. Let's
 get to studying, shall we?

We love that you posed with a snake. Very brave!

It was the photographer's idea. When I got there, she said, "We have snakes coming!" At first I thought she was referring to people she didn't like, but then I saw these wranglers with pythons.

Were you scared?

This was a first for me. I like to live with no regrets, as long as I don't put myself in danger. Then again, I didn't even ask if they were defanged.

Your *Big Bang Theory* character, Bernadette, is sweet and cute but has a spicy, angry side. Is that anything like you?

We're not very similar, I have to say. Bernadette definitely has a temper, and I don't.

She's also pretty free about her sexuality.

Early in the series, she was like, "I'm the scientist!" But she still wanted to have fun in the bedroom...and there's nothing wrong with that.

Bernadette used to work at the Cheesecake Factory. Are you a fan?

I've actually never been! However, I am

similar to Bernadette in that we both spent some time waiting tables.

Where?

I worked at a sports bar in New York City during college. It was before fantasy football was online, so people would come in with their notebooks. One time I spilled a pitcher of beer all over someone's fantasy notebook. I really fucked up his draft.

Bernadette's boyfriend, Howard, lives with his mom. What advice do you have for guys still at home?

Don't have your mother fold your underwear. That's where the line should be drawn—Mom lining up the Underoos.

Bernadette and the other girls on the show get into some pretty strange situations with one another. Do you have any weird traditions with your friends?

When we have girls' nights, we really get into it. Everything is on the table. That's the closest thing we have to a tradition. We know it's a safe space and we can say anything, especially when it comes to sex.

Is a sense of humor sexy?

I absolutely love a funny guy. I am a sucker for it. It's my number one requirement. ♡



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"Hey, everyone, look at my new piercing!"

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Santa's Pub Nashville, TN

What do you get when you combine Christmas, a mobile home, and a whole bunch of booze? Usually a triple homicide, but in this case, you get Santa's Pub. Owned by a guy resembling what St. Nick would look like had he done a dime in the clink, this trailer turned watering hole, with its assortment of creepy Christmas decorations, is nothing short of pure alcohol-inspired magic. With \$2 beers, an old pool table, and karaoke every single night, Santa's Pub should earn a spot on the list of places to visit the next time you and your buddies feel like waking up with a gift-wrapped hangover under the tree.

One-star Yelp review: "I've never been to a place where you can get kicked out because you're not drinking fast enough and some low-life karaoke attendant blacklists you for loitering."

READER PUB CRAWL
You guys shared your favorite down-and-dirty watering holes.

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The Dive Bar Las Vegas, NV
"Wish someone would've shot me on the way in."
—JEREMIE OVERSON

Phil's New York Deli & Tavern Charlotte, NC

Phil's claims to have an "authentic New York atmosphere," which is true, we suppose, if they're basing it on the fact that it's dirty, old, and overcrowded. While the sandwiches don't hold a candle to those you get in the Big Apple, the nightly drink specials (including \$3 well drinks on Fridays and \$2.50 Bud Lights on Saturdays) are a New York City bum's dream come true.

One-star Yelp review: "Looks and feels as greasy and grimy as it smells."

The Big Hunt Washington, D.C.

If you miss the beer-stained floors from your college frat house, welcome home. This Dupont Circle dive lives up to its name with big-game décor and a meat-market scene of millennials on the prowl. Come on Tuesdays for 15¢ wings and \$2.50 PBRs. There's also a rooftop patio for those who want to jump after tanking at Monday night trivia.

One-star Yelp review: "I would not shed a tear if a meteor turned that awful excuse for a bar into a smoldering crater."

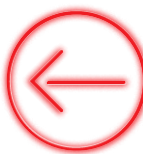


'Reel M' Inn Tavern Portland, OR

Neon signs on the walls keep this windowless bar just bright enough to see the \$2 PBR tall-boy before you—and just dark enough to hide the excessive built-up oil on its single fryer.

One-star Yelp review: "I saw a crackhead lady nearly getting it on with a patron on the pool table."

BELLES AT THE BAR HOMETOWN HOTTIES REVEAL THEIR FAVORITE DIVES



CAITLIN O'CONNOR
Titlow Tavern & Grille
Uniontown, PA
"Everybody knows Betty behind the bar, since she's been working at Titlow for about 30 years!"



JORDAN WRIGHT
Squeeze Inn
Denver, CO
"From the wood-faced beer fridges to the grimy checkered tile, this place screams old charm."

STYLING, KRISSTIE TORGERSOHN; HAIR, SILVIA WHEELER; MAKEUP, HIROMI INOKO. (OPENER FROM LEFT) ONE TEASPOON TANK AND SHORTS, OYE SWIMSUIT; ONE TEASPOON SHORTS. (BRITNEY WITH CHERRY) RIHANNA FOR RIVER ISLAND SHORTS, STEVE MADDEN SHOES. (THIS PAGE) ONE TEASPOON SHORTS, LAUREN MOSHI TANK, STEVE MADDEN SHOES.

Matt's Bar & Grill Minneapolis, MN

Built in 1954, Matt's is considered a "landmark," which is what polite Midwesterners call decrepit old bars that look like your grandma's basement. Between the wood-paneled walls, locals sit on cracked vinyl barstools and down Grain Belt Premiums after biting into a Jucy Lucy, the bar's signature misspelled burger—molten American cheese crimped between two beef patties.

One-star Yelp review: "I was not warned about the Jucy Lucy's explosive nature, and burned myself. They were lucky I didn't pull a McDonald's hot coffee lawsuit."

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**Palace Saloon
Tallahassee, FL**
"Once I met a girl there who had given birth 12 days prior to going back to the bar. I guess she'd waited long enough..."
—ALLEN ANTHONY

St. Pauli Bar Chicago, IL

To fit in with the rest of the German regulars at this shadowy Chicago dive, order yourself a Spaten and a shot of schnapps. Repeat until last call at 4 A.M. By morning you'll feel like death, but at least you won't remember hitting on one of the leathery old beer maids.

One-star Yelp review: "This is the place old female bartenders go to die, like an elephant graveyard."

The Gaslite Los Angeles, CA

This Santa Monica bar plays host to the best and the worst of Tinseltown: Hipsters, talent agents, middle-aged women, and aspiring starlets take turns on the light-up karaoke stage. Drinks are standard, but you'll appreciate the free self-serve popcorn machine located unapologetically next to one of the filthiest bathrooms in L.A.

One-star Yelp review: "Wouldn't be as bad if the odor of vomit didn't permeate the entire place."

Jimmy's Corner New York, NY

Retired boxing trainer Jimmy Glenn owns this Midtown hole-in-the-wall, and it shows: Fight posters and photos of pugilists are plastered on the walls like a T.G.I. Friday's that'll give you a black eye. Despite the bar's proximity to Times Square, it's free of tourists, thanks to the deft verbal punches delivered by the surly waitstaff.

One-star Yelp review: "This little old Russian lady came to our table and was a total bitch. She reminded me of the evil gypsy lady from *Drag Me to Hell!*"



Photo-bombed by mustard and ketchup

Dolphin Lounge Columbus, OH

It's unclear why, 500 miles from the sea, dolphins cover the walls, but during winter, this aquatic-themed shithole feels like paradise. Provided paradise is where townies head-bang to live music.

One-star Yelp review: "The regulars at this place give outsiders the stank eye."

Ray's Happy B-day Bar Philadelphia, PA

This bar owes its name to the original owner's habit of greeting customers with "Happy birthday!" If it really is your B-day, first drink's on the house.

One-star Yelp review: "I was only in the place for five minutes, and I smelled like a dirty ashtray for the rest of the night."



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Brooklyn Stable
Brooklyn, NY

☞ Last time I was there, they had a hip-hop-olddies pj party. We had a big pillow fight on the street!☞



ASHLEY MICHAELSEN
McFadden's
New York, NY

☞ I danced on the bar to 'Pour Some Sugar on Me,' which I've wanted to do ever since *Coyote Ugly*.☞



Pictured: The Invisible Man playing a midget in eight ball.

Eastlake Zoo Tavern Seattle, WA

At this zoo, watch out for pool sharks—especially weekdays 3 P.M.–6 P.M., when billiards is free and discounted beers are downed like fresh chum. But no matter the time or day, pitchers of Rolling Rock are always nine bucks and you're welcome to play other barroom games, like pinball and Ping-Pong. If you can make it through the night without getting beat up, you win. **One-star Yelp review:** "Went there to play shuffleboard and was told by a nasty hipster female to 'Beat it, bitch!' She then resumed her game. This zoo is truly full of animals."

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**Kings Bar
Hilliard, FL**
"The only bar I know where I go to listen to the bartenders' life problems. When I leave, I realize my life is pretty damn good."
—MIKE MEKARA

Mac's Club Deuce Miami, FL

This simple South Beach club is open 22 hours a day, half of which is a two-for-one happy hour (from 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.). That leaves you two hours a day to spend with your family. If you're into crap like that. **One-star Yelp review:** "I'd appreciate it if the patrons had the courtesy to use coke in the stall and not by the sink."

Bikini Lounge Phoenix, AZ

Decorated to resemble what rednecks imagine when they hear the word "Hawaii," this tiki-themed dive is a popular destination for thirsty Phoenixians who just want to get le'i'd. **One-star Yelp review:** "I felt like I needed a shower and a tall glass of Airborne after I left."

Croke Park/Whitey's Boston, MA

Named for its former owner Whitey McGrail, who was gunned down in the pub in 1985, this Southie dive is where hard-drinking degenerates bring their problems—and bartenders' heavy-handed pours help them forget 'em. **One-star Yelp review:** "I've been to crackhouses where I've felt safer."



Magnolia Bar & Grill Louisville, KY

Proving its resiliency, Mag Bar reopened less than 24 hours after an SUV crashed through the front door. But it's hard to tell what was wrecked, because everything looks like it was pulled from the trash. **One-star Yelp review:** "Looks more like a condemned property than a bar."

Poodle Dog Lounge Austin, TX

Expect an assortment of mullets and sleeveless T-shirts at this redneck haven, and if you want anything other than beer, don't forget to bring moonshine, because this place is BYO liquor. Yee-haw! **One-star Yelp review:** "Hanging with inbreds isn't really my favorite thing ever."



BELLES AT THE BAR CONTINUED!



LAUREN WOODSUM
Stress Free Moose
Greenville, ME
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BJ's Lounge
New Orleans, LA

Whether the music-loving locals are extra friendly because they're hopped up on cheap beer, live R&B bands, or free red beans and rice, don't be surprised if one of the old-timers provides valuable life advice after you confess your depressing existence to him.

One-star Yelp review:
"If you took *Cheers*, Bud Light, and the road crew of Lynyrd Skynyrd, you would have BJ's."

Champagnes Café
Las Vegas, NV

Far from the glitz of the Strip, there's a piece of old Vegas nestled between two strip malls. Inside, the red velvet wallpaper is faded from smoke and time, and well drinks still run \$3 a pop. Jackpot!

One-star Yelp review:
"Spazzing bartender started a shouting match with friends."

Clermont Lounge
Atlanta, GA

Since this seedy basement bar opened in 1965, not much has changed—including the strippers. Geriatric nude ladies shimmy on stage; veteran dancer Blondie crushes empty beer cans with her boobs. Your grandma's rack isn't nearly as impressive.

One-star Yelp review:
"I had to give this old lady \$1 to stop showing me her junk."

Reporting by Linda Krestanova, Adam Lineham, Krista Pilla, Kristen Sekinger, Stacey Skulnik

Bad Decisions
Baltimore, MD

Don't step foot in this janky-looking corner bar without protection. By which we mean, beta-blockers. Your heart will need 'em if you're there for "Bacon Night." Once a month owner John Reusing designs a new pork-belly-themed menu and goes through 150 pounds of meat. Pair the grease bombs with a pint of the double-smoked porter or an apple-bacon martini for an added eff-you to your cardiologist.

One-star Yelp review: "There is seating at the bar and some tables. The people lucky enough to get tables had a great view of everyone's rear in their face while trying to eat."

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The Old Pink
Buffalo, NY

"Cheap beer, a pool table, the best steak sandwich in town made behind the bar, and all the deadbeats you can handle!"

—RYAN TWARDOWSKI

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Sir Ian McKellen

Fill your pipe and mount your steed—Gandalf the Grey is back, and this time he brought dragons. By Nick Leftley



You're putting Gandalf's robes back on for the second

Hobbit movie. What can we expect from *The Desolation of Smaug*?

The trouble in answering that is that we filmed the three *Hobbits* at the same time. What is actually in the second film, I'm not quite sure. I know that Gandalf has quite a big stake in this one. It's pretty striking stuff, quite violent, hopefully exciting, and a bit mysterious.

Have you seen the final design of the evil dragon, Smaug?

No, I'm as in the dark as everybody else! Gandalf doesn't meet Smaug, so I haven't needed to inquire what he looks like. I've seen his lair; I've seen the piles of gold and coins and jewels. I actually filched a few. Don't tell anybody, but I have my own little stash of Smaug gold at home, which I'm deciding whom I'll distribute it to. Maybe Christmas will be a good time to do it...

What exactly is Gandalf smoking and can we score some?

J.R.R. Tolkien wrote an essay about the different sorts of weed that were available in Hobbiton. People speculated as to whether it was a narcotic of some kind. I always assumed it was. When Gandalf and Bilbo in the first film are rivaling each other by blowing spectacular smoke effects and rings, I thought that reflected what the weed was doing to their brains.

Stan Lee told us recently that no one could have played Magneto but

you. What did you think when you were offered the role?

That's terrific! I went to have a look at the comics, which I didn't know, and in every major depiction of Magneto there's a lot of emphasis on legs and muscles and crotch. Often his legs are wide apart and everything is on display. I was a bit nervous that I was going to be expected to reproduce this superhuman, muscular body in the films, but I didn't have to—that was left to Hugh Jackman. The way [director] Bryan Singer presented it to me, the argument between Professor Xavier and Magneto is very much the argument I have come across in the gay rights movement and, of course, most civil rights movements: What do we do? Do we even consider violence in order to preserve our rights? Or do we assimilate and serve society rather than stressing our difference? I've always felt that *X-Men* was about something serious. It wasn't just fantasy.

You have a knighthood, six Olivier Awards, a Tony, a Golden Globe, and numerous Oscar, BAFTA, and Emmy nominations. Do you ever worry that you haven't achieved very much in your life?

Those things are an outward confirmation that something's been going right. What I am pleased about, and even a bit proud of, is that I've reached the stage where I'm allowed to do things I enjoy doing, even though other people would think they're perhaps not appropriate for that distinguished gentleman you described, like going

off and doing a sitcom or tweeting silly photographs with Pat Stewart.

You and Patrick Stewart have the Internet's favorite bromance. How do you feel about that?

Isn't that sweet? Two guys in our mid-70s still thought to have credibility with young people who think we're quite cool is very nice, because that's how we think of ourselves [laughs]. We do think we're rather cool. It's appropriate at the moment because we're working on the same two plays, *Waiting for Godot* and *No Man's Land*. We spend all our days together and lots of our evenings. He's a very sweet-natured person. He might be rather stern in the parts he plays, but we laugh a great deal and care about each other. If that's a bromance, then, yeah!

Given that you've worked with Stewart so much, what was it like to officiate his wedding?

I was a bit nervous, because I didn't know quite what was expected of me until the last minute. The words choked me up a bit. It wasn't my best performance, really, but it was heartfelt, and I was really honored to be a part of it.

He tweeted a pic of you two with Elmo in Times Square. Who was more starstruck, you or Elmo?

[Whispering] I didn't know who Elmo was. I'm not quite as cool as I would like to be, really. 🐣

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug hits theaters December 13.



Gold Rush's Parker Schnabel enjoys some heavy metal.



hole in a gargantuan machine. After miles of dirt roads and mining sites both active and long abandoned, we've made it. The machine is a wash plant. The finger is Parker's. Excuse his manners. Miners don't have courteous reputations to begin with, but Parker, an entrepreneur, reality star on Discovery's *Gold Rush*, and miner for more than a decade, has just turned 19. Like many people his age, Parker left home after high school for bigger and better things. But Parker's journey has nothing to do with college, the service, or booze-packing across Europe.

Since Parker became a regular subject on *Gold Rush* three years ago, viewership has grown from 3.33 million to 4.46 million, and his gold hauls have gone from 35 ounces in Season 2 to 192 in Season 3 (from about \$48,000 to \$270,000). These are not numbers to sneeze at, but with machinery that can set one back six figures, Parker knew that a sustainable profit margin would require more serious mining. So he left his three-mine hometown of Haines, Alaska and set out for Dawson, the site of the last great gold rush. Here the Klondike Mining District has more than 100 operating mines and, just last year, yielded *Gold Rush's* flagship crew, the Hoffmans, an 803-ounce season.

"Fucker!" With a grin on his face and a hammer in the hand that wasn't just flipping me off, Parker slides out of the mammoth, dust-colored wash plant to greet us. A lanky 6'2", he's dressed in the only clothes I see him wear for two days: dusty black work pants, a green EARTH DAY T-shirt (less dust, more irony), and Osiris skate shoes.

The wash plant looks ready to transform into a Decepticon at any moment, but it's really a good guy, consuming pay dirt and sorting it into rocks, gravel, and eventually—hopefully—gold. When it's working, that is. Parker's been here for an hour and a half replacing a faulty screen, which means he woke up to leave Dawson almost four hours ago. Which I wouldn't be so ashamed of if he were some uncorrupted teenager who'd just gotten a full night's sleep. But 19 is the legal drinking age in most Canadian provinces, and this punk is the reason I've got this damn headache.

SIXTEEN HOURS earlier, and moments after we meet, Parker dismisses my first question. We're at Klondike Kate's, a steak house in Dawson, for his birthday dinner, and I'm wondering what to order. Without looking up from his menu, he



WHOEVER SAID, "Beer before liquor, never sicker," never tried "beer before liquor, before a day at the mine." I'm definitely sicker, and we're not even there yet.

"There" is Scribner Creek, a gold-mining claim two hours outside Dawson City in Yukon, Canada, about 1,200 miles north of the contiguous United States. The drive from Dawson to Scribner is a solid two hours of breathtaking views: spruce trees, mountains, foxes, grouse, the occasional porcupine. It would all add up to a very life-affirming experience if I weren't so terminally hung over. But I'm not here to bitch and moan. I'm here to shadow Parker Schnabel, the boss at Scribner Creek, and learn about the treasure that's captivated men since the dawn of time—men like Bilbo Baggins, Scrooge McDuck, Trinidad James, and now me.

"Morning, sunshine!" A dirty hand with an extended middle finger peeks from a



LEFT
Parker and his grandfather, John, discuss whether or not that cloud looks like a puppy.

ABOVE LEFT
Scribner Creek: The only place on Earth without a Starbucks nearby.

ABOVE RIGHT
Julian, our helmeted reporter, checks out Parker's haul: 22 ounces of the good stuff.

mumbles, "Don't ask a gold miner what to eat." He orders wine for the table and a steak, medium rare. As it seems that's the closest thing to a suggestion I'm going to get, I follow suit. I wonder if Parker's curtness is a result of reality-TV ego till a Swiss

tourist approaches our table asking for an autograph. Parker warmly shakes the guy's hand and offers to have John, the grandfather who taught him everything, sign as well. Of course. Parker's not a dick. He's just a 19-year-old being questioned by a strange adult. I'd hate me, too.

He may get more screen time than Grandpa, especially since moving away from Haines for Season 4, but Parker knows who the fan favorite is: "People don't ask me how I am or how my mining season is. They ask how my grandpa is." And he's happy to give up the spotlight to the 93-year-old. When John retired from the logging business, he wanted to keep busy in a way that might offer his children and grandchildren a skill set to keep them ahead of the curve from a young age. "My brother was going up to the mine, and I would visit with my mom or dad. But my grandpa told me I wasn't allowed to go up there on my own until

I REALIZE THAT IF WE DON'T FIND GOLD SOON, I MIGHT JUST PUKE. TO BE FAIR, PUKING MAY BE IN THE CARDS REGARDLESS OF TODAY'S HAUL.

I was out of diapers. So the next week I showed up, dropped my pants, and said, 'Look, Grandpa, no diapers.'

To employ a word from Parker's age bracket—though one I never hear him utter—he's been operating with the same "swag" ever since. It was swag when he stumbled onto *Gold Rush* at 16 by schooling the Hoffman crew on their own machinery. It is swag when, ready for a break from my questions, he tops off my Malbec to the brim. "I'm turning the tables," he says.

MY HANGOVER subsides, and my sense of humor begins to return just in time for Parker's jokes. "Good thing I don't have a hot date tonight." He's talking into a camera as he sprays himself with gravel, cleaning out one of the wash plant's many tubes. Then, to the camera man twice his age, he deadpans, "Sorry, Gary. I forgot about our date tonight."



We've been on-site for an hour, but Parker's golden one-liners are the closest I've come to seeing the shiny stuff.

Just after noon, thanks to Parker's handiwork, the wash plant fires back up and the claim begins to buzz. Even with an eight-man camera crew on-site, Parker appears to run a tight ship, as he and every other miner here are on a deadline. With temperatures below freezing much of the year, permafrost and frozen water sources limit the mining season to about 150 days between April and September.

Always keeping busy, Parker hops in his dozer to gather dirt for the excavator. Which loads dirt into the dump truck. Which dumps dirt near the loader. And then, poof! The dirt becomes gold. Just kidding. The loader loads the same boring dirt into the wash plant. Parker sums up the entire process thusly: "I'm not a gold miner. I'm a dirt farmer."

I pass some time sorting through the pay dirt by hand since I'm not allowed to touch any of the machines, but hunching over to inspect rock after rock for imaginary gold flecks does a number on my hangover, and I realize that if we don't find gold soon, I might just puke. (To be fair, puking may be in the cards regardless of today's haul.)

BE A GOLD DIGGER

Wanna ditch the nine-to-five and get dirty? Tim Callaway, CEO of Shasta Gold Corporation, tells you how.

1 CHOOSE A PATH
"There are two kinds of mining companies. One type operates its own mines; the other are contractors, who might move you around."

2 TOUGHEN UP
"We're looking for somebody who has construction, equipment operating, or heavy physical outside work as a background."

3 TAKE INITIATIVE
"You'll need a prerequisite amount of MSHA [Mine Safety and Health Administration] training. Go to a private trainer for that."

4 PUT DOWN THE BONG
"If the company is hiring and you are an acceptable candidate, you're probably going to be asked to do a drug screen."

GOLD, AFTER ALL, built Dawson City. When the Klondike gold rush began in 1896, this juncture of the Klondike and Yukon rivers grew from a settlement of First Nations, the native people of Canada, to a short-lived boomtown of approximately 40,000. Today a year-round population of less than 1,500 remains, but outside of tourism, mining is still the top industry—an estimated 1.25 million pounds of gold has been removed from the area since Dawson's inception.

Here's another figure: 11. The number of watering holes in Dawson isn't remarkable until you consider that the "city" is only six unpaved blocks by 12. You'll be hard-pressed to find a trendy mixology bar, but what these joints lack in artisanal bitters they make up for in character.

Take, for instance, the Downtown Hotel and its Sourtoe cocktail, made with a very real, slightly decomposed human toe. To become an official member of the Sourtoe Cocktail Club, plop the toe into any drink, down it, and, as the saying goes, "You can drink it fast, you can drink it slow, but the lips have gotta touch the toe." Parker figures it's a must-try for any visitor looking for the true Dawson experience. Surprisingly, I heard the same thing from a cus-

toms agent upon entering Canada, and who am I to defy an officer of the law? Double whiskey Sourtoe tasting notes: oak, hint of vanilla, wave of athlete's foot. (Shortly after my trip, the Downtown made international news when a patron intentionally swallowed the toe and was charged \$500 for the misdeed. The bar suspiciously had a backup on deck.)

As we continue to barhop under the bright 9 P.M. sun (at the 64th parallel, dusk doesn't begin to set until midnight during the summer months), I discover another eccentricity: Each bar in Dawson, as well as most others throughout the Yukon Territory and Alaska, has a large bell attached to a rope just begging to be yanked. In gold rush days, when—or if—a miner had a particularly good haul, he could ring the bell to signal the good news and buy a round for the bar. I haven't seen gold, let alone found any for myself, but I'm pretty sure I can expense this.

"YOU WANTED GOLD?" Twenty-two ounces!" Finally! Parker, fresh off his stint on the dozer, shows me a container the size of a pill bottle and dumps the contents into a green-ridged bowl, the type used for panning. We're rich! "I counted every flake." Eh, it's still cool. I prod a few flakes and ask what the proper technique is for touching the gold. "There's nothing proper about gold mining." But he eyes my hands. "Did you eat anything sticky lately?" Wish I'd thought of that.

I can't blame him for being vigilant, considering this year's stakes. "Bottom line: If this season isn't a success, I most likely won't be gold-mining." Before Parker left Haines, his parents and grandpa gave him a mason jar topped off with 100 ounces of gold to finance this endeavor, but the money had to come from somewhere relatively important to a young adult. "They said, 'This money was set aside for you to go to college. But you're

"MY GRANDPA TOLD ME I WASN'T ALLOWED TO GO TO THE MINE UNTIL I WAS OUT OF DIAPERS, SO I DROPPED MY PANTS AND SAID, 'LOOK GRANDPA, NO DIAPERS.'"





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ABOVE Julian downs a frost-bitten-human-toe shot. Purell chaser?

PREVIOUS PAGE Parker and Grandpa John share a laugh... and pretty much all their facial features.

a big boy—you can figure out what to do with it.' Hopefully, I don't piss it all away." The fact that a 19-year-old is aware of, let alone concerned

by, the financial burden his parents have incurred for his future indicates a calculated maturity uncharacteristic of people his age. It's a maturity he expertly hides during our night on the town.



"CITY BOY!" PARKER calls me this a couple of times during my visit. Earlier I stuttered when trying to describe a truck—"City boy doesn't know his trucks!"—and now I've asked what's on tap at Diamond Tooth Gertie's, Dawson's only casino. All the beers in Dawson are Klondike-inspired—Chilkoot, Kokanee, and Ice Fog, named after a mountain pass, a glacier, and a type of fog so cold it is literally composed of ice crystals. But if there was ever a place to simply order "a cold one," it's this love child of your high school auditorium and an Atlantic City casino. I grab the closest thing to a Coors (Kokanee) and hang by the blackjack table while a string of tourist fans fawn over Parker.

The nanoscopic population of Dawson shields him from many of the dangers of being in the public eye, but he still senses the exposure. "Some people I have good conversations with who I would never meet otherwise, and other people are interrupting a dinner or an important conversation, but I have to suck it up and deal with it." What about girls? He considers this. "It's helped a few times. Other times it just makes me question motives. Why is this cute young girl dating a smelly, old, inconsiderate gold miner?" He backtracks and shrugs. "I'm not old."

"THERE'S SOME COLOR in the sluice box!" This box is dirt's last stop before leaving the wash plant. It contains the machine's gold-capturing mechanisms, and today they've captured gold! I start to climb onto the row of chutes, but Parker stops me. "No reporters in my sluice box. But I'm accepting bribes." Though I'm fairly certain this rule was made up on the spot, I offer that, if he ever visits L.A., I can introduce him to a *Maxim* model. Surprisingly, he stands firm. I up the ante. "Twins?"



DAWSON DICTIONARY

If you want to talk like a grizzled local, you'd best memorize these words.

DREDGE

Mammoth gold rush-era structures that pulled pay dirt in through the front and shot tailings out the back. The process was about 60 percent efficient, so some modern miners are now revisiting the ground hoping for spilled nuggets.

COLOR

Gold. If a sluice box is "showing color," it has trapped visible flakes of gold.

PLACER MINING

Pronounced "plah-sir," this is the type of mining practiced in the Klondike. It gets its name because the gold is found "in place" as opposed to hard-rock mining, in which the gold is extracted from rocks.

SOURDOUGH

A person who's a Klondike resident for at least one winter. The name goes back to when miners would keep a pouch of the resilient dough around their necks.

DAWSON STARE

The vacant look a Dawson bargoer gets at the end of the night as they search the room hoping to make eye contact with a member of the opposite sex (preferably resulting in another kind of contact).

RCMP

Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or as we call them, Mounties. Two are on duty at all times in Dawson, with a whopping total of four assigned to the entire jurisdiction.

The sluice box of a wash plant is a tidy metaphor for gold mining: messy, rickety, and unapologetically filled with dirt. But unlike every other step in the process, it shows the product of this brute-force endeavor: gold. It's the reason we're all here—the miners, the TV crew, Trinidad James, and myself.

And while gold is never a bad thing, Parker's reserved relief is a reminder of how imperfect and unpredictable this job can be. "The ground is just really inconsistent," he vents. "It's hard to spend a couple million bucks when you don't know if you're gonna get it back. That's the bottom line. It's just high-risk."



WITH STRESSORS like that, it's no surprise these miners play so hard at night, but it's 2 A.M. at Gertie's and I'm ready to hit the hay. We're getting up at seven to set out for the mine, and, after all, I don't want to be hung over. Parker, on the other hand, sips a Red Bull, trying to sober up. Not driving, I hope? "Oh, no! I'm not driving anything. Well...maybe her." He indicates a girl across the casino floor. As there's no bigger cock-block than a drunk guy with a tape recorder, I bid him good night and stumble three blocks (nearly a third of the city!) to the hotel.

So by my calculations, this young man worked a full day, barking orders and operating heavy machinery, hosting his grandpa and smiling for cameras, on a whopping one to two hours of sleep. Is it worth it? "There's a lot of opportunity. I enjoy being up here, and maybe I'll do it until I retire, like my grandpa." It's the type of introspection that makes you remember the boss of Scribner Creek and forget the kid at the casino trying to score. Until I wish him luck and ask if he has any questions for me. He smiles.

"What are those twins' names?" 🍷

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*Dressing up as mythological monsters is a
fake trend whose time hasn't come.
But let's meet some people who do it anyway!*

BY BILL SCHULZ

No Bull. You Can Be a Minotaur!

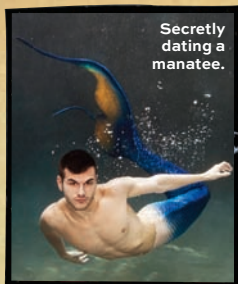
Every mythological outlier needs a mechanical outfitter. Enter sculptor Kim Beaton. The New Zealand resident—and an FX specialist who worked on the *Hobbit* trilogy—specializes in ceramics, fiberglass, bronze, and fantasy...with the end result being inverted limb extensions known as Weta Legs. For a cool grand, wannabe man-beasts can stride six feet a step with a gait that Beaton describes as “creepy and inhuman.” Adds the artist of her unique clientele, “We make them for street performers and cosplay. Satyrs and minotaurs are the most popular, and every once in a while an indie movie needs a big demon/werewolf/alien.” The dexterity required just to move the damn things raises the question: Is this another exercise trend waiting to happen? “It’s certainly a workout,” admits Beaton, “and the attention you get while wearing them is a rush.” Move over, Shake Weight. There’s a new embarrassing way to tone your muscles!



"I thought you'd be taller," said his disappointed eHarmony date.

Getting Tail

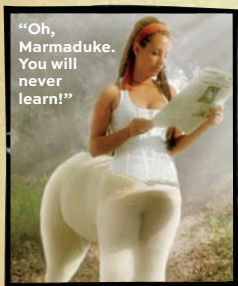
Eric Ducharme's silicone-and-latex merman suits are the stuff dreams are made of. Literally. The Florida native has been fantasizing about swimming sans legs ever since he performed at the Weekly Wachee Springs Little



Mermaid Show at the tender age of 16. Six years later the entrepreneur runs Mertailor, which outfits ichthyologist enthusiasts the country over, including men, women, and children. "I can't tell you how many letters I get from parents whose sons want to be mermen," he says. He sells 30 to 50 tails a month, which range between \$200 and \$5,000 and can take up to 10 weeks to make. "There's a lot of love and care that goes into these things," explains Ducharme. "A lot of people will just try to sew two pieces of fabric together and throw some rubber around it, and they just fall apart." When he's not making tails, he's getting paid to wear them at events. And at least three times a week, Ducharme takes his fins for a spin in the area's various waterways. To answer your question: No. No, it doesn't get more enchanting than that.

Shebiscuit

In 2009 a former Alex Rodriguez flame told *US Weekly*, "He was so vain. He had not one but two painted portraits of himself as a centaur. You know, the half-man, half-horse figure? It was ridiculous." You know what,



unnamed source? *You're* ridiculous. Who wouldn't want to be half steroids and half Secretariat? Laecee Roth agrees, and with the aid of a little chicken wire, a whole lotta fur, and toy wagon wheels, she set about turning herself into one. The 29-year-old performance artist (we're sensing a theme) was inspired to create a four-legged female frock after spotting the dude equivalent at Burning Man. The downside? Unwanted advances from similarly attired males. "They were particularly interested in the size of the horse's rear," admits Roth. The contraption even has a shelf for snacks near that very same butt. "It's great for water and, of course, tequila," says Roth. "And it creates funny moments when I ask, 'Could you please open the compartment in my thigh?'" Ha-ha-ha-ha... OK, we're oddly turned on right now.

He So Horny

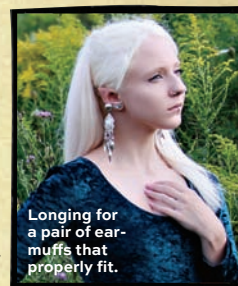
Through his London-based company,



Humanimal, Russian-born performance artist Alex Kovas portrays all manner of body-painted mythical creatures, including the most mystical hooved creature, the unicorn. (Don't tell Pegasus we said that.) And as with all great art, transforming himself into a one-horned horse doesn't come without a certain degree of suffering. "The unicorn is awkward for me to perform, mostly because of the balance and pain issue caused by the hooves I wear," says Kovas, 36. "But I try to maintain some sort of dignity, which unicorns tend to do in real life." And while not a furry himself, Kovas concedes that he does have a bit of a following within the community. "Evidently, my humanimals are based on an almost naked human body, so most people are bound to get sexual associations with my portrayals," he admits. "Furries find my humanimals very appealing, but probably in a slightly more twisted way." One can only hope, tiny prancer. One can only hope.

Elfrotica

Melynda Moon has a thing for elves.



So much so that the 23-year-old alternative model downloads countless videos on how to best look like the fanciful creatures of fairy tale lore. She even sought out a local body-modification artist to make her ears permanently point north. The Guelph, Ontario native (yes, she's the elf from Guelph) is not lacking in troll tormentors. "I've had some rude Internet comments come to me from people who think they have the right to tell me I'm gross-looking," laments Moon. But for every sinister naysayer, there's a sexy niche that needs filling. "I can't say I've done that kind of role-playing, but being aesthetically pleasing to nerds is a huge bonus," says Moon. "Who wouldn't want a sexy elf? We only look innocent!" As for having such a festively appropriate look this time of the year? "A handful of people like to tell their kids to stop being bad because they know an elf who'll tell Santa they're being a brat. Then they see my ears and realize Mom isn't joking." 🧝

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AN ORAL
HISTORY OF
**DAZED AND
CONFUSED**

by MARC SPITZ
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Twenty years ago the young Texan writer-director Richard Linklater, his loyal crew, and a dozen future stars pulled off a truly rare feat: They made a film about the American '70s experience, complete with shag wigs and arena rock (but not the Zeppelin tune of the title), that somehow delighted and spoke to a generation of '90s kids and still finds new fans each year. A box office bust in its day, *Dazed and Confused* is now a Criterion-approved modern classic that rewards watching again and again. It's also one of the most quoted films ever.

☼ What was the secret? Wit? Sure. Will? Given indie Linklater's struggles with the perplexed major studio, absolutely. Weed? Yes. ☼ Mostly the weed. You may not want to go with us now to the fall of 1993 (or, if you prefer, the spring of 1976) for the ballad of Pink, Jodi, Mitch, Slatr, and Wooderson, as told exclusively to *Maxim*...but it'd be a lot cooler if you did.



Richard Linklater, either directing a scene or reenacting his first date

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Following the critical success of *Slacker*, the surprise hit of the 1991 Sundance Film Festival, major Hollywood studios began to take notice of 30-year-old Austin filmmaker Richard Linklater.

Richard Linklater (writer, director, co-producer): I was doing interviews about *Slacker*, and the last question was always, “What do you want to do next?” And in one interview, I said, “I want to make this teenage rock’n’roll spree.” I knew I wanted the story to take place on one day in the spring of 1976, but at one point it was much more experimental. The whole movie took place in a car with the characters driving around listening to ZZ Top.

Lee Daniel (director of photography): It would have been two shots—one of a guy putting in an eight-track of ZZ Top’s *Fandango!* and one of two guys driving around talking. The film would be the length of the actual album, and you’d hear each track in the background as a source.

Sean Daniel (co-producer): I was the executive in charge of *Animal House*, *Fast Times*

at *Ridgmont High*, and *The Breakfast Club*. And *American Graffiti*—what can I say? It’s a movie that inspired me to get into this.

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Legendary casting director Don Phillips, who had discovered Sean Penn in 1982 while casting *Fast Times at Ridgmont High*, was brought on to repeat the feat.

Don Phillips (casting director): Every actor in town wanted to be in it. We wanted Claire Danes for the girl, but she was too young. She couldn’t leave school.

Joey Lauren Adams (cast member, *Simone Kerr*): There was good buzz around it—everyone knew Rick and that it was his first studio film. Vince Vaughn and Jon Favreau were there. They knew it was going to be a breakout and that they’d better do something on their own, which was part of their inspiration to do *Swingers*.

Don Phillips Ashley Judd never got up to bat. That might have been a mistake. Vince Vaughn [who read for the part that went to Ben Affleck] came up to me a couple of years ago and said, “Hey, Don, that was the best thing that ever happened to me, because I wasn’t ready.” It was between Ben and Vince.

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The Los Angeles-based actors were spontaneously informed of their casting during an extended “pizza party.” Some were happy; others were out of luck.

Marissa Ribisi (cast member, *Cynthia Dunn*): The pizza party was this big day. All the other Cynthias [who didn’t get the part] were tall and had dark hair. And

there was me with red curly hair, and I was thinking, Oh, I’m *not* getting this.

Joey Lauren Adams You’d have to make small talk with your competition. The last thing you want is to pretend to have fun at a pizza party.

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With New York City actors like Parker Posey cast, Phillips and Linklater combed Austin, where they found the youngest stars, Christin Hinojosa and Wiley Wiggins, as well as a future Oscar winner.

Don Phillips We met Renée Zellweger, and we said, “Wow, what a talent. Too bad we’ve already cast the film.” She wanted to be in it so badly. You hardly notice her in the movie.

Marissa Ribisi I was really young, too. My boyfriend at the time—Jason Lee—was my legal guardian. He wasn’t an actor yet. He was a pro skateboarder.

Adam Goldberg (cast member, *Mike Newhouse*): Jason was there the whole time. A bunch of us tried to convince him he should act, which I would later regret, because he’d get roles I was up for.

Frank Kozik (artist, promotional poster): These people [in the film] look a lot better than people did back in the ’70s. They weren’t quite that pretty.

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The various actors convened via an almost doomed, lightning-plagued flight that might have been seen as a bad omen.

Michelle Burke (cast member, *Jodi Kramer*): Seriously, we all almost died.

Adam Goldberg The cast was holding one another’s hands. There was so much lightning that, by the time we landed, we all felt very close already.

Rory Cochrane (cast member, *Ron Slater*): Once we got to Austin, people started getting cliquey.

Sasha Jenson (cast member, *Don Dawson*): It definitely got a little tribal.

Jason London (cast member, *Randall “Pink” Floyd*): The guys all got along, but with the girls there was some infighting.

Sasha Jenson But once we all found our places, there wasn’t any stepping on toes. There was a lot more improv. Rick said, “Just be teenagers. Be what you are.”

Joey Lauren Adams He said, “If you don’t like your character, change it. Just know it when you get to Austin.”

Jim Jacks (co-producer): Rick believes in a lot of improvisation. He would drive me crazy—we wouldn’t have a shot because he was doing nothing but rehearsing. Rick and I had arguments.

Richard Linklater I gave each character mixes. Music. I’d say, “You’d like Joni Mitchell. You’d like Black Sabbath.”

Jason London He said, “Don’t listen to anything but this music.” We had to morph into living as if we were in ’76.

Adam Goldberg My mix tapes? I always took umbrage with them. I was a gigantic Neil Young fan at the time, and I was getting ELO and Foghat?

Wiley Wiggins (cast member, *Mitch Kramer*): Honestly, Austin was still fairly stuck in 1976 in the early ’90s.

The entire cast moved into the local Radisson and promptly turned it into a “pad.”

Sasha Jensen Jason’s room—I’m not gonna call it a drug den, but it was a “’70s den” already. Rory was in there with his hat on, already in character. The Who was blasting out of his sound system.

Michelle Burke We all decorated our rooms and moved our beds around, hung tapestries, and burned incense.

Rory Cochrane We were like kids in a candy store. Actors were hooking up with each other and dating.

Joey Lauren Adams They hated us at that hotel.

As far as actual pot smoking went, however, Linklater laid down the law.

Richard Linklater People are surprised how militant I am about that kind of work ethic. I set a tone: “There’s going to be no alcohol or drugs. This is set in the ’70s, but it ain’t gonna be a ’70s movie where they’re flying in the cocaine.”

Wiley Wiggins Rick seemed really concerned about messing up the younger kids’ lives by putting us in the movie.

One night while sitting in the hotel bar, Phillips was approached by a 23-year-old University of Texas film student. Hollywood history was about to be made.

Matthew McConaughey (cast member, *David Wooderson*): Had I not gone out that night and met Don? Not sure what I’d be doing today, but I’d still be in the storytelling business at some level.

Don Phillips I come home to the hotel one night and go to the bar, and this handsome dude comes in with a beautiful blonde. The bartender says to him, “See that guy down there? That’s Don Phillips. He cast Sean Penn in *Fast Times*.” And Matthew goes, “I’m gonna go down and talk to this guy.” Matthew comes and has a vodka with me. We get louder as the night goes on, and midway through the evening he says to his girlfriend, “Look, I’m gonna stay here and talk to Don. Here’s some money for a taxi.”

Like Jack Nicholson in Easy Rider before or Jack Black in High Fidelity after, McConaughey’s drawling, horny David Wooderson—with his mustache and Ted Nugent T-shirt—steals the film with, seemingly, a minimum of effort (all right, all right, all right).

Don Phillips Rick didn’t like him at first, because he was too handsome.

Richard Linklater Matthew said, “I ain’t this guy, but I know this guy.”

Jim Jacks It was clear in the shooting that there was something very likable about him on-screen.

Jason London He came in so locked and loaded. You met this guy who seemed kind of normal, and we started to rehearse and his demeanor slumps, his eyes droop—he got that stoned smile on his face and delivered that “heyyyy” voice. We were just in heaven.

Frank Kozik The Wooderson guy? I knew those dudes. They were the weird local-yokel hero dudes. My friend Buddy spent two years still hanging out at his high school after he graduated.

Matthew McConaughey Society says, “You’re too old, Wooderson. You’re a has-been; you gotta get on with your life.” But Wooderson knows who he is, what he wants, and is a very simple and content man. I always saw him as right on time, in his glory days—in his mind, and that’s all that matters.

Linklater, writing, improvising, and adapting on the spot, gave Wooderson more and more to do as the shoot went on.

Richard Linklater There was another actor [Shawn Andrews] who was kind of the opposite [of McConaughey]. He wasn’t really getting along with everybody. I could tell the actors weren’t responding to him.

Don Phillips He was an asshole. What happened was, Matthew was in the ensemble, so he was around, and Rick just started giving him more lines.

Jason London Shawn just didn’t want to interact with really anyone except Milla Jovovich.

Joey Lauren Adams Shawn and Milla had started dating, and I think they were just shy. But they didn’t seem to want to hang out with us.

Jason London He really hurt himself, and it translated into losing a good amount of screen time and allowing McConaughey to come in and become a star.

Richard Linklater I’m just loose enough



Jason O. Smith, Cole Hauser, Jason London, and Sasha Jensen admire their paddles.

to say, "Maybe it's Wooderson who gets to go to the party at the Moon Tower."

Sandra Adair (*editor*): We minimized some of the characters, and some of the other characters expanded because they were so compelling. Matthew—the first time we saw dailies with him, everybody was like, "Oh, my God, who is *that*?"

He also utters the single most quotable line in a film full of quotable lines.

Matthew McConaughey I always saw Wooderson as an American classic. Soon as I read his response, "That's what I love about high school girls: I get older, they stay the same age," I flew with him. I said to myself, Anyone who believes in that has massaged a massive perception into a personal truth, without attitude or a need to defend. That is a classic character.

The shoot was grueling, which had an effect on the young cast and crew.

Adam Goldberg We'd stay up all night drinking, and then at 9 A.M. we'd go to the shooting range. The whole thing was a complete madhouse.

Marissa Ribisi Or we'd come home at 6 A.M., have dinner, go to the bar, because it opened at 7 A.M., go to bed at noon, then wake up at 8 P.M., as the sun was setting.

Sasha Jensen Sometimes after we'd shoot all night, Matthew would take us



Christin Hinojosa and Michelle Burke get their drink on at the Moon Tower.

inner-tubing on the river. Everyone would go to the hotel, take a shower, and shoot all night again.

If there's a recurring theme or story line in Dazed and Confused beyond "hanging out," it's the time-honored ritual of high school hazing.

Joey Lauren Adams I went to the University of Arkansas for a semester, and I remember walking by some sorority sister who was saying [to a pledge], "Fry like bacon, you freshman piggie!"

Richard Linklater At my school the guys got paddled and the girls were treated like hot dogs and had stuff dumped on them. It's one of those things that you live through, and then later you go, "What the fuck was that?"

Wiley Wiggins The movie's institutionalized bullying seems so strange now.

Two future stars, Ben Affleck and Parker Posey, were given the task of embodying the most brutal bullies in town.

Ben Affleck (*cast member, Fred O'Bannon*): I was definitely the most unappealing character in a movie full of appealing people.*

Christin Hinojosa Ben and Parker were among the nicest people on the set.

Richard Linklater That's why you cast likable actors. Ben was smart and full of life. You don't cast the unappealing person; you cast the appealing person.

All the while Goldberg, Anthony Rapp, and Ribisi comment on the absurdity of these institutions and on the '70s themselves.

Richard Linklater I remember in the '70s I couldn't wait for the '80s. But every generation sucks in a different way when you're a kid. *Dazed* takes place literally weeks before punk happens. I was going to put a Ramones song over the closing credits—like, "Oh, *that's* the future."

Adam Goldberg [Our characters] would definitely be into Elvis Costello and the Jam in a few months.

Others are clearly not giving up their "classic" rock trappings anytime soon.

Jason London The last scene we shot is the last scene in the movie. We were on a pull trailer beyond the cameras, and I'll be damned if Rory Cochrane didn't pull out a real fatty and say, "Fuck it, man, it's the last scene of the movie!"

SEVEN ESSENTIAL LIFE LESSONS WE LEARNED FROM DAZED AND CONFUSED

1 If your parents are heading out of town and you're throwing a house party, make sure the kegs arrive late rather than early. Trust us on this one.

2 George Washington loved his weed. And he was in a cult. AND the cult was into aliens, man.

3 *Gilligan's Island* is essentially a male pornographic fantasy: "Think about it! You're basically alone on a deserted island with two readily available women: one a seductive sex goddess type, the other a healthy girl-next-door type with a nice butt." It's true.

4 The older you get, the more rules they're gonna try to get you to follow. You just gotta keep livin', man. L-I-V-I-N.

5 Ben Affleck is better as a villain than a hero. Not really a life lesson, but worth remembering.

6 It's always a lot cooler when you have a joint.

7 If you listen to the Who's *Tommy* with a candle burning, you'll see your whole future before you. Actually, that's from *Almost Famous*. (Still a good lesson, though.)



Jenson, Matthew McConaughey, and London on the prowl



Ben Affleck gets ready to give a beating to Wiley Wiggins (far right) and Esteban Powell.

Now in the realm of the studio system, postproduction was something of an ordeal for the young director.

Richard Linklater I sat through screenings and thought, This audience loves this movie. Then the test numbers would come in pretty low. “How did you like the ending?” “What ending? There ain’t no ending.”

Sean Daniel I will not forget that night. I can remember when the audience saw *Animal House*, and everyone went crazy. *Dazed* is different; it ends on this beautiful, enigmatic note. It doesn’t end with some happy big laugh. It didn’t make for a great preview.

Richard Linklater I’d hear from the studio, “We don’t want this to be an ‘art film.’” I said, “Hey, it ain’t no art film. This is kids partying. And there’s a pretty good history of these films making money.” It was a struggle.

The film was released on September 24, 1993, without much fanfare. The soundtrack proved the bigger smash, selling two million copies. There were, however, pockets of the country where the film slowly built a following.

Sean Daniel Critics knew it was special. We knew it was special. The audiences we could get knew it was special.

Richard Linklater It played for more than a year in numerous towns that had midnight screenings. People would sneak joints into the theater and toké up. I’ve never seen the film high, so I don’t know if it’s different.

Meanwhile McConaughey uprooted and moved out to Los Angeles.

Adam Goldberg When I first saw him [on set], I was like, “Who is this guy? Where is this guy coming from?” But

“Wooderson knows who he is, what he wants, and is a very simple and content man,” says McConaughey.

within a few months we were all hanging out at his pad in Malibu, and I was like, “OK, I get it now. He’s a movie star.”

Don Phillips Matthew moved in with me. I told him, “Look, when you finish school, come out to Malibu and we’ll get you situated, because this is a tough town.”

Christin Hinojosa Don threw all the right parties, and Matthew was there every step of the way. That was very smart.

Affleck, like McConaughey, went on to Hollywood stardom. And a decade later Linklater would get his studio blockbuster with The School of Rock. But even the biggest among the ensemble keep a special place for Dazed.

Joey Lauren Adams It was such a different time in Hollywood. First off, Universal would never do that movie today, and if they did, they would not cast all unknowns. It would be CW actors.

Adam Goldberg Now there’s literally a generation of people discovering it the way we discovered *Animal House*.

Jason London To this very day, I bet there’s not a college dorm in this country that doesn’t have a copy of the movie.

Matthew McConaughey I’ll be somewhere in public and somebody in passing will casually throw out something like, “Say, man, got a joint?” and I’ll just keep walking and throw back over my shoulder, “Be a lot cooler if you did.” And the two of us will chuckle about our way.

Rory Cochrane A lot of people want to smoke pot with me, but it’s too strong these days. It freaks me out.

Ben Affleck It was the thing that enabled me to take the risks I later took. I wasn’t mature enough at the time to appreciate the simple value of the experience. And now, in retrospect, it’s certainly one of the most important experiences of my professional life, if not *the* most important in a lot of ways.*

In 2003, on the 10th anniversary of the release, much of the cast convened in Austin for a reunion. This year they did the same, with screenings at the Austin Film Society and the New York Film Festival.

Michelle Burke At the 10-year reunion, I got completely blitzed. I’m not a big drinker, but I was doing shots and I said to Jason, “I’m curious, are you still as good a kisser as you used to be? Why don’t you show me?” Which didn’t go over very well with his wife.

Adam Goldberg Personally I was dreading the 20th anniversary. I’ve never been a big fan of years passing and mortality, so this is just another signifier as far as I’m concerned.

Jim Jacks We’re talking about doing a spiritual sequel to *Dazed and Confused* now with Rick. It would be the early ’80s and instead of the last day of high school it would be the first weekend of college. Obviously the actors are way too old. They could be the parents of the children now! ♡



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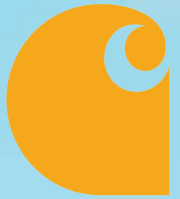
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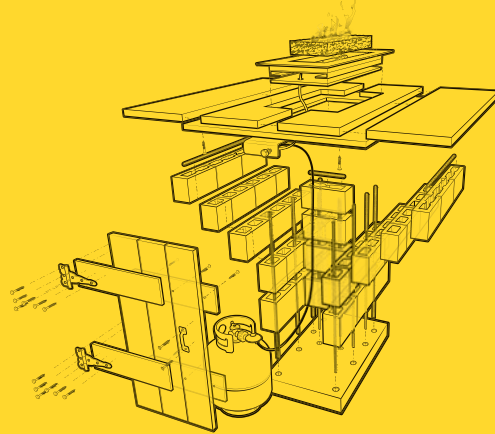
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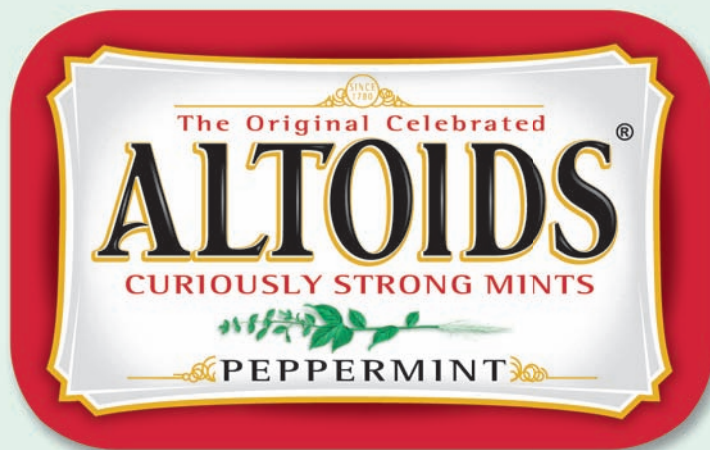
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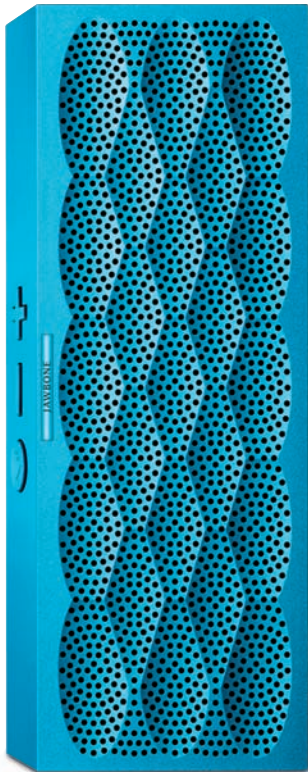
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↑ Samsung Galaxy Gear Smart Watch

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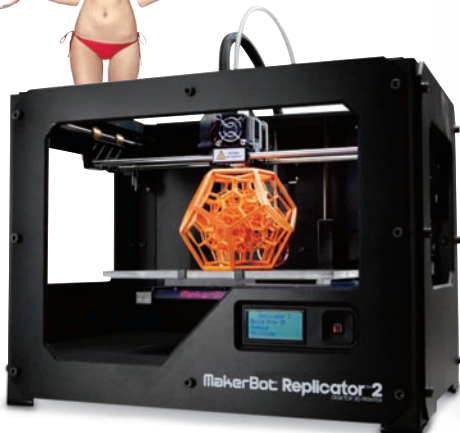
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↑ MakerBot Replicator 2

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← Tumi Mixology Backpack

Most folks' disaster-time go bag includes items such as flashlights, water bottles, and batteries. Ours is this mixology kit, which comes packed with a bar's worth of libation-mixing gear. (In the apocalypse, martinis double as currency.) **\$695**, tumi.com



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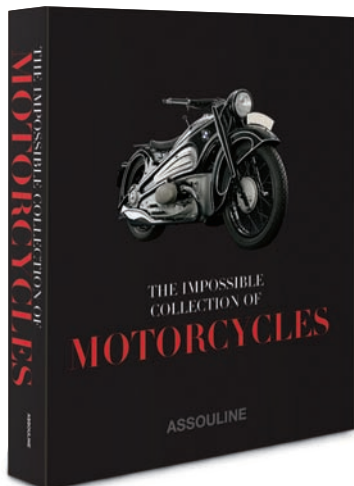
↓ **Razer Edge Pro Tablet**

Most tablets are fine for games...as long as your ambitions don't run past flinging birds and crushing candy. This 10.1-inch Windows 8 tablet is basically a full-fledged gaming PC after a bad date with a steamroller—its Intel Core i7 dual-core chip packs plenty of power. **from \$1,300, razerzone.com**



↑ **2014 Polaris RZR XP 1000**

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Ron's hair, the gift that keeps on giving

Best Stuff of the Year

A VERY RON BURGUNDY CHRISTMAS

As *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues* hits theaters, America's classiest newsmen recalls the best presents he's ever opened. *as told to ADAM MCKAY*



The crisp winter air. A Salvation Army Santa. Massive credit card debt. Yes, Christmas is upon us! People always ask me, "How do you give the right gift?" So here are the best gifts I've ever received. Happy holidays. And by "holiday" I mean Merry Christmas to people of all beliefs: Jews, people who worship Zeus, and libertarians.



A Flame-thrower

In 1981 I celebrated Christmas morning on a fan boat in the Everglades with Lee Majors, Mac Davis, and Adrienne Barbeau. We were all carrying .45-caliber sidearms and hunting snapping turtles. It was around 8:30 A.M. when a shirtless Lee Majors, his eyes crazed from cough syrup, patted me on the back and said, "Merry Christmas, Ron, merry Christmas." He then slid a metal case over to me that contained an A93 military-grade flame-thrower. That night I had the greatest Christmas of my life when I unleashed my gift on a parked UPS truck full of undelivered Christmas presents.



A Jaguar

No, I'm not talking about the car. I'm talking about a live jaguar. I'll never forget when Misty, the lady I was seeing on Christmas 1974, took me to the back of her house, where she had a live jaguar pinned beneath a plastic baby pool with a couple of cinder blocks. Unfortunately, as soon as we lifted the pool, the jaguar bolted. I never saw it again, but every time I heard a story on the news of a jogger being mauled, I'd think of my sweet, sweet jaguar. And also I'd think about sex with Misty and her ass, and then about the undefeated '72 Dolphins and what a great leader Don Shula is.



My Auto-biography

It's titled *Ron Burgundy: Let Me Off at the Top! My Classy Life and Other Musings*. Is this a shameless plug? You bet your ass it is.



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Ron Burgundy's Gift of the Magi

It was Christmas 1977, and I was dating Lulu, an Air Vermont stewardess. She knew there was nothing I was prouder of than my mustache, so she sold her liver on the Indonesian black market to buy me a collection of Turkish mustache combs. I knew she was proudest of her long legs. I was on my way to buy her silk stockings when a friend told me she was dead. Turns out you can't live without your liver. Every now and then I'll see an Indonesian man and wonder if Lulu's liver is inside him. I lost the combs—or traded them for an egg-salad sandwich—but the memory of Lulu's sacrifice will live on forever.



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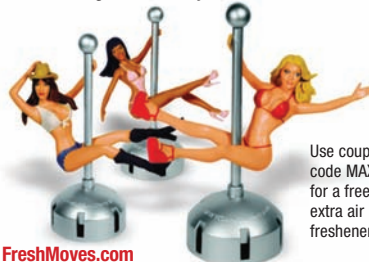
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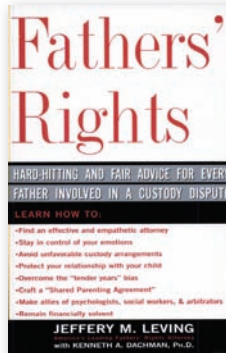


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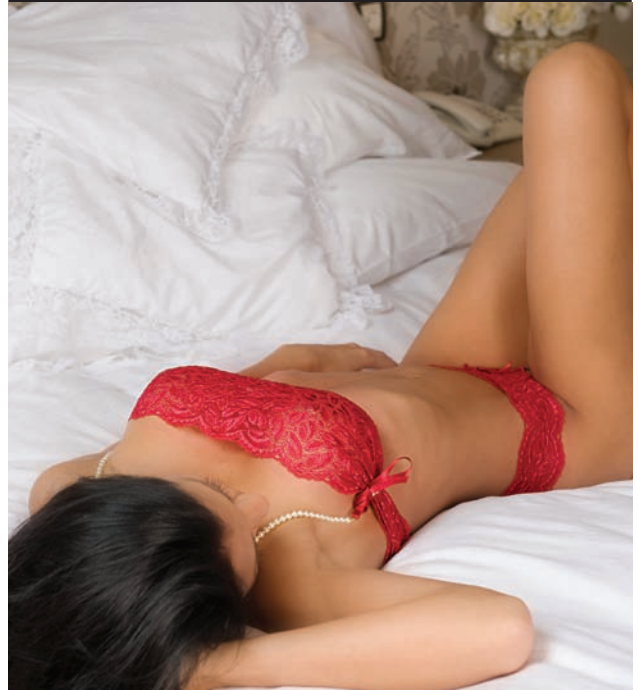
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