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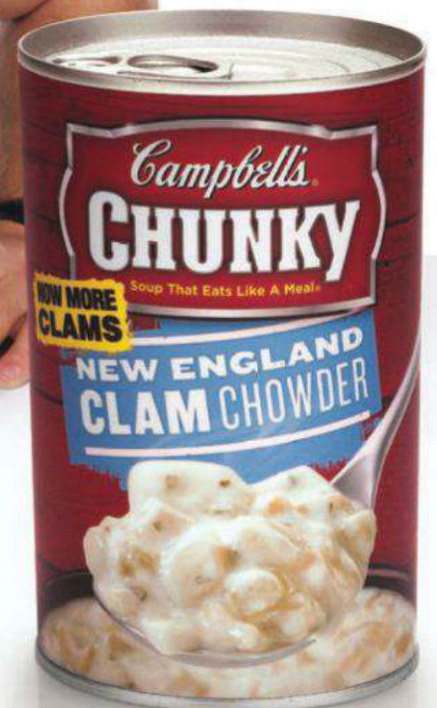
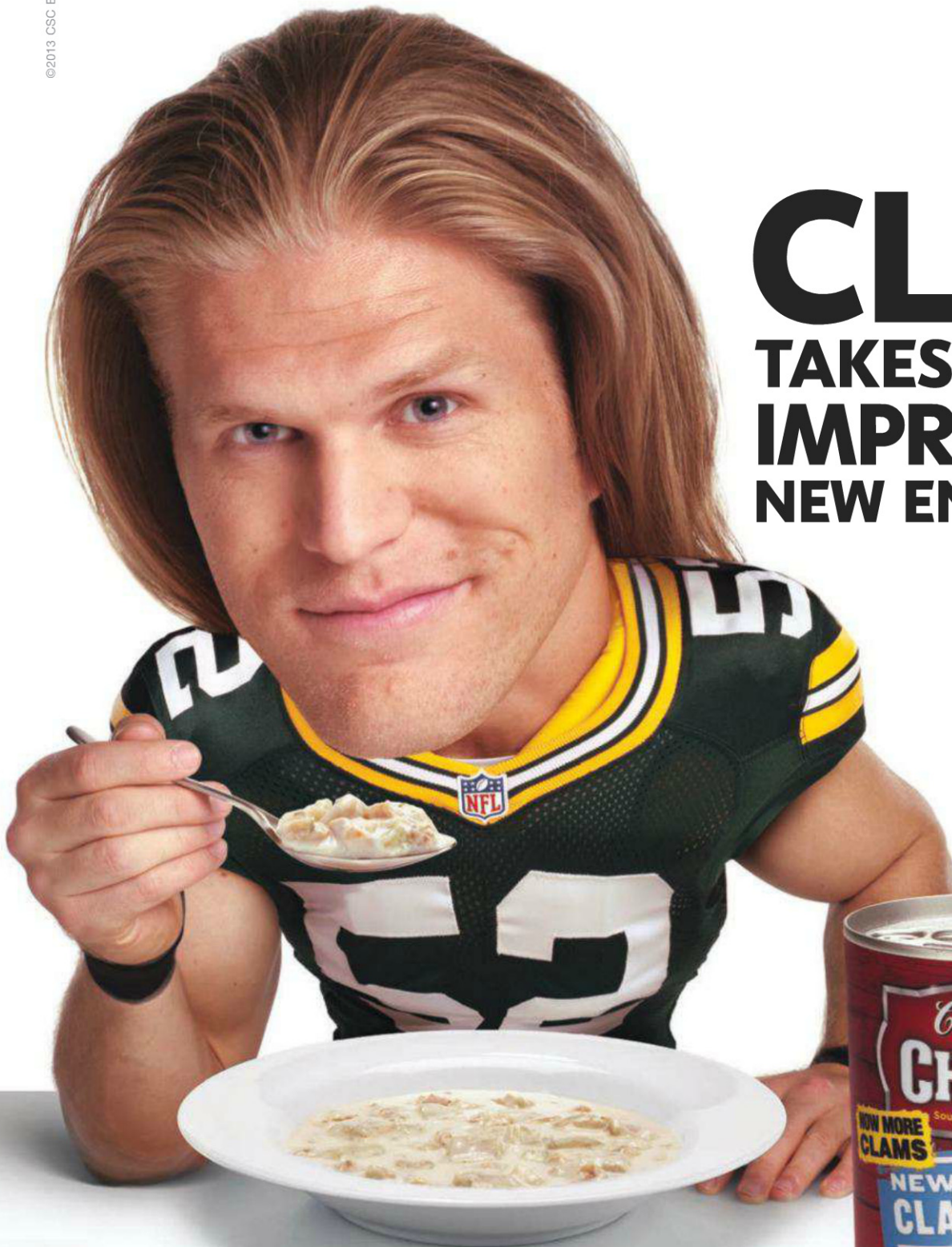
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# Letters

## The Fall Girls

You gave thanks to Lacey Chabert and got in a leg lock with Taylor Momsen. Not a bad way to spend a weekend, if you ask us.

### Cheering Chabert

Wow! Thank you for bringing Lacey Chabert to the November cover. She's just getting prettier by the day. Also, what a knockout Jennifer the Team Mascot [Office Assistant, Circus Maximus] was. Put me in touch!

—David M., via e-mail

We tried to pass along your note to our mascot, but she's in the Bahamas vacationing with the Hamburglar. Alas, to get the attention of a mascot, turns out you need a really, really big head.

Hey, Lacey Chabert's abs are awesome. What is her workout?

—Jamie Hiott, via e-mail

Running away from people like us as fast as she can.

### Creepy Letter

You scared the holy shit out of me, damn it!!! In the November issue, you had a picture of some spider that looked like a brown recluse right in the corner of the page ["The 30 Deadliest Things in the World"]. I jumped out of my chair! You picked the right place to put that picture. I'm pretty scared of spiders, but I didn't have a heart attack, so no harm, no foul. Please don't ever do that shit again!

—Joe M., via e-mail

That wasn't a picture, Joe! Get out of the house—it looks hungry!



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### All Hail Queen Taylor!

Gentlemen: Kudos on featuring rock's reigning bad girl, Taylor Momsen ["Sexy & Reckless," November]. I really enjoy her music. She is a talented vocalist who has a flair for exhibitionism. Plus, she has an amazing pair of long legs. Keep up the good work!

—Paul in Pennsylvania, via e-mail

We can't claim credit for Taylor's legs, but we can claim credit for the baboon heart we transplanted into our pet hamster, Roger. He died mid-surgery, of course, but considering we only completed one year of plumber school, that's not too shabby an effort, if we do say so ourselves!

### A Real Snore

I'm afraid that I'm going to have to disagree with your medical expert in November's Ask Maxim [Circus Maximus]. You are not actually unconscious when you sleep; you are in an altered state of consciousness. There is a difference. You'd better go back and recheck his credentials!

—Brian Hamilton, via e-mail

Speaking of sleep, your letter cured us of our insomnia. Thanks, Bri!



### Music to Our Rears 1

My name is Ricky, a.k.a. QBall. I'm the singer for the Ohio-based band XFACTOR1. We are currently on our Return to Decadence tour. I'm a longtime Maxim subscriber; it's great reading for the long drives between tour stops. (Beer, babes, and hot stuff! LOL.) This is us onstage. Peace, Love & Alcohol.

—Ricky, via e-mail

Rock on, Ricky. Just looking at this photo reactivated the herpes we contracted backstage at a Korn concert in '01.



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→ Take our quiz: Can you tell which is a boy band and which is a gay porno? (Hint: Lack of body hair isn't the only thing they share.)



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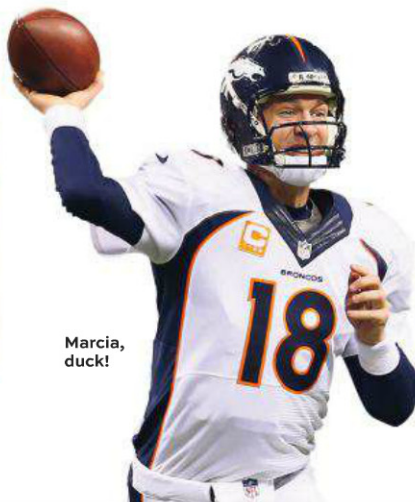
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Marcia, duck!

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The mosh pits at One Direction shows are brutal.

## Your Pleasure Is Our Pain

➔ If the lady moaning next to me on the train this morning is any indication,

people love their S&M. (I'm assuming she was reading *Fifty Shades of Grey* and not in need of medical assistance...although come to think of it, she wasn't holding a book and was bleeding from the ears. Whoops, my bad, lady!) But still, pleasure and pain, that's a thing. So to get your freaks off, I wanted to share the anguish our staff experienced while bringing you the ecstasy that is *Maxim*. During the production of this issue, I suffered a groin pull (I'll never take you for granted again, groin), deputy editor David Swanson tore his ACL falling off a ladder, style editor Stan Williams got a splinter in his foot while trying on jeans, entertainment director Patrick Carone bumped his head on the gull wing of a \$250,000 Mercedes, copy chief Ken Gee stabbed himself slicing a lime, and worst of all, senior editor Laura Leu has been sober for the past four months because she's pregnant. Join us as we pray for her in her time of hardship, and please enjoy the issue. Anyone got a Band-Aid?

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## A.J. Cook

The FBI profiler from *Criminal Minds* gets an interrogation of her own. She exercises her right to remain sexy.

→ **Hometown:** *Oshawa, Ontario, Canada*  
**Astrological sign:** *Cancer/Leo*  
**Job:** *Actress*  
**Pets:** *Dog named Zara*

**I would be embarrassed if you looked in my** *closet* **and saw** *my tap shoes.*

**I can whoop any guy's ass in** *fantasy football.*

**My spirit animal is** *the narwhal: the unicorn of the sea.*

**The best (or worst) pickup line I ever heard:** *While driving on the freeway, a guy scribbled on a piece of paper "YOU'RE HOT! CALL ME" and put his phone number. I wanted to call him just to find out if that ever works for him!*

**The worst word in the universe is** *"literally." "I just literally died, I dislike this word so much!"*

**A guy is more likely to get lucky with me if** *he isn't desperately trying to get lucky with me.*

**My favorite way to get in trouble is** *by jaywalking. Cops around here consider that to be a serious law.*

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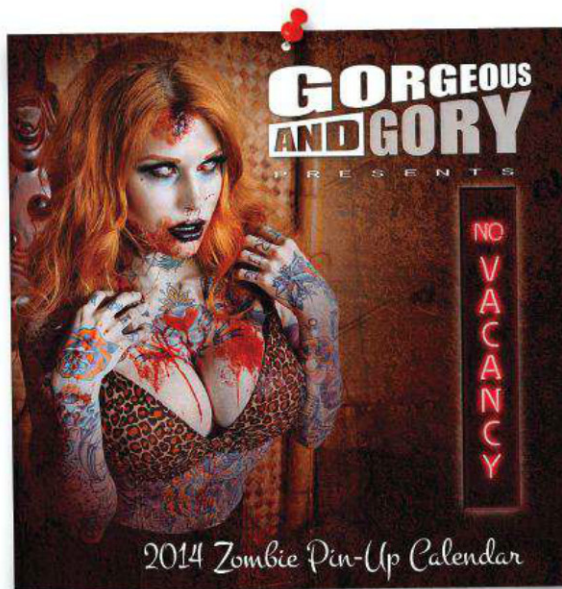
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## LETHAL LOVE STORIES

### Romantic Comedy or Serial Killer?

Can you guess which of these scenarios describe the start of a fairy-tale movie romance and which detail the exploits of a real-life serial killer?

by ADAM LINEHAN

- 1 A man and a woman pretend they're a married couple with children in order to lure a young, naive girl to Hawaii for a "family vacation."
- 2 An injured ski instructor with a killer smile approaches a woman in a ski resort parking lot and asks if she can help him carry something to his car.
- 3 A man responds to a personal ad posted by a lonely, overbearing mother who wants help putting an end to her daughter's promiscuous ways.
- 4 A professional photographer with a criminal past is let down after the girl he wins a date with on a popular television dating show decides he's not the one.
- 5 A mentally unstable waitress kidnaps one of her customers at gunpoint and takes him to her family's isolated cabin in the woods.
- 6 A poor handyman and father of four vows revenge after his wealthy female employer refuses to pay him for his services.

ANSWERS 1. Just Go With It 2. Killer Ted Bundy 3. Because I Said So 4. Killer Rodney Alcala 5. Holiday in Handcuffs 6. Overboard

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Otherwise known as the Not the Vikings card

NFL ON ESP

## Psychic Super Bowl Predictions!

Back in October we asked three seers for big game prognostications. Bet huge on these, folks!

### OUR PSYCHICS

**Hilary Parry**  
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**Thomas John**  
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**Laura "Astrobabe"**  
Astrologist  
[astrobabeonline.com](http://astrobabeonline.com)



### Who's going to win?

**Laura:** I see the South rising again. I'm definitely getting a Southern area and something about horses. I also see the Patriots.

**Thomas:** I have a strong feeling that it's going to be a team from the West. It'll be the Broncos.

**Hilary:** I pulled the Judgment card, which kind of has this Christian iconography about it. So I'm going with the Saints.

### Who will be the MVP?

**Hilary:** I have the Nine of Wands coming up, and I have the Queen of Wands coming up. Because Wands are the suit of fire, the last name is something fiery. I feel like the first name is Michael.

### What color Gatorade will be poured on the winning coach?

**Hilary:** I'm going to say regular yellow Gatorade, because we've got a classic here: a Ten of Pentacles and a Four of Cups reversed, and both of these images have a lot of yellow in them.

### What's the weather going to be like?

**Laura:** It's going to be sunny, a little breezy, maybe a little cooler than the 60s, but not too cold.

### Will there be any technical difficulties like last year's power outage?

**Hilary:** I'm getting the Five of Pentacles, which is actually a scene with two people out in the snow, so I think that there's going to be a bit of a kerfuffle with the cameras because of the snow. They may have to put some tarp over the field or have to wait around. There might be a little bit of a game delay.

### Who will the FCC fine this year for obscene behavior?

**Thomas:** It's going to be more of a vulgar thing, not a nudity thing. Probably swearing or somebody flipping someone off. It looks like it might be a coach or a commentator.

### What craziness will occur during the halftime show?

**Thomas:** I'm seeing vehicles for some reason. They're going to drive cars or motorcycles out on the field. It's definitely going to go down as one of the more elaborate halftime shows. There's also going to be a surprise guest. It's a contemporary female, but I also see an old guy.

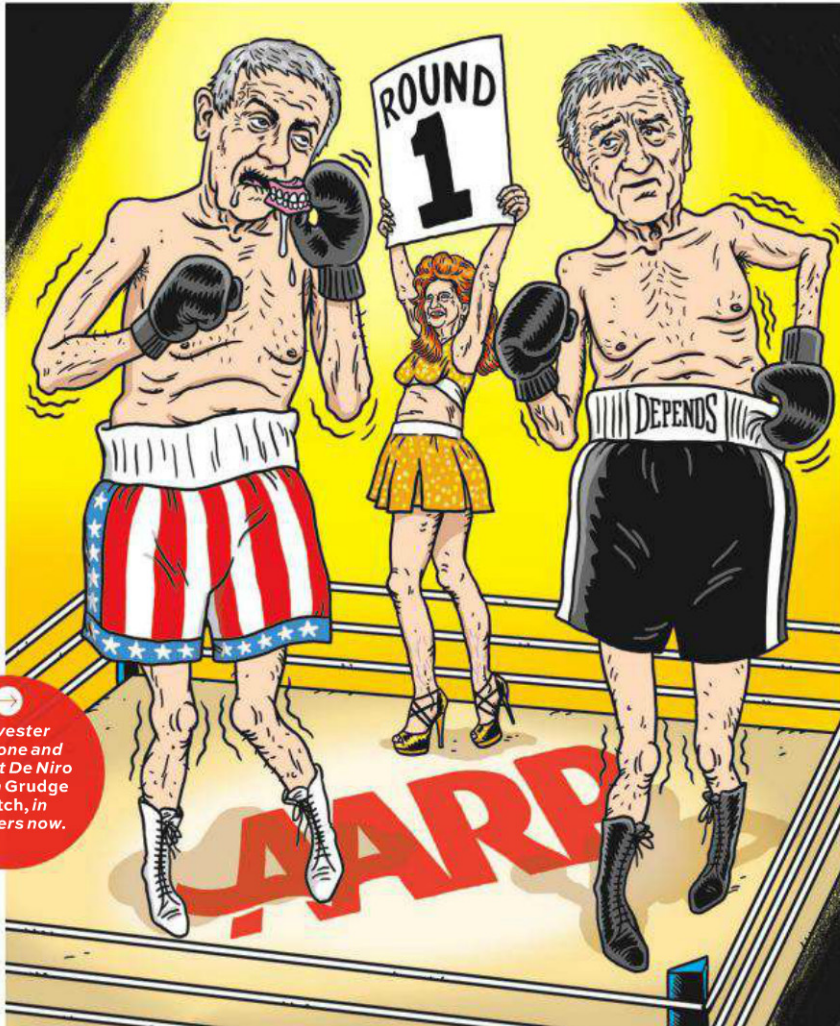
### What Super Bowl commercial will be the most talked about the next day?

**Laura:** Something about an insurance company. It will involve animals or dogs trying to do something funny. Also, there's a soft drink commercial that people are going to like. Maybe it's Diet Coke.



## Senior Smackdown

In **GRUDGE MATCH** two elderly retired boxers return for one last fight. Dr. Bernard Portner of Portner Orthopedic Rehab in Honolulu explains what would happen if two geezers did duke it out.



Sylvester Stallone and Robert De Niro star in *Grudge Match*, in theaters now.



### JAB TO THE FACE

"As you get older, your joints tend to lose range of motion, which makes it more difficult to throw a

jab properly. And bones are osteoporotic when you age—meaning weaker and easier to break—so the nose could easily be broken. If the punch landed above the eye, he would most likely bleed, because the skin is more friable and thus easier to get cut."



### LEFT HOOK TO THE BODY

"This is a hard punch, so the fighter could crack a hand, because bones' calcium

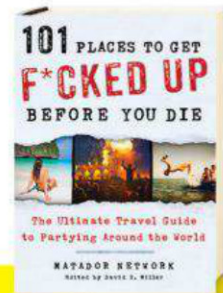
mass goes down as you age. But the senior receiving it is more liable for injury because it's right to the ribs, which tend to be osteoporotic, so a broken rib is very possible and could lacerate the liver. That could be fatal if the bleeding isn't stopped."



### EAR BITE

"It's hard to bite an ear when all you have are gums, but if the opponent has real teeth or dentures it would

be damaging, because the cartilage becomes more brittle in old age. Most elderly people take baby aspirin to prevent heart attacks and strokes, which prolongs bleeding. Add to that their fragile blood vessels and there would be a lot more bleeding."



## Oh, the Places You'll Throw Up

From *101 Places to Get F\*cked Up Before You Die*, here are four under-the-radar party towns to, well, do that.

### COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

**Pro tip:** "The Danes are pretty relaxed about nudity and, alarmingly, public urination. You're going to see at least one male member midstream. Don't get caught in the backsplash."

### ZANZIBAR, TANZANIA

**Pro tip:** "The bribe for getting caught having sex on the beach by police is around \$20, after some serious negotiations."

### PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO

**Pro tip:** "If you visit over the holidays, don't get sloppy with your accent. 'Feliz ano nuevo' means 'Happy new anus.' Unless it's a specific kind of NYE party, you mean 'Feliz año nuevo.'"

### PHUKET, THAILAND

**Pro tip:** "An Adam's apple, hairy lips, a deep voice, and strong hands...Yes, she used to be a man."



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# Adam Devine

The *Workaholics*, *Modern Family*, and *House Party* star (what *isn't* he in?) has one last day.

**How would you spend your last day on Earth?**

Getting a porn-star-level blow job by a pretty girl in her church clothes as I launch my Formula 1 car off the Golden Gate Bridge *Grand Theft Auto V* style. They'll never find my body, because a shark eats the wreckage, and Jay Z will make a song about it featuring R. Kelly.

**Do you have any deathbed confessions?**

I farted. It was me. It was always me.

**Will you be going to heaven or hell?**

Neither. I will always be here, just like Patrick Swayze in *Ghost*.

**What *Pitch Perfect*-esque a capella song will be playing over and over in hell?**

It'll be a video of me from the movie singing Rihanna's "Don't Stop the Music," and I won't.

**The *Workaholics* guys are informed they have 24 hours before they meet their demise. What does each of them do?**

We all do the exact same thing: smash a weird amount of Oreos and aggressively ride Jet Skis.

**You think there's a TelAmeriCorp in hell?**

Yes, and it's exactly like the fictional one in Rancho Cucamonga.

**You're from Iowa, you live in L.A., and you set your show in Rancho Cucamonga. Where do you spend your last day?**

The moon, but if I can't make it there, I'll settle for Joshua Tree, on mushrooms. It's basically the same thing.

**Was there anyone on Earth you wanted to punch in the face?**

Anybody who's wearing a "fun hat."

**Name one thing you're glad you'll never have to do again on Earth.**

Masturbate, because I believe heaven is just one giant ejaculation.

**What's the wildest thing you ever did while you were alive?**

Made a successful TV show with my best friends.

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

Michelle Obama. I can't explain why; I'm not trying to get on any government lists.

**You're throwing a house party in heaven. What does the invite say?**

Heaven is pretty boring—bring booze and drugs.

**If you could arm-wrestle one person before you die, who would it be?**

Arnold. No kidding. That would be a dream come true.

**What woman did you always want to sleep with?**

The three-titted chick from *Total Recall*.

**The first girl you ever slept with delivers your eulogy. What does she say?**

"Adam had a 'whatever'-size dick. Oops, this is his funeral. Uh, he will be missed. Why was I allowed to speak?"

**You have a big Twitter following. What will you tweet from your deathbed?**

I know who killed Biggie, and his name is...

*Workaholics* airs Wednesdays at 10 P.M. on Comedy Central.

DON'T STOP THE MUSIC!

@#. BIGGY KILLER? LOL



# IT'S A CLOSE GAME



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## Edy Ganem

She plays sultry Valentina on Lifetime's *Devious Maids*. Off-screen she cleans up pretty nicely.



**You're a maid on TV. Obviously we need to ask if you own a sexy maid outfit in real life.**

Not right now, but I did at some point. I think it should be a requirement for me now, so I'll have to buy a new one.

**What's the most devious thing about you?**

I can be really unpredictable. You never know what I'm gonna do or what I'm gonna say. I'm a bit of a daredevil, and I can get really crazy.

**Are you an adrenaline junkie?**

I like being a woman, but I'm a little rough around the edges. I've been bungee jumping twice, but I was scared.

**Happy New Year's! What type of guy would you typically kiss at midnight?**

I like guys who have a plan or a dream. A good sense of humor is also a must. I can be weird with my humor and say things that are random. You need to understand that I'm really goofy and go with it.

**Do you have any resolutions?**

To really focus on my career. I'd love to have more under my belt. And, yes, I'm going to get a sexy maid uniform.

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# Drinks



Where's Waldo?  
He's hiding from a  
sledgehammer-wield-  
ing Tonya Harding.

## Winter Olympics Drinking Game

Follow these boozy rules to make the Olympics less boring and more blurry.

- 1 Chug a beer every time a snowboarder says that he's "stoked" during an interview.
- 2 Take a shot of Jäger every time you see a German speed skater's moose knuckle.
- 3 Have a drink whenever the narrator in the competitor-profile segments uses the words *inspiring*, *tragedy*, *triumph*, or *against all odds*.
- 4 Pour one out each time a competitor dedicates his or her performance to a dying or recently deceased relative.
- 5 Perform a keg stand every time a ski jumper winds up head-first in a snowdrift.
- 6 Drink yourself into a coma as fast as humanly possible every time it cuts back to curling.

## Gold Medal White Russian

In honor of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, **DOUG MONROE** of the Patterson House in Nashville mixes up a creamy dream.

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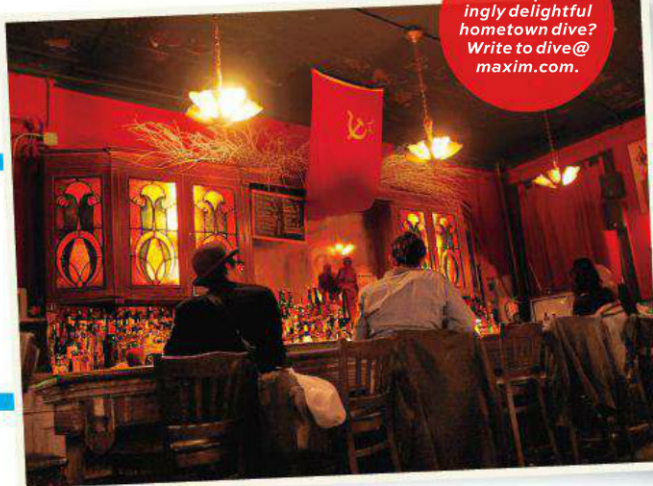
- 1½ oz. vodka
- ½ oz. amaretto
- 1 oz. heavy cream
- ½ oz. Patrón XO Cafe Dark Cocoa
- 2 dashes Angostura bitters

Pour vodka and amaretto over ice and stir. Combine remaining ingredients in shaker and shake with ice. Strain over the vodka and amaretto, stir, and top with another dash of bitters.

## Dive Bar of the Month

### KGB Bar, New York, N.Y.

The bartenders at this red-hued Soviet den may be as cold as a shirtless Vladimir Putin ice fishing, but that just adds to the authentic Russian atmosphere. Amid the KGB propaganda tacked up on the walls, hipsters choose from a bounty of vodka options and rejoice that Communism is dead. **85 E. 4th St.**



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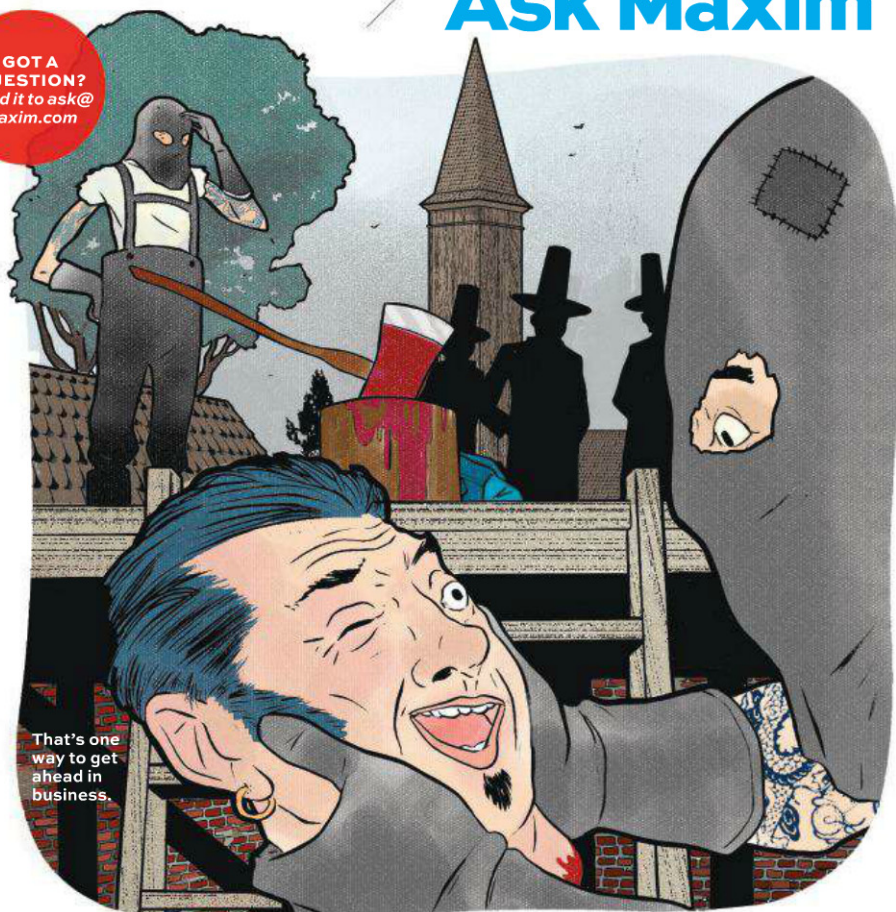
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## How long does the brain work after decapitation?

—Jared Castillo

In a perfect world, it would function just long enough for us to flash a wink and say, "Hey, pretty lady, headed my way?" In real life, however, the world would be spared our last and final bad pun. "When the head is cut off, there is no more brain function. The source of life is switched off for good. It is a car without an engine," says Yonas Zegeye, M.D., a West Palm Beach-area neurosurgeon. What about all those stories of people making faces after they've been decapitated? Dr. Zegeye explains, "A blink or a grimace after decapitation is just a reflex; it is not a sign of brain function." So much for capturing a final flattering selfie!



**Do female dogs get emotional during their period?**

—Zach Baker

Yup! According to Victoria Stilwell, author of *It's Me or the Dog*, female dogs in heat become pushier, more irritable, and sometimes aggressive toward animals and family members. "They also have a tendency to whine, become restless, or escape the home in order to find a mate," she says. So not much different from your girlfriend, really!



**Why are opera singers fat?**

—Ryan Fields

Chew on this: There may be a bit of science behind the big-blubber stereotype. For instance, additional fat around the larynx increases resonance, and a larger chest cavity and body mass contribute to a more powerful diaphragm. We sure wish that someone would have shared this with our Twinkie-gorging, spotlight-loving selves before we went into magazines.

## Bar Trivia

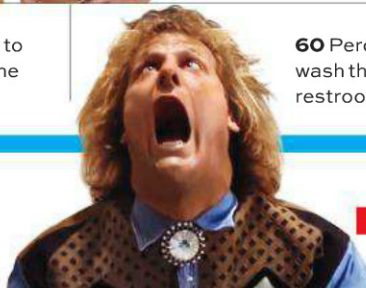


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Percentage of women who say they want to bed a foreigner before they wed. Brush up on that fake Kazakh accent!



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**60** Percentage of men who always wash their hands after using a public restroom, which is why we chest bump.





One day a deli worker comes home from his job looking glum, so his wife asks, "What's wrong, honey?" The man replies, "I was fired today." The wife is taken aback: "Oh, dear! What happened?" The man looks ashamed as he answers, "I stuck my penis in the pickle slicer." The wife is overcome with concern for her husband. "Oh, my God! Are you all right?!" The husband says he's fine, so the wife asks what happened to the pickle slicer, and the husband offhandedly replies, "Oh, she got fired, too." —BRANDYN LAMBE



Having just graduated from Oxford, a young man is very excited thinking about his future. As he gets into a taxi, the driver says to him, "How are you doing on this beautiful, sunny day?" He replies, "I'm the class of 2013. I just graduated from Oxford, and I'm very excited about getting out there and seeing what the world has in store for me!" The driver shakes the young man's hand and replies, "Congratulations, young man. I'm George, class of 1971." —TOM ROBERTS

Q: How do you annoy Lady Gaga? A: Poker face. —GREG HORKAY

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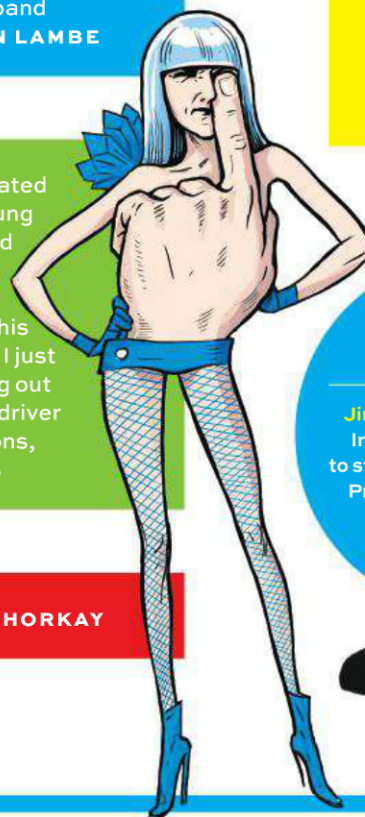


## Grandpa's Dirty Joke

They're old and socially unacceptable, like Grandpa's balls.

Q: What's the difference between a woman with herpes and a leather shoe?

A: If you had to, you could eat the leather shoe.



## Twisdom

Tweets to live by.

Jim Gaffigan @JimGaffigan  
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### Materials:

- Lead (visit a junkyard or auto repair shop, or purchase fishing weights)
- Six-inch-deep saucepan or cast-iron pan
- Industrial burner (the kind used to fry a turkey works well)
- NIOSH respirators
- Hot dogs
- Digital thermometer that reaches 1,000°F (available on Amazon)



- 1 Go outside. Put the lead in the pan and turn the heat high.
- 2 Strap on respirators to protect yourself from the gas.
- 3 The lead will start melting around 621°F, but don't dip your fingers in yet! You want it to reach over 850°F to kick the Leidenfrost effect into action—that's when the water on your fingers comes into contact with the molten lead. Because the boiling point of lead is higher than water's, your damp fingers produce an insulating barrier that keeps you from getting burned.
- 4 Remove a hot dog from the package and make sure it's still a little bit moist. Hold it above the pot of lead, thrust it down very quickly, and then remove it. If the hot dog doesn't look discolored, it's time to use your fingers.
- 5 Dip your fingers in water so they're slightly damp. Hold them directly above the molten lead and do a quick dip in and out. Unharmed? Voilà! You are now one step (one tiny step) closer to being a superhero! And remember, this is for informational purposes only. Do not try this at home!



## Become the Next David Hasselhoff

The Hoff—Knight Rider himself—shares tips for gaining worldwide fame.

### Listen to Strangers

"Way back, a girl named Nicki from Austria won a meet-and-greet contest with me. She said, 'Do you know your record is number one in my country?' I immediately organized a trip overseas."

### Harness the Power of Bikinis

"Do a TV show with lots of sun and scantily clad girls. The weather is so bad in Europe, they'll love it."

### Pick a Winner

"The one word that everyone in the world knows is *freedom*, so write a song about it. People in the U.S. have made such a joke of my appearance at the Berlin Wall, but it was like Woodstock over there."

### Do Something Stupid

"At one point in your life, make a personal tape that should never get out so people can look at it 25 million times on YouTube—and still love you."

### Be Blessed With a Ridiculous Name

"I'm lucky to have a funny name like Hasselhoff, because then you can say things like Hoff-tastic, Hoff-stuff, face-Hoff, and Hoffy-birthday. And get one you can make a catchphrase out of, because everyone knows you don't hassle the Hoff!"



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# How To



## Make a Scrapbook

Motocross and NASCAR badass **TRAVIS PASTRANA** challenges you to get arts-and-craftsy.

### START RIGHT NOW

My coach Gary Bailey and his family were big pioneers of motocross, and as he got older he said, "Man, if I died now no one would have this, the history of my family and of the sport." So he started looking back and did a full book, but it's really hard to do a scrapbook after the actual moment has passed, because you miss so much.

### SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

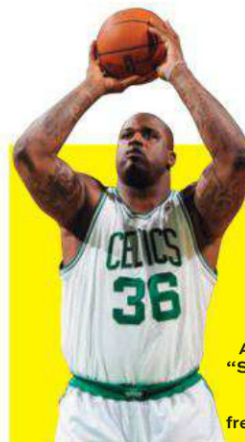
Scrapping things besides photos can be tricky. At one point I vowed to hold on to the room key of every hotel I stayed in, and at the end I missed, like, 15, so it was pretty pointless. I'm setting the bar a little lower for my newborn daughter's book, just aiming to keep the wristbands for every sporting event she goes to her first year.

### DON'T FEAR MARTHA STEWART

My dad actually made a scrapbook for me, starting from when I was born. A man's perspective on what is important in his child's life is different than his wife's. It's cool to be able to look back and see myself sitting on the hood of a racecar when I'm three weeks old and to say, "Oh, so that's what my problem is! I blame you!"

### STAY WEIRD

Document from the sidelines, 'cause what's funny is what actually happened, not the staged poses. Also, keep an eye out for rarities. I didn't save any of the screws that were taken out of my body from injuries. I just got some bolts removed from my collarbone, and I'm like, I wish I had kept a box of all the stuff I've had taken out of me!



About to "Shaq the bed" on another free throw

## Make Shaq Funny



Comedy writer **ELI BRADEN** shares notes from the set of *Upload* With Shaquille O'Neal.

### Trust the Diesel

Shaq has genuine comedic timing and is a surprisingly good actor for a guy whose most famous role is Kazaam. Every day he brings the same Shaq magic to the *Upload* set that he brought to the NBA for 19 years (well, up till that last Celtics season).

### No Holds Barred

Shaq's willing to do almost anything on-camera. The trick is not letting his manager find out that we're filming him dressed as a transvestite strutting up Santa Monica Boulevard in high heels until after we've done it. (Note: This is just a personal fantasy.)

### Tons of Puns

Dad humor is in Shaq's wheelhouse, and the writers oblige with pun-heavy segment titles like "Shaq-sploitation Films" and "Shaq-terpiece Theater."

### Don't Stress the Script

If Shaq goes a little bit off-script, let it slide. He's 7'1" and weighs more than 300 pounds. Would you want to tell him he fucked up?

### When in Doubt...

Make a joke about Shaq's free-throw shooting. It never gets old.

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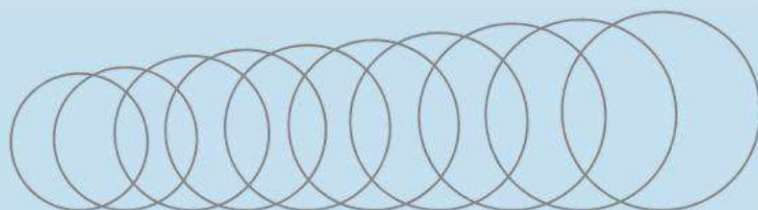
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# How To



## Turn Your Cheesesteak Into Pizza

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### THE CRUST

Go with your favorite 10-inch frozen pizza crust (this recipe uses four), or go to [Maxim.com](http://Maxim.com) to learn how to make pretzel dough.

### THE BEER CHEESE

- 1 cup wheat beer
- $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. young Asiago cheese, chopped into small cubes
- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. cayenne pepper

Bring the beer to a boil. Pulse the cheeses and cayenne pepper in a food processor until smooth. Slowly pour  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the beer in and let run for three minutes. Only add the rest of the beer if the mixture seems too thick.

### THE MEAT

- 1 lb. pork sausage, casings removed and crumbled (Sorry, Steak-umms, this tastes way better)
- 2 tsp. salt

- 1 tsp. crushed black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup white wine

Put all of that in a mixer with a paddle attachment and beat 4–5 minutes. Then let it sit for a little while until it gets nice and sticky.

### THE PIE

Once the crust is thawed, smear the sausage goop all over it. Then spread the beer cheese on top, along with some caramelized onions, and bake at 450°F five to eight minutes, till the dough is crispy and the sausage is cooked. Bite!



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887 hp gas-electric hybrid engine, is a fiendishly inspired creation. Like sorcerers, Porsche's engineers summoned an array of elements from across the periodic table to craft feather-light components such

as forged magnesium wheels and an Inconel (look it up) exhaust system. In addition to being explosively quick, the 918, with its extra-low center of gravity and on-demand all-wheel drive, is one of the most maneu-

verable production cars ever made. And although it may appear to have been forged in the depths of Hades, it is surprisingly friendly to the environment. So does it hit 666 mph? Only one way to find out! —Adam Linehan





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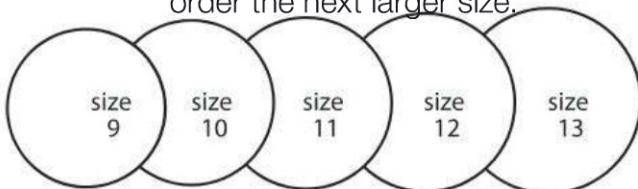
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# Woman with a Tool



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\$70, [shop.puma.com](http://shop.puma.com)

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[uggaustralia.com](http://uggaustralia.com)

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bag, \$195,  
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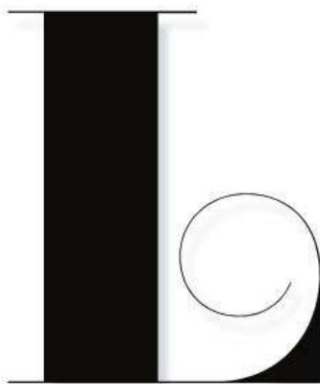
She was the sexiest suburbanite in history on *Desperate Housewives*, and now she's a big shot producer, a savvy businesswoman, and our 2014 Woman of the Year. Is there anything **EVA LONGORIA** can't do? (Hint: The answer is no.)

by PATRICK CARONE photographs by RANDALL SLAVIN









Leonardo da Vinci's got nothin' on Eva Longoria. Sure, the O.G. Renaissance Man may have painted the *Mona Lisa*, invented a bunch of crap, and helped Tom Hanks get a sweet movie role, but did he ever look so hot in his undies? We think not. The former *Desperate Housewife* couldn't possibly have more going on—she's an actress (the upcoming films *Refugio*, *Any Day*, and *Frontera*), a producer (the racy TV series *Devious Maids*, plus her company, UnbeliEVable, has eight projects in development), and a philanthropist (she works extensively for Latino empowerment). That's why we're naming the titillating Texan our 2014 Woman of the Year. (And, hey, Leo, there's always next year.)

**Congratulations on being our Woman of the Year!**

Thank you! It's especially awesome after how long it's been since my first cover. I've had a beautiful relationship with *Maxim* over all these years.

**You're now a member of the exclusive "three cover" club. Does it feel different each time?**

It does! You know, the first time I did *Maxim*, I didn't



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know any better. It was in the heat of the *Desperate Housewives* frenzy, so it was kind of a blur. The second time was beautiful; it was this all-gold shoot. But this cover was probably the most special, because it was an evolution of what sexy means to me.

**How has that changed?**

I feel like the definition of sexy for people constantly changes. During this shoot

it was confidence, it was success, it was a secure place in the world with myself and with my work. It was so different from the first time I did it, on a beach in a bikini.

**We have to say, you look unbeliEVAbly amazing.**  
I hope I get better with age.

**You absolutely do.**  
**Do you have a secret?**  
I've been running lately—it's

so meditative. I can also eat really well when I want to, and then go on vacation and indulge. I enjoy food.

**What's your go-to junk food?**

I'm from Texas, so I like Tex-Mex, which is a little bit different from Mexican.

**Besides acting, you're a producer, a business-woman, and a philan-**





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*(previous spread)*  
Wrapped teddy  
**Kiki de**  
**Montparnasse**

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I was a band  
geek back  
in high school.  
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**thropist. We also heard you had to reschedule this interview because you had to present your thesis.**

Yeah, I'm getting my master's degree. I was like, "My brain can't jump that fast from a *Maxim* interview to a thesis!" Back in high school I really was the chameleon, too. I got along with the honors math club, then I would go to cheerleading practice, and then I was a band geek as well.

**One of the shows you produce (and star in) is the dark and hilarious Hulu animated series *Mother Up!* You play a pretty irresponsible mom...**

My character, Rudi Wilson, is the female Peter Griffin. We wanted to show that women can also be edgy. Moms on TV are so perfect, so it's great to see a character stumble her way through motherhood.

**Considering that your character is caught on tape hunting South American children for sport, it sounds like you have a pretty twisted sense of humor.**

I like edgy, dark humor. I thought that's what [creator] Marc Cherry did so well with *Desperate Housewives*.

**You're so busy, but do you have a guilty pleasure that helps you unwind?**

Cooking. One thing people are usually surprised about when they get to know me is how domestic I am. So when you see the sexy *Maxim* cover and then you put it against me in an apron with flour in my hair, it takes a moment to reconcile that image.

**Finally, as a Spanish speaker, what's a phrase you think every guy should know?**

"¡Que rico!" Say it when something is really good, when you're enjoying something. Like, when someone sees the cover of this issue, they're going to say, "¡Que rico!" 🍷











# Call of Booty

**WARNING:**

The gritty pirate drama *Black Sails* features scenes of intense sword fighting, gratuitous swashbuckling, and insanely hot women.

**Jessica Parker Kennedy**  
is the hottest of them all.

by PATRICK CARONE photographs by TED EMMONS





**Helping all the scal-lywags on Starz' new pirate drama, *Black Sails*, deal with their lousy lives is Max, a prostitute played by Jessica Parker Kennedy. Come ashore and meet the Charlie Hunnam-obsessed Canadian cutie.**

***Black Sails* is a much more realistic portrayal of the world of pirates than we're used to.**

Pirates have been glamorized and romanticized, but *Black Sails* shows how dangerous it was. The deaths weren't from dramatic sword fights—when a cannon was fired into the side of the ship, little splinters of wood would take your eye out. It's frightening!

**Tell us about Max's job.**

Since there are no women with the pirates while they are out at sea for months on end, the prostitutes are there to take a load off, in a way.

**That's one way to put it.**

Exactly. She's very good at her job, but she's also a smart girl. She's manipulative and conniving and can be intimidating when she wants.

**The show is full of period details. Max's clothes, for instance.**

I'm always wearing proper bloomers. Nothing is ever modern underneath.

**Do you wear a corset?**

I do. It takes about five to 10 minutes to get into it in the morning. I can't put it on by myself; I need to have someone help me. When I first wore it, I said, "We can't do this!" They were like, "Just try it and see how it goes." Eventually I got used to it.

**So do you wear one in your everyday life now?**

God, no! Never in a million years. Maybe eventually I'll wear a pair of Spanx.

**There's a lot of sex and nudity on the show...**

There's definitely nudity, but it's never gratuitous. I can say that firsthand, as I'm the female who is naked a lot.

**In the first episode, you have a same-sex love scene. How was that?**

Neither I nor Hannah New, who plays Eleanor, is a lesbian, and we didn't want to kiss each other. But when they yelled, "Cut!" the first time, we just laughed at the awkwardness of it all. I was terrified to watch it, but they never once used a straight-on shot of my body. It could have been just tits, tits, tits, but they didn't edit it like that. I don't know if *classy* is the right word, but they certainly kept it intimate.

**Are pirates sexy?**

Well, the ones Max has to deal with are filthy. So in that respect, do I think they're sexy? No. Do I think the pirates on our show are sexy? Yes. Every woman is going to have her favorite.

**What do you like in a guy?**


He doesn't have to be Mr. Funny all the time, but there's got to be silliness.

**Do you have any celebrity crushes?**

Charlie Hunnam from *Sons of Anarchy*. I've said it way too many times now! He probably thinks, I hope I never meet this Jessica Parker Kennedy girl, because all she does is talk about me. 🐼





  
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# GOLDEN GIRL

Meet your 2014 Hometown Hotties champion, Atlanta's own

**REBECCA GARCIA!**

by STEPHANIE RADVAN photographs by ZOE MCCONNELL









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After millions of votes and countless hours spent ogling computer screens across the country, democracy has spoken—and what it had to say was incredibly sexy. Gentlemen, meet America's hottest girl next door, Rebecca Garcia! (A note for those of you lucky enough to live in her neighborhood: Prepare for your property values to skyrocket.)





**Congrats! Who gets the news first?**

Definitely my mom; she's where I get my looks from, so I owe it to her!

**What made you decide to enter the competition?**

I've always been a big fan of the contest, but I was nervous to enter. I would go online and be like, "I'm going to enter. No I'm not." Then I would fill out my whole profile and delete it. Finally I submitted everything and just told myself, "I'm only young once, so I'm going to go for it." I had no idea I would go all the way.

**What's been the craziest part of this journey?**

The whole experience has been surreal. All my friends and family have been so supportive—and I've gotten a lot of fans! "Fans" is such a weird thing for me to say.

**Do you have any untold stories from Hotties Week in Miami to share with everyone who followed it on Facebook and Instagram?**

I wish I had some pillow-fight stories, but the craziest thing that happened to me was during our calendar shoot. I was out in the surf when a tortilla just fell out of the sky and landed right in front of me and 20 sea gulls flew in! I was too scared to move; I thought they were going to attack me.

**We're glad it didn't end up like *The Birds*. Now that you've won, how are you going to put your title to use?**

I used to be a cheerleader for the Atlanta Falcons, and I just wasn't able to watch them this season. But I believe in them, and I'd definitely be up for returning to give them a Hometown Hotties cheer!

**Tell us something our guys don't know about you yet?**

I'm a huge animal lover—maybe *dork* is a better term. I have two Great Danes, and they go everywhere with me. I also have a 240-gallon reef tank in my house with over 200 different corals and 20 types of fish.

**Sounds like there's no room for your admirers to come and hang out.**

I wish I could visit every single guy who voted for me to bring them a calendar, give them a hug, and tell them I love them.

**So what's your championship song?**

It would have to be my favorite song of all time, "Heartbreaker" by Led Zeppelin. It's just so badass. 🖤

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Like Washington crossing the Delaware in Leutze's iconic painting, Pete Vadola became an American hero by rescuing 200 people during Hurricane Sandy.



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# HOMETOWN HEROES





Around this time of year, Hollywood will spend more than a few moments congratulating actors for “heroically” playing make-believe on film. Look, we at *Maxim* are movie lovers, but we’re here to raise a glass to folks who actually *did* something heroic. So join us as we toast everyday Americans who risked their lives to save others, pull off the impossible, and stick it to the man.

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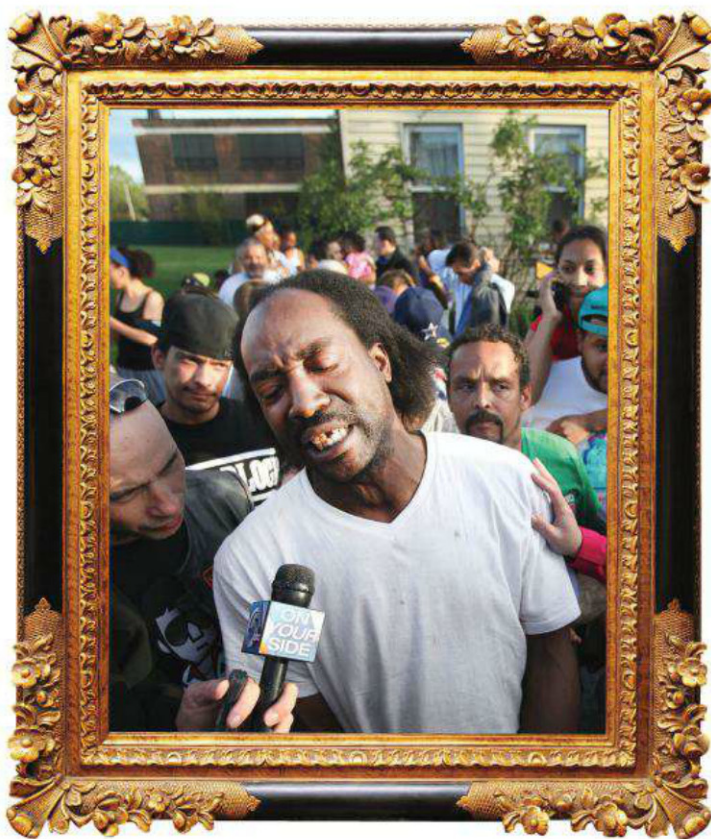




CAPTAIN COURAGEOUS

## PETE VADOLA

One of the biggest heroes to emerge from Hurricane Sandy, Staten Island's Pete Vadola commandeered a motorboat to ferry 200 flood-trapped victims to dry land. "I wasn't a hero," he said. "I was a neighbor helping the people of my neighborhood that I love, the way I know they would have helped me and my family." As it happened, Vadola's home was later destroyed in a fire, and his neighbors helped get him back on his feet. Forget a slow clap—this guy deserves a standing ovation.



Q + A

## CHARLES RAMSEY

When the Cleveland native and McDonald's aficionado helped rescue three imprisoned young women, it was a dead giveaway that he'd become a national sensation.

by CHRIS WILSON

**The rescue was a huge story. How have things changed for you?** I'm really not doing anything different. I've been doing a little guest speaking. Women, they used to run away from me; now they run toward me. So I'm embracing it, you know what I mean?

**How have you been supporting yourself?** You know what? There's a whole bunch of things coming out with my name and likeness on them. I didn't give permission for that. It's not about no video game or action figure or nothing like that—it's about girls not suffering anymore. I'm not

a comic book hero; I'm a real person. I'm just a dude. When I did what I did, for some reason people think I became a millionaire. I'm still just a dishwasher, dude.

**Is it true you had to move away from your home?** I haven't been there since the day it happened. I see people at the gas station, and they're like, "We just came from there!" I'm like, "Why?"

**Have you spoken to any of the women you freed from captivity?** We haven't spoken at all. I got no reason to reach out to them, and they got no reason to reach out to me.

**What do you make of the guy who tattooed your face on his leg?** I was thinking about getting his face on my leg. I figured if he did me a solid, I'd do him one, too.

**How did you end up onstage at that Bone Thugs-N-Harmony show?** I knew them when they were peons, before they were rappers. I was going to their concerts 20 years ago. But the coolest thing I've gotten to do? I got invited on the boat called *The Sequoia*; it was the first White House yacht. John F. Kennedy cheated on his wife with Marilyn Monroe on it!

**What's next for you?** I'd like to work for *Maxim* magazine. I'll go around with a camera and do some real-world stuff. Me and you could hang out! But I also want to help organizations find missing people.

**How about a TV show?** I'd like to do a reality show. It's the only dream that keeps coming to me in my head, bro. To help find missing people, kids, women, whatever. I'm the black John Walsh!



Diminutive Davidson gets his Napoleon complex on and snags a supermodel. Just don't go invading Russia in winter!



#### PIMPIN' PROM KING

### JAKE DAVIDSON

Los Angeles high schooler Jake Davidson was either incredibly ballsy or wildly delusional: He posted a YouTube video asking superbabe Kate Upton to his prom while shaving, showering, and talking to the camera Ferris Bueller style. Upton couldn't make it, but fellow

supermodel Nina Agdal came to the rescue and made Jake undoubtedly the envy of his male classmates. Hell, the envy of men everywhere. We just hope he was able to leverage his stunt into landing an actual girlfriend...or at least one of the blowup variety.



#### THE GUSTATORY GLADIATOR

### Matt "Megatoad" Stonie

No one gave this 125-pound 21-year-old much of a chance against legendary competitive eater Joey Chestnut, who outweighed his challenger by more than 100 pounds. But then Stonie ate 268 gyozas to Chestnut's 251. Just imagine what he'll do when he weighs more than an Olsen twin.

#### AWOL AT AOL

### Eric Simons

As a 19-year-old computer whiz trying to launch his own start-up, Simons hid out at AOL's offices in Palo Alto, California for two months before security caught on. It was worth it, though: Simons got his company, Claco, off the ground and became something of a Silicon Valley legend.

#### THE SPANDEXED SAVIOR

### Diamond Dallas Page

From the ring to the mat, the ex-wrestler has reinvented himself as a humble yoga instructor, leading free classes of "DDP Yoga" at his Georgia home. Besides staying limber, he's helped fellow ex-grapplers Jake "the Snake" Roberts and Scott "Razor Ramon" Hall conquer their addictions.

#### BIG APPLE BADASS

### Jim Denniston

On his first day on the job after returning from a three-month overseas mission tending to wounded soldiers in Afghanistan—where his unit was credited with saving over 100 lives—this N.Y.C. firefighter saved a woman and three children from a burning building. We heard that even the firehouse Dalmatian was impressed.



While St. Michael slew a dragon in Raphael's painting, Taylor took down a moose. Call it a draw?



GRANDMA MOOSE MAULER

## DOROTHEA TAYLOR

You mess with the moose, you get the antlers. But sometimes if a moose messes with an elderly couple, it gets the shovel. Dorothea Taylor, who is

85 and weighs less than 100 pounds, used the tool to beat the bejesus out of an angry moose that tried to gore her 82-year-old husband in Anchorage, Alaska. The beast ran off, her husband escaped serious injury, and Dorothea earned the begrudging respect of Anchorage's disturbed-moose population.

MR. MEGATRON

## Wilgem "Eddie" Herasme

When a fire broke out in a neighbor's apartment last fall, this sticky-fingered Bronx resident arrived at the scene and sure-handedly caught an infant and a toddler whose grandmother tossed them from a second-floor balcony. Is it too late for the Giants to sign him up? They could really use a solid receiver.

THE BULLETPROOF COP

## Brian Murphy

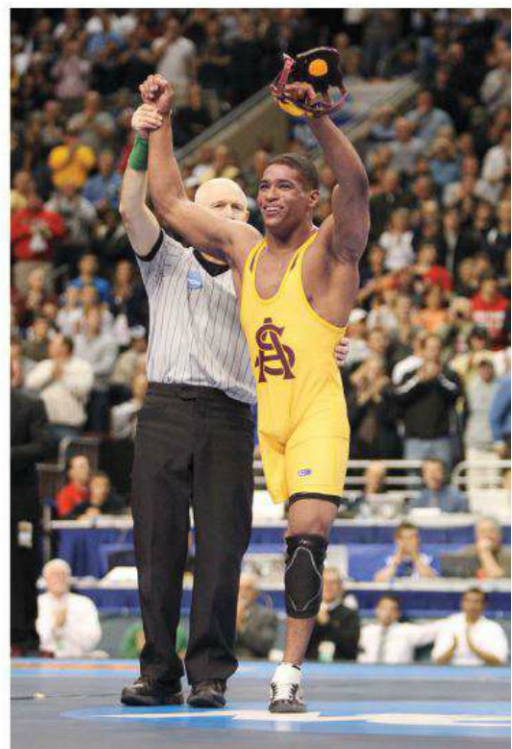
Fifteen rounds weren't enough to take out Lt. Murphy when he responded to a shooting at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin in 2012. Two of those bullets remain permanent reminders of the horrors of that day, and the injuries he sustained ultimately forced Murphy into retirement this year. Fifteen shots? We'd say retirement is well-deserved.



MAN OF THE MAT

## Anthony Robles

Who says you need two legs to kick ass? Despite being born with only one, Robles won the NCAA 125-pound wrestling championship for ASU in 2011 before becoming a motivational speaker. Now he's hinted that he might try out for the 2016 Olympics. He could also compete in the Paralympics, but that just wouldn't be fair.







Q + A

## ARMY STAFF SGT. TY CARTER

The recent Medal of Honor winner  
on what it takes to be a real American hero.

by ADAM LINEHAN

**You won the Medal of Honor for your actions at the Battle of Kamdesh.**

**What was it like there?** There would be firefights every other day, but we were relatively at ease. Still doing patrols, still getting shot at, but in a good position.

**What were you doing the day the attack began?**

I was sleeping. I started putting on my socks and boots and throwing my body armor on, and a sergeant says we need someone to man the machine gun. I said, "I got it." I grabbed ammo and went out at a running start.

**At some point in the battle, you were wounded, right?** There were five of us inside the guard position, which was an up-armored Humvee. An RPG sprayed the inside of the vehicle with shrapnel. I got a concussion and hearing loss in my left ear.

**Your citation states that you risked your life to aid a wounded comrade...**

SPC Stephan Mace was crawling back to the vehicle, and I was given permission to get to him. I carried him to the vehicle after giving him first aid. That's when the

first bombs started hitting. We got Mace on a litter and raced straight through the open, stepping over enemy bodies.

**What was going through your head?**

When good men are dying all around you, you have to start considering how you're going to die yourself. I told myself that if I run out of ammo, I still got my hands. I thought, If these are my last moments, how am I going to live them?

**What was it like to be presented the Medal of Honor by the president?** Wow.

When I was up onstage, I couldn't really enjoy it. Then I started looking out into the crowd. The pride and the joy and the emotion that I saw made everything, all the nervousness, worthwhile.

**Now you're on a new mission to help veterans suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder.** Part of the problem is people continue to call it posttraumatic stress *disorder*. It's not a disorder. It's an instinct, a reflex of the body and mind. If we remove the "D" and get rid of the stigma, we'll start saving lives.



### MARATHON MAN

**Carlos Arredondo**

It was one of the most iconic images of the Boston Marathon tragedy: the goateed, cowboy-hat-wearing Arredondo helping treat and transport Jeff Bauman, who had lost both his legs in the bombing. (It's a badass bonus that Arredondo's a dead ringer for Kenny Powers.)

### SMOOTH OPERATOR

**Antoinette Tuff**

When an unhinged man with an assault rifle entered a Georgia elementary school and fired a round into the floor, Tuff, the school's bookkeeper, called 911 and calmly coaxed the gunman into surrendering to police. No kids were hurt, and Tuff lived up to her last name when things could easily have taken a horrific turn.

### PUSHER MAN

**Chris Ihle**


This 38-year-old father from Ames, Iowa spotted a stalled car on a railroad track with an elderly couple inside, struggling to start it. As the train barreled toward them, Ihle pushed it off the track just in time. Turns out Superman isn't the only one faster than a speeding locomotive.

### NORTHERN EXPOSURE

**Toby Burke**

What's the best way to fight off a raging brown bear? Well, if you're this Alaskan biologist, you ram your telescope into the bear's mouth, and when it snaps in two, use the sharp end to stab it in the face and then punch it in the nose. The bear ran off, and Burke went back to his bird watching.





Out to avenge all those  
chocolate bunny ears  
you ate in third grade.

## Bunnies

Every spring these floppy-eared fluffballs leave us Easter baskets filled with colored eggs and candy, but in Australia they leave behind only death, destruction, and tons of tiny turds. In the mid-1800s, English settlers brought 24 wascally wabbits to Oz to hunt. But as bunnies are wont to do, they humped and humped till there were 10 billion of them by the 1920s. Now they're considered an invasive pest responsible for the decimation of native species and land, costing the country \$113 million a year. And, sadly, none of that goes toward the production of those adorable Cadbury Crème Egg commercials.



# CUTE & PRESENT DANGER

These creatures are so adorable you could just die. Literally. by LAURA LEU



## Farm Animals

Take the kids to a petting zoo and they'll leave with many cherished memories—and possibly explosive diarrhea. That's because in the animal kingdom, cows, pigs, and chickens cause the most human diseases, including E. coli, salmonella, swine flu, and mad cow disease. In 2012 the Centers for Disease Control reported at least 165 cases of people becoming infected with swine flu after rubbing up on pigs, and an E. coli outbreak at a Pennsylvania petting zoo in 2000 left 55 people sick, including one who required a kidney transplant. Keep that in mind the next time you have the urge to spoon with a chicken.



## Elmo

His giggle isn't the only infectious thing about him: Tickle Elmo and you could wind up in the hospital with lead poisoning. At least if you got up close and personal with one of the Elmos recalled by Fisher-Price in 2007. The company was forced to call back nearly a million of the giggly Sesame Street characters after discovering excessive amounts of lead in the material used to make them. Doctors say that exposure to the chemical element can lead to brain damage, kidney problems, seizures, and even death. So next Christmas give your children something safer to play with, like a case of nitrous and a set of machetes.



## Chow Chows

The chow chow may look like a teddy bear, but it bites like a grizzly. In fact, this fuzzy-wuzzy ball of adorability is the second most dangerous dog breed, with 34 maimings and seven deaths caused by the nearly 1,600 registered chows in the U.S. They're so Cujo-esque that many insurance companies refuse to cover them in their homeowners' policies. Read the fine print on your policy: Most leg humpings are considered an act of nature and are not covered.



Neuter me  
at your  
own peril.



## Kittens

You already knew cats were evil, but now there's proof. New research reveals that feral cats kill up to 20 billion birds and small mammals every year and are responsible for the extinction of 33 different species. Oh, you think that doesn't include your Mr. Whiskerkins, because he's an indoor kitty and wouldn't hurt a fly? Well, your house cat may not be murderous, but his turds are. A parasite called *Toxoplasma gondii* is all up in his poop and can cause serious illness in humans. One study even found a possible link between *T. gondii* and mental illnesses, including schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Which may explain why there are so many crazy cat ladies.



## Babies

Behind those sweet, chubby cheeks is a cold-blooded monster, hell-bent on causing heartache and ruining lives. For starters, tots actually like it when you're mean to those who don't look like them, according to a study published in *Psychological Science*. And when they're not busy being bigots, babies have zero regard for your love life. A survey of 218 couples found that 90 percent of parents are unhappy with their partner after the birth of their spawn; another survey revealed that a third of marriages end in divorce due largely to the sleep deprivation caused by babies. First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes the thing-that-destroys-it in the baby carriage.



# GUNS




♥ **BRIAN SHAW** 6'8" / 440 lbs. / Lifting 200 lbs.

♥ **MIKE BURKE** 6'6" / 335 lbs. / Lifting 190 lbs.

# GLORY



A full-page photograph of a large, muscular man with a goatee, wearing a black t-shirt and black shorts, lifting two large, dark, worn kettlebells with both hands. He is standing on a concrete surface in front of a corrugated metal wall. Behind him is a wooden bench and several large, rough-textured stones. The man is looking upwards with a focused expression. The kettlebells have the word 'STREY' visible on them.

**INSIDE THE  
CRAZY WORLD OF  
THE BIGGEST,  
FREAKIEST, MOST  
MUSCLE-BOUND  
ATHLETES AS  
THEY COMPETE  
FOR THE TITLE  
OF STRONGEST  
MAN IN AMERICA.**

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*by*  
**DAVY ROTHBART**  
*photographs by*  
**MATT NAGER**

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## ONE FRIDAY AFTERNOON IN

late September, inside the cavernous Las Vegas Convention Center, two of the strongest men in the world, Brian Shaw and Mike Burke, sit behind a black curtain on metal folding chairs, stretching their calves, chalking up their hands, quietly getting ready for competition. Though they are training partners and close friends, a certain terseness stands between them. At the end of the weekend, one of them will likely be crowned America's Strongest Man, claiming a fat check and endless bragging rights, while the other will head home empty-handed.

After the day's first two events, Shaw and Burke are locked in a virtual dead heat atop the leaderboard, with 12 competitors close at their heels. The third event calls for them to tow a car-size wheelbarrow across the floor, stopping at intervals to lift 330-pound kegs and dump them in the wagon. When the announcer calls Mike Burke's name, he leaps to his feet and lumbers away toward the competition area. "Go get it, Burke!" shouts Shaw from the edge of the curtain.

At the shriek of a referee's whistle, Burke bursts from the starting line. A former defensive end for the semipro Colorado Grizzlies, he moves with surprising quickness and agility given his hulking 6'6", 335-pound frame. Effortlessly snatching up the first massive keg, he dumps it in the wagon and heads for the second. Here something goes suddenly and terribly wrong. As Burke tips the keg on its edge to get a solid grip, it slips, catching the tip of his middle finger underneath. Burke winces, pulls his hand free, and inspects the damage. The tip

of his finger, from the first knuckle, has been nearly sheared off. Blood bubbles up from the wound, and through the mashed skin Burke glimpses the white of bone. In the crowd, his wife gasps.

Reeling, he takes a breath and goes back to work, heaving the keg into his wagon and heading for the finish line. It's the worst injury he's suffered in competition, but there's too much on the line to stop now.

**B**

## RIAN SHAW AND

Mike Burke first met a few years ago at a gym in Fort Lupton, Colorado, north of Denver. Burke, 39, had torn his labrum in a football game, and while rehab-

biling his injury, friends introduced him to the sport of strongman competition and to Shaw, its brightest star.

Shaw, 31, is widely regarded as one of the strongest men ever to walk the Earth. Perhaps *the* strongest. At 6'8" and 440 pounds, he moves with the power and grace of a polar bear. A former college basketball player, Shaw later became a strength and conditioning coach at Arizona State University. His freakish size and athleticism, combined with a studious drive to perfect his craft, have led him to two World's Strongest Man titles. But Shaw is also known as one of the nicest guys in the sport, a gentle giant who shares his advances in technique with his competitors. "My theory," he says, "is to let everyone in on what works and let the best man win."

In the older, grizzled Burke, Shaw found his ideal student—a hungry, unflinching warrior with raw talent and an eagerness to learn. The two became training partners, working out together several times a week. "You can't always be the top dog," Shaw says. "If you're the best at everything, you've got no one to challenge you and make you better. I know Mike can beat me. He makes me work harder to stay on top."

In just four years, Burke has risen from a complete unknown in the sport into one of the world's best. In 2012 he claimed his first America's Strongest Man championship, and in August in Sanya, China—where Shaw had claimed another World's Strongest Man title—Burke turned in one of the best showings of his career, placing fifth.

Now, in Vegas, the stakes are higher than ever. Burke badly wants to retain his title. He's finally mastered the few events that gave him the most difficulty in the past and feels that if he's ever had a chance to beat Shaw, this is it. No matter how close they've become as friends, Shaw isn't going to ease off the gas.







# LL

**HE OPENS A CABINET AND PULLS THE DOOR RIGHT OFF ITS HINGES. HE SITS ON THE TOILET, AND THE SEAT BREAKS,” SAYS NICK BEST’S WIFE. “I HAD TO GET HIM HIS OWN PRIVATE CAST-IRON THRONE.”**



**I**N PAST DECADES MOST everyone knew about strongman. CBS regularly broadcast the competitions, where football players, power-lifters and bodybuilders hoisted cars to the delight of fans around the world. But after their

TV deals dissolved in the early 2000s, strongman’s primary leagues split and suffered a series of bitter legal disputes that all but killed the sport. Now the American Strongman Corporation has begun its resurrection. Even getting Shaw to compete this year was a bit of a coup, as he’d skipped the past few America’s Strongest Man championships to concentrate on bigger, more lucrative competitions abroad.

Still, to many of the strength-and-fitness fiends who pack the vast Olympia convention in Vegas, the strongman competition seems something of a sideshow. Shaw, Burke, and their fellow competitors have been relegated to the edge of the showroom floor, between a booth hawking energy bars and a stage sponsored by a protein powder, where two scantily clad young women pass out free samples while gyrating furiously to blaring hip-hop. A buzz surrounds the world’s most famous bodybuilders as they strut shirtless around the convention center. In the evening they’ll headline the sold-out Mr. Olympia competition. Meanwhile, the crowd cheering on the strongmen numbers in the dozens. In Asia and Europe, it’s a widely recognized sport with a ravenous fan base; dozens of men make a career out of training, competing, and hawking fitness products. Here? Not so much.

As the sport has taken its punches in America, it’s the strongmen themselves who have borne the brunt of it. Though they are elite, world-class athletes, few



Shaw practices for the 950-pound Super Yoke.

Shaw and Burke monitor training buddy Tyler Stickle. Next up, moving a sofa bed.







▲ Brian Shaw, the World's Strongest Man, picks up a 410-pound log because he can.

◀ When super-heavy weights and fingers collide, some bad things can happen.



can make a living from prize money and sponsorships alone. This weekend's victor will take home \$8,000, and Shaw is the only full-time strongman. Burke works construction. Carl Foemmel, from Wisconsin, runs a dairy farm. Local favorite Nick Best is a beer distributor. Bulgarian-born Dimitar Savatinov was a circus strongman, touring with Ringling Brothers. Some have careers you would never expect from guys so brawny: Mike Caruso holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology; Andrew Palmer, a red-bearded giant from Seattle, is a software engineer. What they all share is a deep devotion to the sport. For all of them, becoming

America's Strongest Man could mean leaving their day jobs behind and a full-time career in the sport they love.



## ON DAY ONE, MIKE

Caruso and two others tie for first in the Log Press competition, while Shaw and Burke tied right behind. As opposed to bodybuilders, who display bronzed, glisten-

ing physiques without actually demonstrating what they can do with their muscles, strongmen pride themselves on

functional strength; each event is meant to mimic a skill set you might put to use in a job that depends on physical labor.

Next up is the Super Yoke, where each strongman is tasked with loading a 950-pound steel contraption onto his shoulders and waddling the length of the floor and back. For Nick Best the Yoke Run is a specialty. Bald, with a gleaming dome and an ever-present smile, Best looks like Mr. Clean, if Mr. Clean pumped iron 24/7 and grew a half-goatee. At 44, he's the second-oldest competitor here. "I love seeing him do what he loves," says his 11-year-old son, Dylan. "But I don't like that he's gone so much. And when he's home, he's usually too tired to hang out."

There are other, more basic challenges for strongmen. As Best's wife Callie explains, when someone is as powerful as her husband is, it can be difficult to modulate his own strength. "He breaks everything in the house," Callie says. "He opens a cabinet and pulls the door right off its hinges. He sits on the toilet, and the seat breaks; I had to get him his own private cast-iron throne." She goes on: "He can barely fit into my car. He can't even hold a phone to his ear like a normal person; his biceps are too big. He has to hold it from the top, dangling it with two fingers so it can reach down."

Best loads the massive yoke onto his shoulders, the whistle blows, and he takes off, face bright red with exertion.



the Wheelbarrow Load and Carry, the one where the steel keg lashes Mike Burke's finger. Gushing blood and surging with adrenaline, he snatches the keg back up, dumps

But as he sits backstage, hand wrapped in a promotional T-shirt, the gruesome extent of the damage dawns on him. If he continued, Burke would risk losing the tip of his finger. The only thing to do is race to the emergency room, giving up on the chance to retain his title. "You'll be all right, brother," says Shaw as his friend packs up. "Just hang in there, get this treated, and you'll be right back in the gym before you know it."

"You just hate to see this happen," Shaw says later. "Mike's the strongest he's ever been. He deserved a shot at the title. As for me, I want to go against the best. And Mike's the best there is."

years—they know one another's families and share a deep appreciation for the rigors of their sport. Burke hauls beams around construction sites all day long, then works out with Shaw three times a week, plus all day Saturday. Just eating is a full-time job: They need five to seven full-size meals a day. "Think of how much time it takes to prepare and eat a single meal," Shaw says, "then multiply that by seven. I wish I had my own chef!"

Shaw watches as his opponents struggle with the rocks. Most manage the first one, but only Seattle's Andrew Palmer completes the task on the second. He gives the third stone a valiant effort but quickly relents. "These guys are making this look way too hard," Shaw says quietly. Last to compete, he makes quick work of the stones and yells in triumph. Then his face darkens, and he heads out of the ring to check on his friend.



off the starting line, plucking the weights up and tossing them into his sled with a deafening clatter. Belting himself to the sled, he drags it backward with all his might. When he reaches the finish line, he lets out a yell. He's completed the course in under a minute, seven seconds faster than Nick Best and 20 seconds better than the next closest opponent, putting the competition out of reach.

ASC president Dione Wessels and vice president Mike Johnston come forward with announcer Jon Andersen to present medals to each competitor. Burke, in street clothes, claims 11th place (he beat three others despite competing in only three of the eight events). Shaw beams as he receives his trophy, the first strongman ever to hold the World's Strongest Man and America's Strongest Man titles at once. Burke steps over to congratulate him. "That was a hell of a win," he says. "But you know you got lucky, right?"

Burke holds up his mangled hand. "No this," he says, "no trophy for you. It was pretty close down the stretch."

"Tell you what," says Shaw. "Heal up. We've got to get back in the gym. We've got some work to do." 🐼

Before uniting the Hawaiian islands, he overturned the legendary, 7,000-pound Naha Stone. Cowabunga!

A man with long dark hair, wearing a yellow tunic, holding a spear. This is likely a reference to the character of the 'Yellow Tunic' from the movie 'The Last of the Mohicans'.

The Greek strongman slew numerous mythical beasts to make good for killing his wife and children. Hey, we all make mistakes.

The Hulk is a green, muscular humanoid figure with a purple loincloth, standing in a powerful, slightly crouched pose. He has a fierce expression and is surrounded by a white, cloud-like aura at his base.

The Marvel superhero has boundless power—if he gets angry enough. So watch out when he tries to sign up for health care!



Legend has it the giant lumberjack's footprints created Minnesota's 10,000 lakes. (Also rumored: His ass-print created New Jersey.)

The Titan's curse was to carry Earth's 6,585,000,000,000,000 tons on his shoulders. Let's shed a few pounds, people.

A photograph of two men in business suits sitting on a bench. The man on the left is holding a glass of beer and looking towards the camera. The man on the right is leaning his head on the first man's shoulder, also holding a glass of beer. They appear to be in a relaxed, social setting.

Among his many other feats, *SNL*'s infamous salesman would "eat a homeless person if you dared him." The original Chuck Norris.

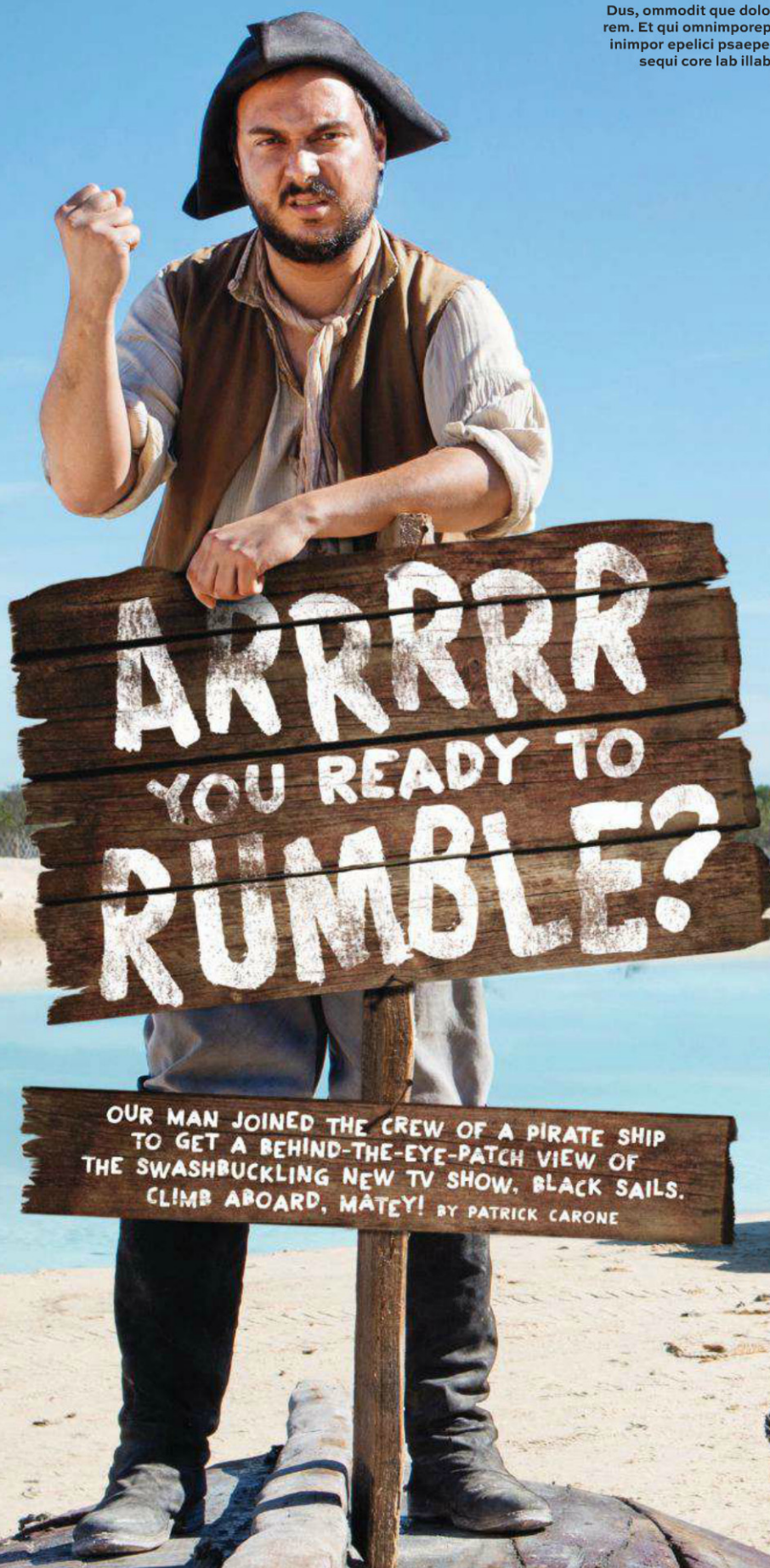
**STRENGTH SCORE:**

# STRENGTH IN NUMBERS



Captain Jackoff,  
at your service

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Clearly, these harlots are not very excited about the task at hand.



**T**he only piracy I'd ever been involved with previously involved the illegal downloading of a Gin Blossoms song. Now, however, here I am standing in the crow's nest of the *Walrus*, the most feared ship to fly under the skull-and-crossbones in the entire Caribbean Sea. OK, so maybe the ship is a giant prop in a massive man-made water tank. And, well, perhaps I'm really in Cape Town, South Africa, on the set of the new Starz drama *Black Sails*. Still, I'm carrying a sword, I've got a sweet hat, and if you think I haven't shouted, "Avast ye, mateys!" at least 10 times in the past hour, you'd be dead wrong.

I'm here not only to observe what goes on during the production of an insanely

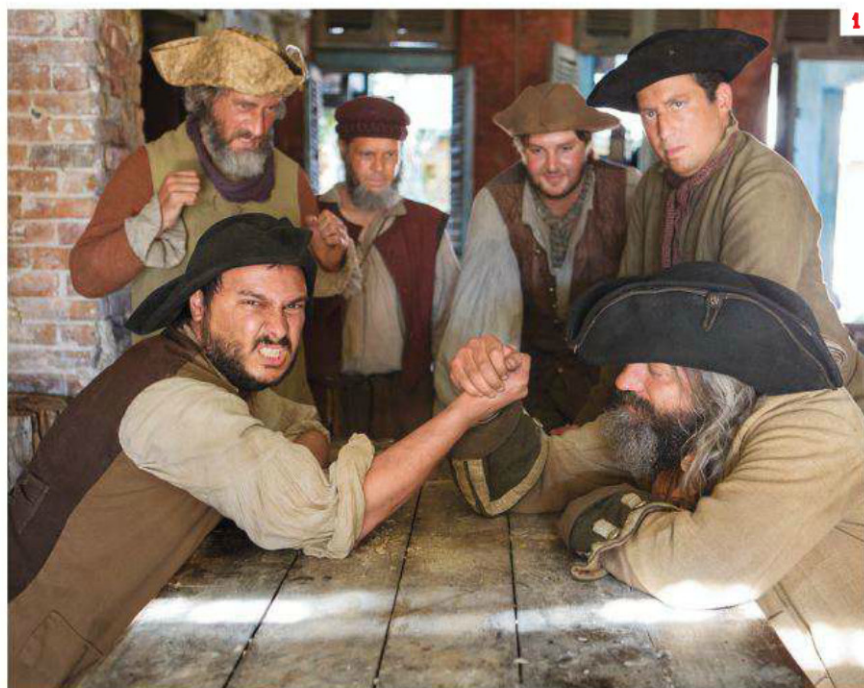
over-the-top TV show (let's put it this way: Michael Bay is an executive producer), but I'll be acting as an extra as well. Yes, I am fulfilling eight-year-old me's biggest fantasy: being a pirate! The show is a much darker, more realistic, and bloodier portrayal of the seafaring baddies of the early 18th century than the cartoonlike depictions we normally see. "The challenge was digging past that stuff," says executive producer Jonathan E. Steinberg. "There are no parrots, eye patches, or hooks, and nobody says 'arrr,'" adds star Toby Stephens. Thank God—I won't have to deal with any bird crap.

Unlike the Disney-fied *Pirates of the Caribbean* flicks, *Black Sails* has graphic violence, dirty words, and, yes, a fair number of boobs. It's a prequel of sorts to Robert Louis Stevenson's seminal pirate tome, *Treasure Island*, and includes people from the book (Flint, the badass

captain of the *Walrus* whom Stephens portrays), historical figures (Charles Vane, the captain of a rival ship known for his insane temper), and all-new characters (wily prostitute Max, played by the gorgeous Jessica Parker Kennedy, whom you can see on page 50). The show takes place in 1715, when piracy was in its golden age. The primary non-boat setting is the former British colony of New Providence Island, which has become a lawless territory where pirates, British officers, and powerful locals vie for control. Me? I'm playing a regular old nameless pirate who spends the majority of his time getting drunk in a tavern. Wait a minute, am I being typecast?

My day starts incredibly early; the sun won't rise for at least another hour by the time I've been decked out in realistic pirate garb and my face has been properly dirtied up. After having



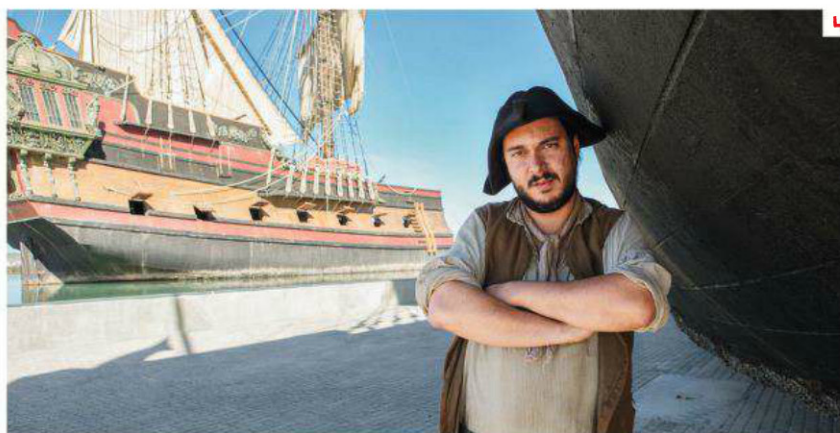


**1.** Patrick's big scene: losing an arm-wrestling match in a tavern. Didn't Sir Laurence Olivier start out this way? **2.** A makeup artist makes our man even dirtier than he was. **3.** Getting decked out in the latest in pirate-inspired finery by a wardrobe specialist. **4.** The scale of the show is so vast that two life-size pirate ships were constructed. (No, neither has a shuffleboard deck.)

some breakfast with the other no-name pirates (yes, it is quite a surreal experience to scoop up eggs behind a grizzled old dude with a gash in his face), I learn the most important lesson about being an extra: There is an extraordinary amount of sitting around waiting. I shoot two scenes that—assuming they don't end up on the cutting room floor—will appear in the seventh episode of the season. In a tavern scene, I get my butt kicked in a background arm-wrestling match; my other performance involves carrying bags of booty back and forth through the village square of the meticulously constructed New Providence Island town of Nassau.

Things definitely get serious when filming begins; laughter and smiles instantly turn into grim pirate faces, and any unexpected noise or mistake in blocking means getting the cast and crew of more than 100 to do the whole thing over again. Channeling my experience as a high school drama nerd (yes, I was in *Bye Bye Birdie*), I somehow managed not to screw up either scene.

You might think there would be a great deal of competition among the extras—after all, most of the guys are aspiring actors looking for more screen time and their big break—but the reality is, these rag-tag Cape Town locals are really nice,



**“EAT NOW, MAXIM BOY. WE DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'LL BE FEEDING US AGAIN.”**

and eager to give me insider tips. The best one they shared? Stuff your face when you can. In the middle of shooting the scene in the tavern, craft services appeared with several heaping trays of greasy grilled cheese sandwiches. I figured I'd hold off for a bit since I wasn't very hungry, but one of my fellow pirates grabbed a sandwich and stuck it in my face. “Eat now, *Maxim* boy. We don't know when they'll be feeding us again.”

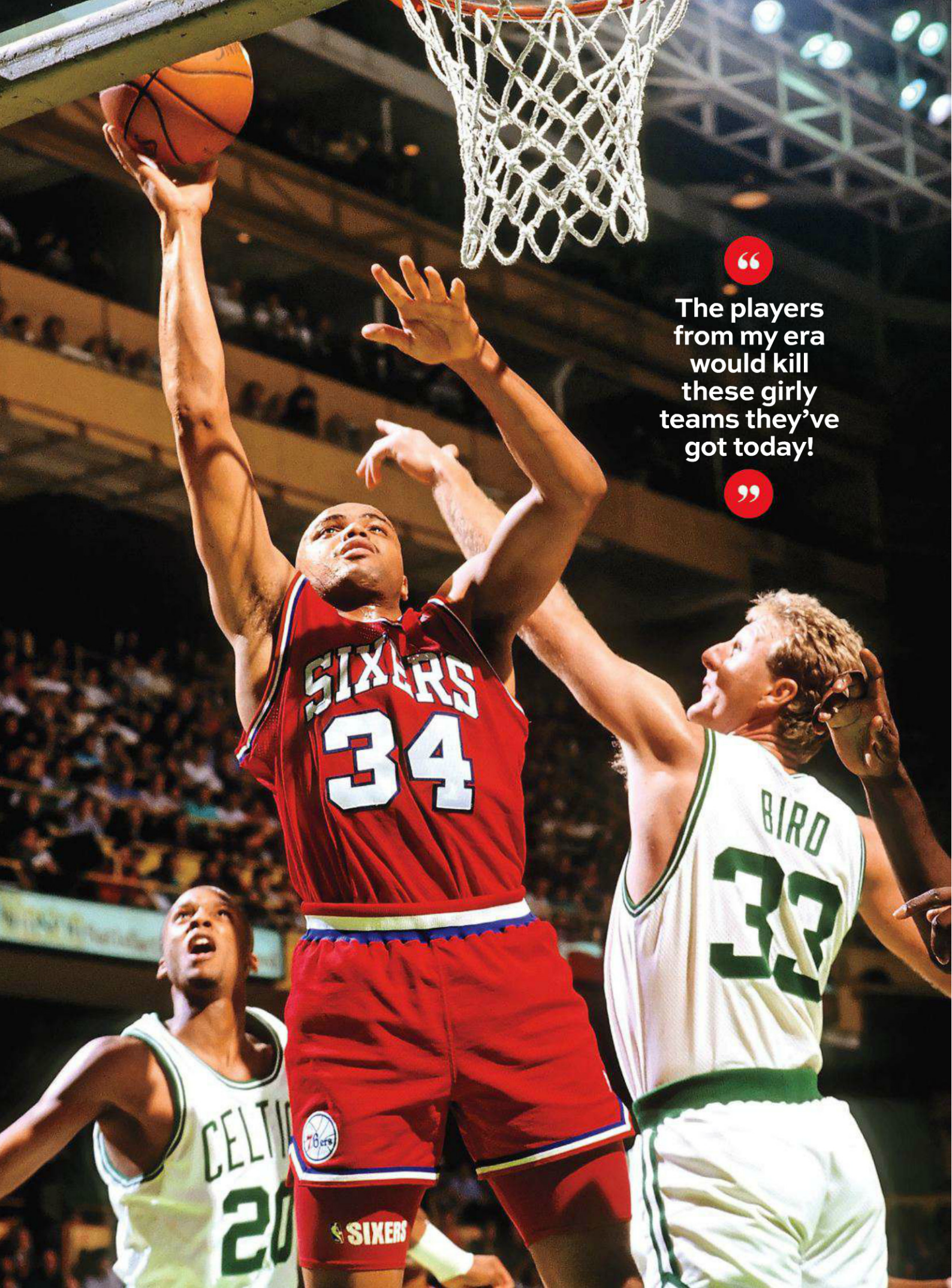
Before I leave the set and head back to my hotel for some much-needed sleep (hey, I got up at 3 A.M.!), I pay a visit to the one location that, for some reason, the crew has been keeping me out of: the brothel. It's a nondescript two-story villa

off the main strip of Nassau—seriously, the set is laid out like a real town—and the actresses who play the prostitutes are all stunning. (If I had a fetish for women squeezed into corsets, I'd pretty much be in a coma right now.) We do an impromptu photo shoot in which they throw me on a bed and get me thinking they'll be treating this lowly extra like an honest-to-goodness pirate captain. Alas, when the photographer stops shooting, the ladies quickly disperse, leaving me all alone with my, er, peg leg.

Arrr, the pirate's life is not easy. 🦋

*Black Sails* premieres Saturday, January 25 at 9 P.M. on Starz.





“

The players  
from my era  
would kill  
these girly  
teams they've  
got today!

”



# ICON

## Charles Barkley

The outspoken NBA legend talks PEDs, gays in sports, and if LeBron is the greatest of all time. By David Swanson



### So is *Inside the NBA* as fun as it looks?

We're having more fun than that! I always tell people I wish we could put the behind-the-scenes stuff on the air, but we'd probably get arrested. Last year Shaq was always tackling everybody. I tried to tackle him back, but I couldn't knock his big ass down.

### Well, he's a pretty big guy.

Shaq is the only guy I played against where I said, "Man, that's a big fucking dude." Before his last season, Kevin McHale was talking to Robert Parish and said, "Chief, do you see that guy? I think it's time for us to think about retiring." In person Shaq's the biggest guy in the world, man. He's huge.

### How do you think your teams in the '80s and '90s would fare today?

We'd kill these little girly teams they've got today. Come on. The Miami Heat, the best team today, they make Roy Hibbert look like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.

### When LeBron, Melo, D-Wade, and Bosh were all on the court together in the playoffs, people said the '03 draft was the best ever. How do you compare it to yours in '84?

I like our draft class better, to be honest. No disrespect to those guys; they're all terrific players. They have LeBron, who is a once-in-a-lifetime player, but we had Michael Jordan, Hakeem Olajuwon, John Stockton. But any discussion about this stuff is dictated by LeBron James, because he's just special.

### Do you think he could go down as the best ever? Jordan says he would have taken LeBron one-on-one.

I haven't put LeBron past Kobe Bryant yet. He's won a couple of rings, and now everybody is trying to compare him to Michael, who won six. What happened to Kobe? Kobe's still got five. LeBron has to win three more championships before he's in the Kobe Bryant class.

### You were listed at 6'6", 250 pounds. Growing up in Alabama, how did you not become a football player?

Well, the thing is, I wasn't that big. I was only 5'10" until I was a senior in high school. But I don't think it has anything to do with physique. The mentality to play football is different. You're going to get hurt, you're going to get a bunch of concussions, and you have to sign off on that. I played football one day, and then I realized they were all fucking nuts.

### Was the Alabama-Auburn rivalry a big deal when you were growing up?

Oh, yeah, and it's probably gotten worse because Alabama is kicking butt, so its fans are even more obnoxious. It's tough because we'll never be as good as Alabama in football. They've won 15 championships; we've won two.

### What do you think of the Alabama fan who poisoned the Auburn trees?

First of all, the guy named his kids Crimson and Bear, so he's obviously an idiot. People at Auburn want him to go to jail for life, but I thought they should have been more creative. I thought they

should've put him in jail every Saturday for two years when Alabama is playing.

### How do you feel about performance-enhancing drugs in sports?

Obviously, you worry about guys who use them all the time, but injuries are a different situation. Listen, these guys make so much money from these teams, they *should* want to come back and play, and the teams should want them to come back and play! I don't judge guys who use PEDs, because I think every scenario is different. If I'm a poor guy and I have a chance to make hundreds of millions of dollars and take care of my family, I would definitely use PEDs.

### Were you surprised when Jason Collins came out last year?

No, because, first of all, we've all played with gay people, and you might not know it, but you work with gay people. Everybody does. But I think it's an insult to gay people to think they're going to be looking at you in the locker room, which is one of the things the media and fans try to say. It doesn't work like that. I'd love to see an openly gay player, a really, really good gay player come out.

### You once said you are not a role model, but nowadays when you speak people listen.

That's one of the reasons I still do TV. It's important, but I don't think every battle is worth fighting, so I'm very selective in what I want to talk about. But when something comes up that I think needs to be addressed, I take my shots. 🍌



Seven men.  
Two months.  
Seven workout  
regimens.  
Who would  
come out alive?

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by DAVID SWANSON  
photographs by JOHN LOOMIS

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# THE SLOB'S GUIDE TO FITNESS



DAN BOVA | Chief Content Officer

## FOCUS T25

\$120, beachbody.com

University of Pennsylvania research shows that working out with a loved one boosts weight loss.

**WHAT IT IS:** You know Insanity? Those DVD commercials with Shaun T promising you sweat, pain, results, and some more pain? This is a quickie version. Who doesn't love a quickie?

**FREQUENCY:** 25 minutes five days a week, with the option for double sessions on Fridays (an option I never elected).

**CONVENIENCE:** It's fast and can be done in your living room, so it's convenient for loved ones to mock you from the couch.

**INTENSITY:** Fierce! Cardio! Strength! Flexibility! Prepare

for a full-scale Shaun T intervention on your flab!

**X-FACTOR:** The program recommended drinking Shakeology meal-replacement supplements, but I did that one time only because, frankly, it made me shit my brains out.

**RESULTS:** Very good! My clothes fit better, and I had more energy for snacking.

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** Definitely! Having a little bit of whiskey swirling around in your brain makes for some interesting head rushes while doing burpees.\*

One 8.75 oz. bag of Cheetos Mix-Ups contains 1,329 calories.

Poor technique is a top cause of running injuries. To avoid tendinitis and shin splints, go for minimalist kicks, like the *Minimus 20v3 Cross-Trainers*. \$100, newbalance.com

## 300-400

Calories burned in one Focus T25 session. (So it'll take four workouts to burn off those Cheetos.)

\* Dan is an idiot. Do not drink and exercise. You will get hurt and barf on your rock-hard abs.





Farting burns zero calories!  
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The average dude sweats  
0.8–1.4 liters per hour while  
exercising. Keep the sweat  
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Shop. [soul-cycle.com/shop](http://soul-cycle.com/shop)

**PATRICK CARONE** | Entertainment Director

## SOULCYCLE

\$32–\$35 per class, [soul-cycle.com](http://soul-cycle.com)

**WHAT IT IS:** Intense spinning classes where you're surrounded by girls. The instructors are also DJs, so you hear lots of high-energy dance music. The other day they played the new Britney, and it was wonderful.

**FREQUENCY:** Two or three 45-minute classes a week.

**CONVENIENCE:** There are studios all over New York City, and there are several in California. I was in central Florida on vacation for a week, though, so I was off the hook. No studios in the sticks!

**INTENSITY:** The sessions didn't get any easier, but maybe that was because I picked tougher and tougher instructors.

**X-FACTOR:** The classes have been 90 percent female. The girls are cute, mostly in their early 20s...Yes, I feel like a creepster taking a class with them.

**RESULTS:** SoulCycle is best for a guy who wants to improve his overall fitness. And the women-filled classes might actually motivate you to get off your ass and exercise. A couple of my buddies told me I looked "less fat," and my fiancée said my calves look great. Score!

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** It's a great workout to do hung over. At morning classes on Saturday and Sunday, the instructors will even take into account the fact that half the class was likely partying the night before. ("We're going to start slowly to work off those vodka-sodas!") I would never do it drunk, though. I'd be scared of popping out of my bike and crashing headfirst into the sweaty butt in front of me.

## 400–600

Calories burned in your  
average SoulCycle class.



DAVID ZAMDNER | Art Director

## BARRY'S BOOTCAMP

\$22-\$34 per class, [barrysbootcamp.com](http://barrysbootcamp.com)

**WHAT IT IS:** Running, floor work, and weight training during hour-long group sessions. One day might focus on cardio, another on abs, another on arms. It's kind of like "clubby basic training" with lots of blaring dance music, so prepare for fist pumping!

**FREQUENCY:** I tried to go four times a week, Monday through Thursday, to give myself a full weekend to talk myself out of suicide.

**CONVENIENCE:** The program has outposts in L.A., New York, London, and Boston, so unless you're in one of those cities, tough luck.

**INTENSITY:** The idea is to go as hard as you can without dying. I was a little apprehensive because I had knee surgery a few years ago, but by the end I was kicking everyone's ass.

**X-FACTOR:** The makeup is probably 65-35 in favor of women. Not that I checked them out. (I hope my girlfriend isn't reading this.)

**RESULTS:** I lost some weight, gained some muscle, and am definitely a lot more cut. And speaking of my girlfriend, let's just say she was very happy with the results.

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** Yikes. I wouldn't recommend it!

## 800-1K

Calories burned in an hour-long bootcamp class.

**WARNING:** Stress releases the hormone cortisol, which causes weight gain.

Runner's knee is America's No. 1 sports injury. The light but cushiony Spine Vice shoe will keep you on track. \$90, at [underarmour.com](http://underarmour.com)



The average beer contains approximately 154 calories. A beer a day adds up to 15 pounds a year.

Chafed, bleeding nipples are a common (and gnarly) problem for runners. Protect yours with Asics' soft, moisture-wicking Favorite tee. \$42, at [asicsamerica.com](http://asicsamerica.com)

## 360-530

Calories burned in an hour-long TRX training session.

ADAM LINEHAN | Intern, Army Vet

## TRX SUSPENSION TRAINING

\$200 for a TRX home kit, [trxtraining.com](http://trxtraining.com)

**WHAT IT IS:** A pair of looped straps that give you an intense workout in which you're working against your own body weight. (This may be less effective for Olsen-twin types.)

**FREQUENCY:** Three times a week at the local Crunch gym, for 30 to 45 minutes a session, plus cardio and soccer.

**CONVENIENCE:** The good thing about using TRX at the gym is you don't have to move around from workout station to workout station. And if I can't make it to the gym, I'll work out in my apartment with the at-home set.

**INTENSITY:** When I started it was tough, but the workouts got easier as I went along. To spice things up, I began doing some of the trickier exercises, like the plyometric hand hops, which never, ever get any easier. Because they're designed to suck.

**X-FACTOR:** You can do it in your pj's!

**RESULTS:** I'm feeling a little stronger and a bit lighter on my feet, but I don't think I lost any weight. Of course, moonlighting at a barbecue restaurant didn't help matters.

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** Yes, of course. Alcohol makes me stronger.



## 500-1K

Calories burned in a 90-minute Bikram class (250 mg. of caffeine can up calories burned by 10 percent).



Balancing poses are the bane of aspiring yogis. So put a skidless towel over your mat to avoid slipping into a pool of your own sweat and humiliation. \$64, [yogitoes.com](http://yogitoes.com)

80 percent of disease is caused by direct or indirect contact, so wipe off that yoga mat.

CHRISTIAN SMITH | Research Chief

## BIKRAM YOGA

\$8-\$34 per class, [bikramyoga.com](http://bikramyoga.com)

**WHAT IT IS:** Also known as hot yoga, this is all about contorting yourself into pretzel-like positions in sauna-esque conditions. The Bikram folks say that in order to work "every muscle, tendon, ligament, joint, and internal organ," you need a warmer, more flexible body.

**FREQUENCY:** Two to three 90-minute classes per week in 104°F heat.

**CONVENIENCE:** Travel/class/recovery took about three hours. In order to hit Bikram before work, I had to get up at 5:45!

**INTENSITY:** Grueling. Twenty-six poses, most of them crazy, each performed twice, with very few breaks. I smoked pot before one class just to see if it helped me concentrate. The answer: maybe.

**X-FACTOR:** It's about 70 percent women, but there's no talking, so it's not a pickup joint.

**RESULTS:** Strangely, the classes got more challenging as I got better at it, but whenever an instructor complimented one of my poses, it felt like a small victory.

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** No! Hung over? Only if you're keeping water down and can go 90 minutes without hitting the can.

DAVID SWANSON | Deputy Editor

## PHYSICAL THERAPY

\$40 insurance co-pay per session, [spearcenter.com](http://spearcenter.com)

**WHAT IT IS:** Um, it's physical therapy. I tore my ACL and fractured my tibia, so after three months on crutches it was time to get back in fighting shape. That meant a series of torturous exercises that wouldn't have had any of these other jerks breaking a sweat: balancing routines, leg presses, and playing with balls. No, really, lots of playing with balls.

**FREQUENCY:** Twice a week at the clinic and another two or three times a week on my own.

**CONVENIENCE:** The frequency of my midday sessions made it convenient for me to come up with excuses for why my work wasn't done.

**INTENSITY:** For an able-bodied young dude, it would have been a breeze. I am not that dude.

**X-FACTOR:** The staff was super-nice, and my instructor, Kelly, and I had lots of good talks about music. But...there are a lot of old people in physical therapy. A lot.

**RESULTS:** At the start I needed to wear my brace to and from work and use crutches or a cane. After a month or so, I'm off the brace and only use the cane to look fancy.

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** Every time.



Crutches and a knee brace increase one's chances of getting a subway seat by 68 percent (est.).

9-18

Months it takes to recover from a torn ACL (Adrian Peterson, nine) (Derrick Rose, 18)

ON CHRISTIAN: REI SARISKA TEE, \$35, AND SHORTS, \$55, BOTH AT REI.COM; YOGITOES SKIDLESS TOWEL, \$68, YOGITOES.COM.  
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GUSTAVO GONZALEZ | Production Director

## REEBOK CROSSFIT

Approximately \$215/month for 12 classes, [crossfit.com](http://crossfit.com)

**WHAT IT IS:** Bare-bones exercises like skipping rope, squats, box jumps, crunches, pull-ups, and weights. It's cult-like in the intensity of fans' devotion. Class sizes ranged from 10 in the mornings to 80 in the late afternoons.

**FREQUENCY:** I went three to four times a week at the local Reebok CrossFit. On off days I'd work on cardio on my own.

**CONVENIENCE:** One benefit is that once you're CrossFit-certified, you can hit up classes all around the country.

**INTENSITY:** There are three tiers of intensity. I started at Tier 1, and by the end I'd made it into Tier 3, which was completely insane. And did I mention there are no breaks in the classes, which run 30–60 minutes?

**X-FACTOR:** In hindsight, I wish I would have stayed with the same time slot every day instead of moving from morning to midday. That noon class was crazy, with 50 people crammed in there.

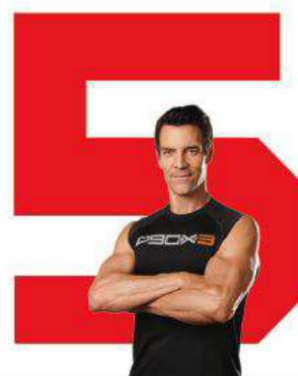
**RESULTS:** I'd definitely keep doing it, but I wouldn't recommend it if for losing weight. While I burned fat, I gained muscle.

**BUT CAN YOU DO IT DRUNK?** I cut out alcohol completely, so I wouldn't know. But I seriously doubt it.

The more flexible you are, the easier it is to prevent joint pain.

The Reebok CrossFit Nano Speed shoe is built to extend your traction and flexibility. \$100, [reebok.com](http://reebok.com)

Sitting and eating burns 130 calories per hour. (But if it's Funyons you're enjoying, you ain't losing weight.)



## TIPS TO STAY MOTIVATED

For the *Maxim* staff, finding the energy to exercise is like trying to find our penis after a cold shower. **TONY HORTON**, fitness guru and creator of P90X, offered some motivational wisdom.

1

Don't treat your exercise and diet like a religion—you'll create too much restriction. The whole process should be fun, doable, exciting, and cool. If it's none of those things, you're doing it wrong.

2

If you're inconsistent, you'll end up with exercise bipolar disorder: You'll feel good for a couple of days, and then you'll feel like crap because you took a break.

3

Work out with somebody else. Find a fit group or a partner, and commit to a time frame. Then call them and say, "Hey, man, I need to change, and I need you to push me, and I'll push you. Let's go."

4

The excuse, "I don't have time to go to the gym"—SHUT UP! Shut up and hit the deck, do some push-ups, run in place, do some crunches, and do some legs. You'll feel phenomenal.

5

If you want to exercise to look better in the future, good luck, because that motivates models, bodybuilders, and teenage boys chasing girls. For the rest of us, there has to be more to it.

12

Calories CrossFit can burn a minute. That's six million calories a year... if you do it 24/7.



# Ultimate Warrior



When the dust settled on the field of battle  
at **Maximum Warrior 4**,  
Marine Corps vet **Derek Hutchison**  
had conquered all comers. *Semper fi!*

by **David Swanson** photograph by **Brandon Dill**

For the fourth year in a row, *Maxim* assembled the American military's most elite fighting forces to find the best of the best. Navy SEALs, Marine Force Recon and MARSOC, Army Special Forces, and USAF Pararescue went toe-to-toe in 10 challenges, testing their strength, agility, smarts, and, let's be honest, insanity. But only one man could win, and that was former Marine Derek Hutchison. Here he tells us what it took to come out on top.

**Congrats on your win. How did the competition compare to serving in the field?**

It's very realistic. It's not like sports where you know the rules. In combat there are no rules: Anything goes. It could be a land mine; it could be an enemy combatant in a suicide vest dressed as a woman. With *Maximum Warrior*, you may hit a trip wire. That kind of stuff happens.

**Did you know how well you were doing as you went along?**

I had no idea. After each event we only knew who finished first and last. I knew I won five events, but for the rest I had to watch the show to find out.

**Did you know when you joined the Marines that you wanted to go into Special Ops?**

Man, that was a long time ago. At 18, you just know being a Marine is going to be badass, and I knew I wanted to work with the best guys.

**Any moments in your career that really stand out?**

I was in Okinawa during 9/11, and it was the middle of the night there. I was woken up, and my team leader said, "Pack your stuff, because we're going to be going somewhere." There's a big misconception where you'll tell people you're going to Afghanistan, and they're like, "Oh, that's terrible." No, it's not. That's my job: to work with my brothers and fight for this country.

**Your unit was the subject of the book and HBO miniseries *Generation Kill*, right?**

It was my unit, but our sister platoon, so anywhere they were at, we were right there next to them. It was a really accurate depiction of what went down. When I first read the book, it was like *déjà vu*.

**Did you get that same sense of brotherhood with the *Maximum Warrior* guys?**

Oh, yeah. With a group like that, there's always good-

natured competition. We'd tease the Air Force guys because they get the cool equipment or the SEALs because they get the publicity. But if you're not getting messed with, it's probably because people don't like you. These were all awesome guys.

**Do you guys stay in touch?**

Yup. We have a group text, and I get about 20 messages a day. It's usually something inappropriate, guys giving one another a hard time in a good way.

**You're now the co-owner and head trainer of a CrossFit franchise. Did that help?**

It gave me a big edge. All the competitors can shoot well, everyone can think on his feet, and everyone is fit, but you never knew what to expect. In one event we had to climb a wall, and there was a sniper rifle at the top. Hitting targets at distance is hard enough, but CrossFitters know how to manage their heart rates and keep a level head.

**Where did it help you the most?**

Definitely the obstacle course. Most guys would take off like a gunshot, and after three or four obstacles they were gassed. I went out at 80 percent and went just hard enough to win. My game plan was a light jog between obstacles, and once I got there, no hesitation. ●



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In combat  
there are  
no rules.  
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# Hot Sau

CARNAL KNOWLEDGE

## The Helpful Hottie

2013 Hometown Hotties finalist  
**MARYCARMEN** is now taking your questions.



**How the hell did this twerking thing start?**

—James Sanders

The real question is, how the hell do we make it stop?

**Can I keep my socks on during sex?**

—David Pope

If you're getting it on with

a girl who's concerned with your socks, she's probably no fun anyway.

**Why do some women become cat ladies?**

—Danny Kim

It makes perfect sense to me, considering that cats like to cuddle and they can also take care of themselves.

**What is the best anniversary gift?**

—Aron Sanchez

First of all, be sure to remember the date! Once you've succeeded at that, plan something adventurous or try something that's new for both of you, like skydiving together or taking a vacation in a new city.

**A lot of girls I know wear baggy jeans that make it look like they don't have any ass. Shouldn't girls want jeans to make their butts look bigger?**

—Sam O'Brien

I frankly don't understand why so many girls don't want booties. Curves are sexy, and women should take pride in them.

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Hot Sauce

# Office Assistant



## Resident Turntablist

Let our new DJ spin her way into your heart.



- ← **9 A.M.** Our interns could not ID the object in her hand.
- ↓ **12 P.M.** She's way hotter than Jazzy Jeff.



- ↑ **11 A.M.** They really, really like the hokey pokey.
- **2 P.M.** Move over, Max—we have a new mascot.

what I call stripper music—songs that make everyone get sexy and start shaking their asses.

### Was there any decent ass shaking here today?

One of the editors actually had some insane twerking moves. I was blown away!

### Is being a good dancer a turn-on?

Well, a guy who's a good dancer has good rhythm, if you know what I mean.

### He's great at clapping? What are some other qualities you look for?

I like my men super tall and super hot. I know girls don't usually say that out loud, but it's the truth.



### In general, do you think playing music helps with productivity at work?

Personally, I think a big part of the reason the *Maxim* staff even shows up for work is to hear me play! Plus, I think that music helps you focus and can energize you.

### What kind of music did you play today?

Everyone wanted to hear Parliament, which is a funk band, but one guy requested Neil Diamond.

### So not exactly your regular type of set.

Definitely not! I usually spin house music and

## RÉSUMÉ



**NAME**  
Eugena

**BIRTHDAY**  
October 8

**HOMETOWN**  
Ponderosa, CA

**SECRET TALENT**  
"I can make boys cry."

**WORST JOB**  
"Working at a day-care center."

**LAST MEAL**  
"Mac and cheese, ribs, and five shots of vodka."





We love a hotel that doesn't offer robes.



## It's Sex O'Clock Somewhere!

It's always on *your* mind. Now learn how girls feel about doing it morning, noon, and night. **by MARY ANN GEORGANTOPOULOS**



Sure, you may be game to go at it 24/7, but all guys have heard those two most dreaded words: "Not now."

"Everyone is tuned to enjoy sex the most at different times of the day," says sex therapist Sari Cooper. "Our natural biorhythm determines when we're in the mood, and there are benefits we can reap whether the sun is shining or the moon is out." So here are some compelling arguments (backed by science!) to convince your girl that it should always be sex o'clock.

### RISE AND SHINE

Getting out of bed is hard, but so are you. The reason most men tend to wake up physically ready to go is because blood circulation to the penis increases overnight. Instead of tucking it in your waistband and

shuffling to the shower, be up-front and tell your girl how much you want her.

"I know it's biology, but there's nothing that makes me hornier than feeling my boyfriend when he's completely hard," says Annie,\* 27. "I love crawling on top of him and going at it like crazy."

It's also a fact that men's testosterone levels peak after a night of rest, which means you have more energy and can last longer. Plus, you're already in the bedroom, so you might as well make the most of it. "Don't worry if you stress about time," Cooper says. "The rush of getting out the door is a huge turn-on for many couples."

### AFTERNOON DELIGHT

"People who prefer mid-day sex are those who can take the time to get themselves into a very relaxed

state," Cooper says. "It's like taking a spa day"—literally. Getting your girl to orgasm releases chemicals that boost levels of estrogen, the hormone that keeps her hair shiny and her skin wrinkle-free. So if your lady loves being pampered, go on and indulge her in bed.

"There's nothing more calming than spending an entire Sunday playing around in bed, in a bath, wherever," says Lea, 29. "Why flip channels when you can flip between napping and making each other come?"

Midday sex is also perfect for adventurous types. Since traditionally we think of sex happening in bed at night, daring to sneak in some lunch-break nookie can be a thrill. Your heart rate and adrenaline will be rushing, making the release extra intense.

### EVENING SEDUCTION

Is your girl always cranky after work? Instead of hiding in the next room, why not suggest "lying down together" for a bit? Since orgasms release the feel-good chemical oxytocin, some sweet lovin' may be all she needs to brighten her mood and change a night of nagging to a night of, well, whatever you're into.

"After a bad day, I usually change into sweats and watch *House Hunters*," admits Janet, 28. "But one night my fiancé bent down and started kissing me as I lay on the couch. At first it was annoying, but once he got down there I just gave in, leaving me feeling completely blissed out."

### THE AFTER-PARTY

Coming home from hours of drinking and flirting is usually an invitation for a wild hookup. "Most women find nighttime sex exciting because that's when any neuroses you have are muted," Cooper says.

If your gal is reluctant to get it on before work or when your roommate is watching *Jeopardy!* in the next room, save the sex for when the sun has truly set.

Nina, 26, says her inhibitions are shed just as fast as her clothing once the clock strikes midnight. "Any hesitations about experimenting in bed are completely gone after dark," she shares. "It's when I'm the horniest and my inner freak comes out to play."

So go hard and go crazy, and then enjoy those z's. Sex releases sleep-inducing endorphins that will help the two of you knock out after the action, giving you the energy for another romp in the morning. Sweet dreams! 🌙



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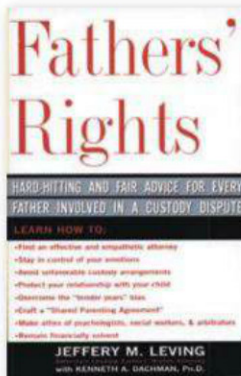
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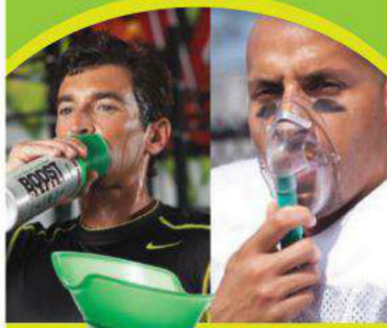


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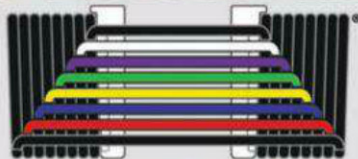
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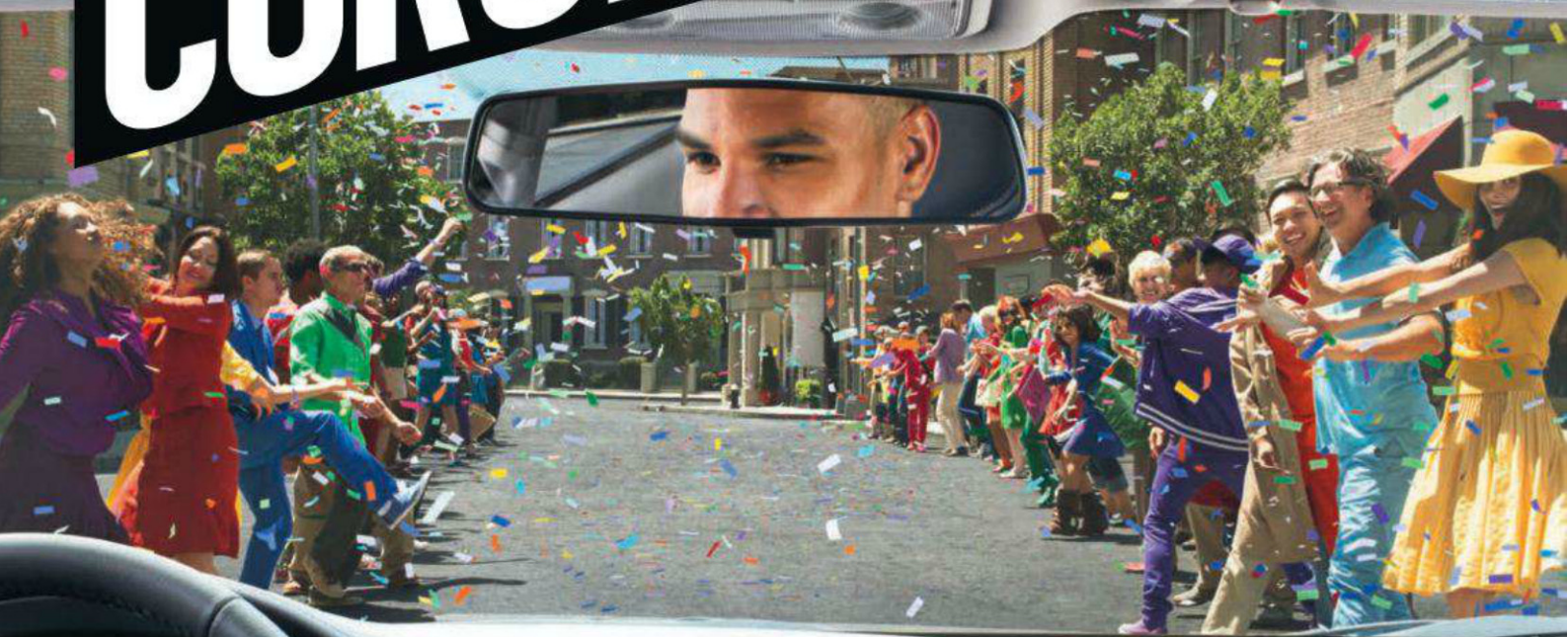
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