

Website of the Week

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For the sake of not going searching too long on the Internet, this website offers a lot of laughs and meaningful aspects. You may have overlooked this webpage for a cable television network. However, www.comedycentral.com is one of the most obvious sites for a fun time for college students.

South Park is one of the most popular shows with the college age group and in the month that the show promised to "change television forever," this site is even more fitting to the college attitude right now. The site has featured clips from recent shows and even gives you a little taste of the week's upcoming show. This past week it featured a clip from the attack of the quintuplets.

You can even play games focusing on the popular television show in the South Park Playground section of the site. Evil Cartman battles Eric Cartman and

"something is wrong in South Park" is featured in the playground. Of course, other shows on Comedy Central have games available for download also.

For the more intellectual college students surfing the web, Ben Stein's knowledge graces the page. You can play "Win Ben Stein's Cyber Money" and challenge your friends to a more exciting and intriguing game than others you may find on the Internet. The questions are a little toned down from the actual television show, but indeed they are rather tough. We all can agree that some of the contestants on the television show have too much time on their hands to be researching the history of Bulgaria. Still, Ben Stein's presence on this site adds an intellectual twist on this mostly comedic page.

Some of the other features on the page include horoscopes, e-cards, and clips from many of the major shows. Of course, the horoscopes have a funny spin on predicting the future. You can also send humorous e-cards to your friends featuring many of the

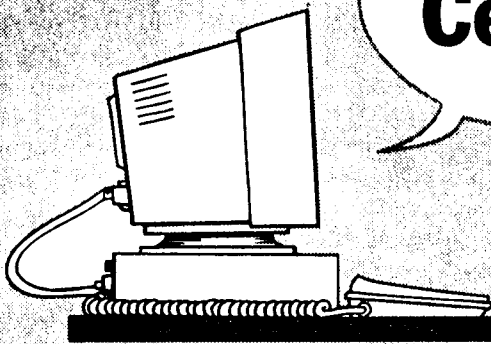
popular stars of Comedy Central shows gracing the cards. *The Daily Show* usually graces the homepage with recent headlines, and you can watch clips using the RealPlayer. Jon Stewart babbles on about the top concerns of America waiting to throw the punchline out there.

A couple added sections on the site are a television schedule catered to your own cable company and, of course, the store. You can get merchandise to show how much you like the fine programming on Comedy Central.

This site is indeed one that could be overlooked by many who find the wonder of the Internet overwhelming. In a day of searching for the most creative websites, comedycentral.com deserves to be visited.



Comedy Central



Tours coming soon to an area near you

by Kelly Walsh
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Why just settle for one group at a concert when you can hit two or three? There are many tours heading out this summer that are sure to please the industry. Of course, none of the tours will be in Erie, but half the fun is taking a couple days to get out of here! Many of them will be in neighboring communities such as Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Buffalo.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers will begin their tour with the Foo Fighters and they have just announced they will do an early fall run with Stone Temple Pilots beginning July 30 in New York. They have Fishbone booked to open for them until the August 19 show in Montreal. A brief break will be followed by shows on the west coast. They will be in our

neighborhood on July 15 at Darien Lake.

On June 15 in San Diego, Dr. Dre, Eminem, Snoop, and Ice Cube will begin their tour. Dr. Dre told John Norris during an interview with MTV, "we've been waiting for this for a long time, and we're going to go out there and have some fun with it, and just give everybody the show they have been waiting for ten years." The group is also excited to have MC Ren to reunite N.W.A. Only 18 dates have been scheduled so far, including Cleveland on July 2 and Pittsburgh on July 3. Venues have yet to be announced.

For an alternative show, Counting Crows and Live will join together. The Crow's Adam Duritz announced, "I think the fact that we come from different musical perspectives will make for a really dynamic evening of music. Both bands are about music,

and we want to open it up for all our fans." Tickets will go on sale April 27 for the July 28 opener. They will be at the Blossom in Cleveland on August 9 and at Star Lake, near Pittsburgh, on September 2.

Metallica, Korn, Kid Rock, Power Man 500, and System of a Down are all headed out to play June 30. This tour will be short-lived with 12 shows ending on July 20. Metallica didn't plan on touring because they will have just gotten done with a tour they started in January.

Many of the venues and dates of the tours have yet to be announced. For more information you can log onto MTV.com. There are also many more exciting events in our area, so check them out. You may think Erie is boring in the summer, so get out of here and check out some of these great tours.

Happenings in Erie

April 28
Jr's Last Laugh Comedy Club
Comedian Mark Reedy

April 29
Jr's Last Laugh Comedy Club
Comedian Mark Reedy
Forward Hall

Dysphoria, Hoods, Death Threat, Ground Zero, Simple Lies, No Retreat

Coming Soon to Forward Hall
May 13

Brother's Keeper, Stretch Arm Strong, Reach The Sky, schoolyard bully

Also, watch for Intergalactic Peyote Connection who will be performing again soon!

For more Forward Hall information, visit their website at www.forwardhall.com

Porters is mouth watering bliss

by Michael J. Nies
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Porters Restaurant and Tap Room offers the perfect, harmonious blend of service, excellent food, and atmosphere that seems to transcend time to an era of simplicity and richness. If you are looking for a new place to dine that is truly unlike any other place you have ever dined in before, then Porters is where you should make your stop. The cuisine is a euphoric explosion of taste, texture, color, and presentation that will rival that of any other restaurant in town.

My dining experience started off with two appetizers that were truly exquisite. The first, Cognac Crevettes, included jumbo shrimp, sauteed in a garlic herb butter and cognac sauce. The cognac is the key. They were excellent, and unlike anything I had ever tasted before...plump, juicy shrimp, seasoned and cooked to perfection.

Along with this appetizer, my guest and I shared the Sicilian Shrimp Loaf. Porters starts with crusty French bread sliced in half, and then tops it with tomatoes, scallions, and grilled shrimp in a Parmesan butter and garlic sauce. This appetizer is in fact so good, had I not been anticipating the Steak Au Pivire, I would ordered another one.

After the appetizers I had to take a little bit of a breather, to let my food settle and make room for the next course. My server Doug, who is a finely skilled server, was more than

happy to grant my request. Doug was there when I needed him, quick to refill my drink and bring me whatever my guest or I needed, yet he was sure not to cross that fine line between attentiveness and annoyance.

Next, I moved on to the entree. Being the steak lover that I am, when I read the description of the Steak Au Pivire, I was sold. See if it has the same impact on you! An eight-ounce filet of beef, packed with cracked black pepper, pan-seared, and finished in a shallot, Bordeaux and cognac cream sauce. And once again, the cognac is the key. I have never had a steak that tasted so good. The meat is tender, cooked to the perfect temperature, and complemented excellently by the sauce.

But, if you're not a beef lover, which some people are not, an utter shame. Porters has a wonderful selection of fresh seafood, lamb, and chicken, all prepared in ways that are sure to tantalize your taste buds. In fact, my guest had a terrible time deciding between the Grilled Eggplant Parcels and the Roquefort Chicken. After a painful deliberation, the Roquefort Chicken won her over.

Porters takes a boneless chicken breast and stuffs it with smoked ham and Roquefort cheese, then grills and bastes it with Worcestershire lemon butter, and serves it with a delicate Grand Marnier sauce. My guest liked it so much that I had a difficult time getting just one bite from her.

After being completely stuffed

from fine food and drink, I only had room for a cup of coffee. Porters has a wide array of desserts that are almost too, too good to pass up. I felt bad that after Doug had gone through the trouble to recite the entire dessert menu and provide a small description of the ones that I had asked about, I still only had room for a cup of coffee. But Doug had been there before, and he understood, so he gladly brought me my coffee, with a little Sambuca to wash it down, which allowed me the time to enjoy the peacefulness and serenity of the old train station that has been masterfully recreated to reflect what it was like to live during the era of the porter.

The decor of the building maintains the integrity of the original station that was once a bustling place of transit for train travelers. The atmosphere is complemented by the soft dining music and the fall of water from the beautiful fountain above the entrance into the Tap Room.

Everybody should take the time to stop by Porters on 123 West 14th Street, and enjoy the exquisite food, excellent service, and marvelous atmosphere that Porters has to offer. The fine dining menu is served on Wednesday through Saturday, from 5 until 10 p.m. The Tap Room menu is served on Tuesday through Saturday, from 5 until 11 p.m. Dress is casual, reservations are appreciated, and I am positive that you will not be disappointed.



Outside view of Porters Restaurant at 123 west 14th street inside the train station

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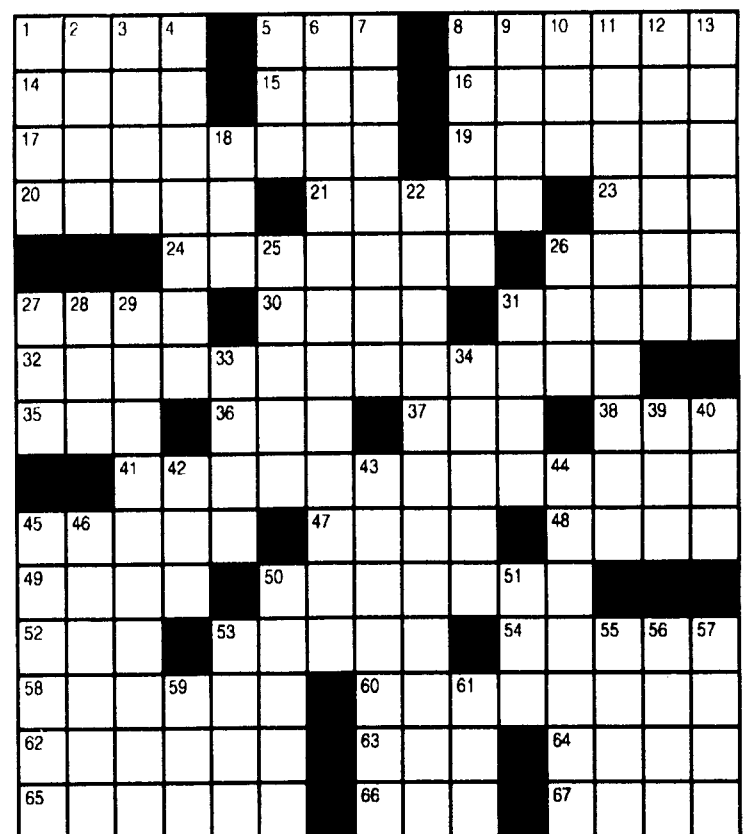
Inside Porters Restaurant's fine dining section



Crossword

- ACROSS
- Economist Smith
 - Blockhead
 - Texas oranges
 - Indian royalty
 - Org. of Flyers and Jets
 - Most unmannerly
 - 1883 exploding volcano
 - Florida explorer
 - Scatter
 - Beginning
 - Give the ax to
 - Serving dish
 - Rose or Sampras
 - Mediterranean peak
 - of Worms
 - 1946-52 N.L. home-run leader
 - To the point
 - Confine
 - Nest item
 - Get it?
 - Uncooked
 - Pilgrim leader
 - Baseball theft
 - Chance to play
 - Reverberate
 - Choir selection
 - Multi-deck game
 - Sphere of power
 - Gras
 - Twin Falls state
 - Continues
 - Ways out
 - Still green
 - Pi follower
 - Latin & others
 - Homesteader
 - Piggery
 - Hubbub

- DOWN
- Large, commodious boats
 - Flit
 - Cracked, in a way
 - Avoid bogey
 - Industrious insect
 - Meteor



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Solutions

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- Sloping
- Fast-food request
- Tallow base
- Want
- Earth-based
- Will's contents
- Rock thrower
- Pointed tool
- Rights a wrong
- Old saying
- Bakery purchase
- Psychic's letters
- Definite article
- Club guests
- Enthusiastic
- Legendary archer
- Breaks from a habit
- Silvery-gray
- Which person
- McShane or McKellen
- Wrenches apart
- Resolute
- Former
- Japanese commander
- Actor Power
- Chairmaker
- Cravat
- Feel sorry for oneself
- Regarding
- Leader
- Capital of Norway
- Command to Fido
- Rogers or Acuff