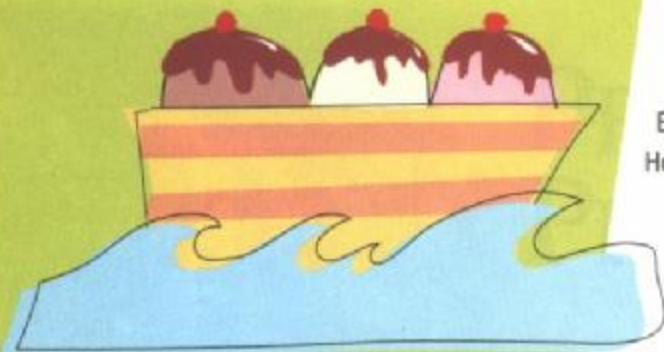


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Ice Cream on the Clipper: Get the last lick out of summer by hopping aboard Gateway Clipper's newest cruise, the Sunday Ice Cream Social. Beat the scorching heat as you glide along the rivers for a relaxing two-hour journey. Hosted by "Pennelope, the Pittsburgh Pooch," this live DJ dance party was created for folks of all ages. And don't forget, cruisers get unlimited access to the Clipper's sundae bar, fully stocked with freshly made Bruster's ice cream—ah, perfect. Ahoy, mate. Sunday cruises board at 1 p.m. and run until Sept. 4. Tickets: adults \$12; children \$7. Call 412/355-7980 or visit gatewayclipper.com.

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Big Ben's Blog: What's white, has photos and reveals the everyday thoughts of Pittsburgh's hottest quarterback? If you guessed the blog of Ben Roethlisberger, you're right. Indeed, you now have full access to Ben's thoughts—whether they're about football; his dog, Zeus; or just regular life stuff. At the end of each posting (he does three to five a month), Ben poses a question and invites his viewers to respond. It is hard to resist Ben's kind words and magnetic personality: He gets 800 to 1,000 posts every month. So, go ahead and get the 411 on the 2004 NFL Rookie of the Year—Ben's blog can be found at bigben7.com. — Deena Campbell

