

Would you believe....

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The first instant wet T-shirt has hit the market. Wet Wear is the brand name for T-shirts packaged in water filled plastic jars. And according to the label, no artificial preservatives are used, and wearing one "shows off your good points". They come in three sizes, Small, Medium Small, and X-tra Small.

Wet Wear is a product of the Funny Forum, an Indianapolis, (Indiana) Marketing firm, headed by Keith Bratton. Bratton points out that in drought stricken areas, people can drink their shirts.

Other Bratton brainchildren have included Vegetation Conversation, a record of plat talk and Corn of Planty, a hearing aid for plants. Not all of Bratton's past efforts have been successful. His Bisontennial Buffalo Chips proved a flop. He says they never got off the ground. (Earth News - Credit: Bruce Munson, WNAP, Indianapolis, Indiana.)

The fact that a man named Edward Elson was recently arrested in Atlanta, Georgia for distributing obscene material wouldn't be such big news -- except for the fact that he's a former member of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography.

When Elson served on the Presidential commission, he agreed that all laws prohibiting the sale or distribution of sexual materials to consenting adults should be repealed. But he also insisted on the need to limit the display of such materials to avoid unnecessary offense.

Apparently Elson failed to follow his own advice. The "adult" magazines at his newsstands in Atlanta's International Airport were prominently displayed near the cash register, making them hard to miss. (Earth News)

A Florida woman recently beat a traffic ticket by showing up in court with her newborn baby.

The woman got the ticket for driving her car through a carpool lane without a passenger. But since she was eight months pregnant, the woman said she should not have to pay the fine because she was carrying a hidden passenger.

County Judge Dominio Koo agreed with the woman saying an eight month fetus is a legal person and threw the case out of court. (Earth News)

A major chain of British Columbia pet stores removed all packages of Sing-Song birdseed from its display shelves last week after it was suspected that the product contained quantities of high-grade African marijuana seeds.

One storekeeper said, "We've had a lot of people coming into our stores buying packages of Sing-Song who really don't look like they own canaries." (Earth News - Credit: Public Affairs Division, Canadian Consulate General.)

More than 300 students at the University of Maryland have signed up for a course entitled, "Soap Operas and Daytime Television." As you might have feared, the course consists of watching TV for 30 minutes, and then discussing the characters and their romances for the rest of the period. Essays are also written.

Professor David Feldman, who teaches the class, says that since there are so few good novels these days, television dramas are a substitute.

Perhaps the next step will be a Master's Program on "Turning on and Tuning in you TV." (Credit: Parade - Earth News)

Many people are no longer shocked at the idea of a young couple living together before getting married. In fact, to lots of folks, it's just good common sense. Living together is often viewed as a kind of training ground for the real thing -- a time to put your toe in the water before taking the plunge.

But two sociologists from Florida A & M University have concluded that those who live together aren't really any better off in marriage than those who don't. They studied 84 married college students, two-thirds of whom had lived with someone before marriage, and one-third of whom had not. After an average of 13 months of married life, both groups considered themselves quite equal in the marital bliss department.

The sociologists concluded that living together may not provide the type of learning experience that significantly alters an individual's preparation for marriage. (Earth News - Credit: Human Behavior)

In an attempt to lure tourists to the Highlands, the Scottish Tourist Board has published this tasty description of a national gourmet delight, and we quote:

"No item of Scots cookery is more famous than 'Haggis'. It is made from the pluck (including hearts, lights and liver) of a sheep, cooked together, then chopped and mixed with finely chopped suet and toasted oatmeal.

"This mixture is stuffed into the sheep's paunch, boiled, and served with chappit tatties and bashed neeps (mashed potatoes and turnips). Usually it is consumed with a generous libation of Scotch Whiskey..."

Make that a double Scotch. (Earth News)

San Francisco inventor, Duane Harrington, has recently been granted a U.S. patent for cigarette rolling papers that contain a built-in roach clip.

"Instaroach," as the new product is called, comes equipped with a stainless steel wire, located at the opposite end of the glue on each piece of rolling paper. According to the inventors, the wire makes the paper easier to roll, and provides something to hold on to when the cigarette burns down to the last puff or so. What's more, the wire does not get hot, so you can't burn your fingers and it is non-polluting. Instaroach, by the way, is selling briskly at local head shops for about 55 cents per dozen. (Earth News)

Here's something for those who have no desire to live The Simple Life, for those who not only can afford The Complex Life, but wish to take it with them into the woods.

Winnebago Industries has come up with something called the Heli-Home, a fully-equipped Helicopter Camper. It comes complete with carpeting, stereo, communications system, bathroom, kitchen and bunkhouse, not to mention the standard whirling blades.

The airborne camper costs a tidy \$300,000 (dollars). (Earth News - Credit: New West)

Although millions of Americans use them, sleeping pills are the worst cure for insomnia. A cheeseburger will set you nodding both faster and more safely.

So says a panel of psychologists, meeting at the American Psychological Association convention this week in San Francisco.

According to Richard Bootzin, a psychologist from Northwestern University, "Drugs simply do not

work for chronic insomnia". Prescription drugs, he said, only "bring on a state of unconsciousness" without taking the person to the vital, deeper levels of sleep. And over-the-counter sleeping pills have little effect at all.

However, cheeseburgers, milk, and other high-protein foods contain an amino acid called Tryptophane which is believed to be helpful in inducing sleep. A bowl of a grain called millet, along with some milk, would also provide a lot of tryptophane. Tryptophane tablets are also available in health food stores, though they should be taken with a protein food.

An estimated 13 percent of the U.S. population suffers from insomnia. A high percentage of these turn to sleeping pills, tranquilizers and liquor in their sometimes frantic attempt to get a good night's rest. (Earth News)

In 1969, a raw sex novel called "Naked Came the Stranger" went on sale and became a best-seller almost overnight.

The author was ostensibly one Penelope Ashe, described by the novel's publisher as a demure Long Island Housewife.

But the book, which is still selling well, was actually written over one weekend by 25 editors and reporters from Newsday. They wanted to demonstrate that a trashy novel not only could be cranked out in a hurry, but would also sell fast. They got Billie Young, a sister-in-law of one of the writers to pose as Penelope Ashe.

The hoax seems to have worked out well for one and all. The Dell paperback has sold more than one-and-a-half-million copies. And as for Billie Young, A.K.A. Penelope Ashe -- she is now president of her own publishing company, Ashley Books Incorporated, on Long Island. (earth News)

It has been our pleasure for many many years to extend a hearty welcome to the returning students at UNB and STU, who have become our friends, and whom we have had the privilege of knowing and serving in our store; and again, to meet the newcomers just arriving. We know you folks, (as have the older ones) will find this a lovely community to live in, with friendly people ready to make you feel that they care about you, and are happy that you selected our Fredericton for your higher education.

We have had the good fortune of serving the members of the faculty and student body in this same location for the past 51 years, and it will be our privilege to meet you, and, if possible, to help you in selecting any item you may need for your wardrobe.

Our very best wishes to you, and a hope and prayer that you may live to enjoy obtaining your educational degree here, and that, after graduation (that wonderful day) you will be proud to have the excuse to come back to Fredericton for Class Reunions, and, if we're lucky enough to be here then, please come in and let's shake hands, and reminisce about the "good old days"

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Hoople pub makes \$26

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

The lines were long and the tempers short at the Major Hoople concert, held in the Student Union Building (SUB) ballroom last Saturday night.

Scheduled to open at 9:00 p.m., the doors remained shut until 9:20. In addition, approximately 428 people were admitted, causing crowded conditions. According to one participant, those conditions resulted in allowing only about 25 people dancing room.

Despite the record attendance, Jim Murray, Student Representative Council president, said there was a profit of only \$26. He attributed this to the cost of the band and the amount of staff needed to hold the event. Murray said the reason the

lineup was so bad, was because "Substaff was not together". He also said that unlike previous pubs, everyone that entered the ballroom, remained, rather than leaving. Thus, there was no flow and overcrowding was the result.

130 dozen beer were procured for the event, all of which was sold out by 12:00.

Murray said the overcrowded conditions were probably due to the present liquor strike, which limited the options open to those with a penchant for alcohol.

St. Paul's United Church extends a warm welcome to new and returning students to worship with them.

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