

would you believe

Everybody knows that beauticians and bartenders hear more than their share of other peoples' problems. And now, thanks to a new mental health project in North Dakota, telling your problems to your hairdresser won't curl her hair.

The Cass County Mental Health Association recently sponsored a special workshop for bartenders and beauticians, called "Shampoo, Set and Sympathy." The idea was to turn bartenders and hairdressers into good listeners, who can identify alcoholics and other troubled clients who need professional help. During the workshops, the bartenders and beauticians participated in role-playing exercises, and were given a list of mental health resources where their clients could seek private and professional care. (Newscrip)

Anita Bryant is not going to be too happy about this. Alexander Comfort, author of "The Joy of Sex," has a new book ready for publication on the same subject, only this one is aimed at adolescents. About the only thing lacking in the new work is the title. The author has not decided if he wants to call it "Junior Joy" or "One on One". (Earth News)

Everyone knows what we mean by a Cambridge education. But how about a Cambridge-to-London education?

Well, in case you're in the dark, maybe this will explain. The British have begun offering commuter courses on the 7:17 train from Cambridge to London. During the 75-minute commute, train passengers are now able to take courses in such subjects as architecture and antiques, economics, French and German.

The commuter education courses have been received rather well, with only one drawback reported. The clatter of the train has limited class sizes to less than half-a-dozen pupils. (Earth News)

So you wanna see the Grand Canyon. So do lots of other people. Three million people a year, in fact, with more coming all the time. And all those tourists are bringing big changes to this country's most spectacular wilderness area.

Due to the ever-bigger traffic jams, autos are now banned off key roadways, with shuttle buses picking up the massive loads of people. Two-hour waits for dinner at Canyon restaurants are common.

In the near future, most people will be limited to short day-visits, since plans call for the number of motel rooms, trailer sites and camping spots to be frozen at existing levels.

By the 1980's, if you want to back-pack in, you'll have to go through a computer-based scheduling system to avoid long lines on wilderness trails. Commercial planes flying tourists over the canyon will be carefully routed to avoid destroying the wilderness experiences of the hundreds of thousands of backpackers below.

And if you do make it onto a wilderness trail, you might just find it's made out of a plastic that will wear better than plan old rock and dirt. (Earth News)

If your dog is a frisbee fan, why not send him or her to the 1977 K-9 Frisbee Catch and Fetch contest? It will be held at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California on August 28th. The cream of the canine crop will demonstrate their midair catches and a variety of amazing acrobatics.

Meanwhile, history buffs may want to know that former employees of the frisbee pie company, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, are claiming to have invented the now-famous frisbee. They say that in the 1930's, when business got real busy, they'd yell, "Frisbie!" and sail the metal pie pans to each other over the heads of startled customers. (Earth News Credit: US magazine)

Parental pressure to get good grades in school caused more than 800 Japanese teenagers to commit suicide last year.

Most of the suicides came as a result of the students' inability to complete strenuous amounts of homework or poor grades on school examinations. Such exams are necessary for admission into colleges and training schools, and are considered to be the ticket to a financially viable career. (Newscrip Credit: Ted Bonnett, New York City, for Newscrip Dispatch)

You can expect a big cover-up in San Diego this week now that its voters have elected to ban nudity on all public beaches. The proposition to halt nude bathing won't handily in a near-record turn-out.

It all centered on popular Black's Beach, the Nation's only municipal nude beach, opened as an experiment by the city in 1974.

However, this shouldn't be too discouraging to the Nation's skin buffs. The number of nudists is on the rise. The American Sunbathing Association reports that membership at nudist camps is up twenty-five percent in the past year. There are also a number of nudist apartment complexes opening throughout the country. (Earth News)

The Hell's Angels would undoubtedly consider it sissy, but if you ride a motorcycle and would rather be warm than macho, there's a new product just for you. Inventor Gordon Gerbing has invented a 100-watt Electra Suit, which keeps you toasty as you ride your chopper. It works just like an electric blanket, and can even be plugged into your bike's battery. Gerbing also makes a vest for sportsmen and sports fans, but where you can find an electric socket at a ball game is anyone's guess. (Newscrip)

A politically radical private investigator who was arrested for cultivating a non-existent "marijuana plantation" has filed a lawsuit against FBI and Drug Enforcement Agents in Billings, Montana.

Lake Headley charges the agents entered into a "conspiracy" with the county prosecutor and sheriff to violate his civil rights, and seeks over \$5-million (dollars) in damages. Under Montana law, cultivating even one marijuana plant can result in life imprisonment.

William Bittenberg, a noted civil rights attorney, links the bust to Headley's political activism in the past. He says that the case "shows how harsh marijuana laws are still used to harass and intimidate people the authorities don't like."

Headley was an investigator for the Wounded Knee Committee, and once made a citizens arrest of two FBI agents in South Dakota. He also supplied much of the evidence that freed the principal defendants in the Wounded Knee case. (Credit: Berkely Barb) Earth News

Two sociologists who would like elderly ladies and gentlemen to have a little love in their lives, are suggesting what could be called "senior dating bars" for widows and widowers.

The researchers studied 24 couples, all of whom were over 65 when they remarried. They said that they found that contrary to popular belief, marriages between people in their 70's and 80's do work out, and are frequently "extremely happy". They said they found the couples "calm and peaceful". They ate better, enjoyed improved physical and mental health, and even got in a little love-making. What the elderly really need, they said, were sedate gathering places sponsored by churches and social organizations where single men and women could gather and get to know one another. (Earth News)

A year-old opium smuggling trial has gotten a Brooklyn judge in a lot of hot water with his peers. Judge Henry Bramwell was recently censured by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit because he took no action to correct an unusual courtroom occurrence. Seems that while testifying on the stand, a key prosecution witness suddenly swallowed some opium that was submitted as evidence in the case.

The Appeals Court said that Judge Bramwell should have given the witness a "stern warning . . . that such behavior would not be tolerated." (Newscrip)

For some time now, actor Marlon Brando has been fighting for the rights of Native Americans. In 1973, he turned down an Oscar to protest Hollywood's depiction of American Indians as bloodthirsty savages. He's also sunk a lot of money into Indian causes and even plans to spend his \$2-million (dollar) salary from the movie, "Superman" on a 13-part TV series on Indian history.

But despite the actor's concern for Native American causes, some Indian leaders don't think too much of Brando. According to George Tahbone, a pure-blooded Indian from Oklahoma, Brando has taken "advantage of the Indian people." Tahbone claims Brando "was just after the good publicity he knew he would get from associating with Indians." And Tahbone says he'd ask Brando to leave if the actor visited his reservation.

On the other hand, George Watchetaker, a Comanche medicine man and rainmaker, feels the Indians have to give Brando "some credit for being sincere." Brando, he adds, "wasn't doing it for himself . . . he is a white man who had the power to reach a lot of people and tell them about Indians." (Credit: US magazine)

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Slavery in the 20th Century

Material recently seized by police from a Washington, D.C. pimp's apartment provides a fascinating, if rather grim view of the control pimps have over their prostitutes' lives. Here are some

This man truly loves us all

Dear Editor:

Two or three times a day I corner some UNB student, on campus and off, then pour out a torrent of words.

But sensing (after a very few minutes, no doubt) that I am desperately lonely not one of those marvelous kids ever says: "Go away, you old fool!" — not one.

And having no alternative I, who overthrew governments and did other things most men can only dream of doing will go on making a pest of my pathetic self.

Sincerely,
Maurice Spiro

Hello Kids:

The above appeared in the Brunswickan last year — and nothing has changed.

Best wishes,
Maurice

excerpts from a pimp's version of the "Prostitutes Code of Conduct."
"You are to give your man unquestioned respect and courtesy in front of host (pimps) and whores."

"You are never to indulge in conversation with other (pimps), even if they be associates of your own (pimp)."

"You are never to speak when other (pimps) are present. You are always to agree with your man when you are asked to speak."

"You are to put no mortal man above your own. Your primary concern is for your man's safety and freedom and nothing else matters to you."

Women who forget these rules are routinely beaten. (Newscrip)

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