

Conference to Examine Mating Habits of Gerbils

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An upcoming conference to be held from April 30, to May 2, 1994 at the WU Conference Centre will examine such topics, among others, as the effects of loud music on the mating habits of domesticated gerbils.

Sponsored by the UNB Department of Extension and Needless Personal Development, the conference will be the first of its kind in Canada.

Four renowned international experts on gerbils and their mating habits will be the guest speakers for the four-day event.

As well, gerbil lovers of all ages will be invited to take part in a gerbil mating awareness session on Saturday, May 2 at 9:00am. There will be a gerbil clown for the children and parents are encouraged to bring a pot-luck dish which includes gerbil food as one of its major ingredients. Children are asked to bring a toilet-paper tube to give to the gerbils for fodder.

One guest speaker, Dr. Daniel DeDouceur, will speak on the ef-

fects of loud music on the mating habits of domesticated gerbils. He thinks that under certain circumstances, gerbils will keep their rhythm in sync with the music they are mating to.

"For example, I've found that those little buggers take a liking to music with a lot of rhythm, like Bob Marley or something. Their litters, as a result, tend to be slightly more numerous and they produce relatively larger offspring," said Dr. DeDouceur.

Other speakers include Reverend Louis Parter, who will speak upon the ethics of mating sibling gerbils. Is it creating a breed of unhealthy, low gene-pooled animals?

"Personally, I wouldn't want to mate with my sister. I mean, she's pretty enough I guess. And her figure's not too bad, but I'd feel pretty guilty. So think of those poor little horny gerbils. They're all dressed up with nowhere to go, if you see my reference," said Reverend Parter.

Dr. Kay Reality has spent the bulk of her adult life examining gerbils in the wild. She is the author of the best-seller, "How Gerbils Keep Sand Out of Their Fur." She will

read an excerpt of the book that made her known the world over as the "Gerbil Lady."

"Before mating, gerbils will lick each others fur to rid them of any grits of sand which may impede their mating enjoyment. This doubles, of course, as a form of gerbil foreplay," she explained.

Since 1975, gerbils have become one of the more popular pets for Canadians. These loveable, easy-to-keep animals survive for days on little water or food, and recycle toilet-paper tubes to make their nests from.

Gerbils have, until recently, been unknown to North Americans. They do no smell as originally thought by many Canadians, and they enjoy people and attention. They eat a diet of seeds and grains, and drink water in moderation.

Gerbil excrement are small hard turds which are extremely easy to clean up. Since gerbils do not consume much water, they urinate relatively little as well. When they do, it is absorbed into the softness of their nests, which require changing once every month or so when their cages are cleaned.

Woodshed Had a "Gut Feeling"

Mayor Rescued From Icy River

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Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodshed was hauled from the frigid waters of the mighty Saint John River after falling in on Thursday afternoon.

The mayor claims he was only testing the safety of the ice behind City Hall, which in most years is melted by now.

In the past, Mayor Woodshed has had no problems with the ice. Either it was thick enough to support his weight, or it was so thin it was transparent. This year, Mayor Woodshed claimed, the ice was still white and opaque, so he chanced it.

Halfway across, he said he heard a slight creaking sound, and suddenly, a large section of the ice upon which he was standing broke away and slid under water, carrying him along as well.

It just so happened that some joggers along the Green witnessed the whole event take place, so they ran to the police station just down the street and notified the authorities.

Fredericton City Police responded by sending an elite squad of highly trained rescue workers, who knew just what to do. They immediately joined hands to form a human bridge to reach the flailing arms of Mayor Woodshed.

Within five minutes, the had the chilly mayor back safely on the shore. Mayor Woodshed emerged from the ordeal smiling, saying next year he'll get Deputy Mayor Gordon Steak to check the ice instead.

"I still have a problem with delegation. This was definitely a job for the deputy mayor," said Mayor Woodshed.



SPLASH - A wet and cold but safe Brad Woodshed is pulled from a certain doom after falling into the river. (Rob Sneezehard Photo)

In the Courts

Forgets Name

33, of Fredericton, was fined \$100 for forgetting his name when he appeared in court before Judge Reinhold. He was represented by Mister Noname.

Destroys Breathylisers

James Norfolk, 23, of Minto, destroyed three breathylisers while attempting to blow. Police said his breath was so bad they machines were rendered useless. He was fined \$50 per machine and ordered to perform 30 hours of community service and mouthwashing.

Speeding Ticket

Nathan Scott, 19, of Fredericton plead not guilty to charges of speeding one kilometre or less over a posted speed limit. He was charged by Fredericton City Police for driving 51 in a 50 zone. The Police failed to show up so the charges were dropped.

Break and Enter

Elizabeth Casser, 35, of Nackawic, was charged for attempting to forcefully enter a pay-only toilet stall at the Fredericton Mall. She plead not guilty in front of Judge Deadheading. Trial to be set at a later date.

Stolen Property

Frank McKeener, 43, of Woodstock Road, plead not guilty in relation to charges involving possession of stolen property. Police arrested McKeener last summer for having an undisclosed amount of student loans in his wallet.

Public Stupidity

Mark Morgan, 19, of Forest Hills, entered no plea to charges of public stupidity. He was charged in connection to an incident at a downtown nightclub, where he was found repeating, "Where's the disco, where's the disco." His trial is set for May 13.

Public Indecency

Same person as above. Caught at a downtown nightclub chanting and running around in the buff. Judge Stone ordered him to perform 30 hours of community service, but with his clothes on.

Public Drunkenness

Same person as above. Found last week at a downtown nightclub with a blood-alcohol level above the legal limit. Plead not guilty and is awaiting a trial date to be set by Judge Harry Stone.

Marijuana Possession

Jimmy Johnny Jee, 45, of Backwoods, York County, failed to show for his court date in Fredericton. In fact, neither did the Crown. Where could they be?

Reality Check

Sonia Soulever, 26, of 23 Fantastic Street, will appear in court on January 23, 1995 for impersonating a very bad pop-singer. She plead not guilty to charges of fraud when she sold out a concert at the Aitken Centre.

Plagiarism

Jane Student, 20, of Lady Dunn Hall, has plead not guilty to charges of plagiarism in connection to an article she wrote for *The Dairy Creamer*. The charges were laid by the campus newspaper, *The Brunswickian*, who state that it was they who first published the story.

Judge Scooter has set the trial date for April 16, 1994.

Public Bullshitting

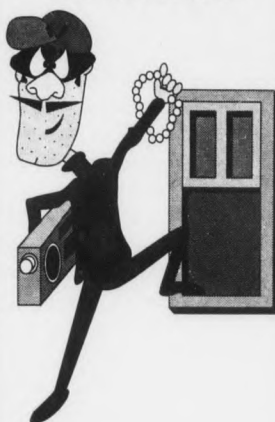
Mark Morgan, 19, of Forest Hills, plead guilty to publicly stating he had two clues on how to tie his own shoes. Judge Deadheading ordered him to do 20 hours of community service.

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Our layout designers will teach you how to cut straight lines, cut corners, fill space unnecessarily and put nice lines around stupid photos.

Crime Solvers



This week's crime is an example of the increasing number of youths involved in petty offences. Crime Solvers will pay a cash award of \$1000 for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for committing an offence.

Last week, at the UNB Daycare Co-operative, a young boy, believed to be between three and five years old, stole a package of grape-alicious bubblegum from another toddler. The boy then left the scene, and is believed to be heading along the Trans-Canada towards Quebec.

The young thief is said to weigh between 30 and 50 pounds, average build with brown hair and brown eyes. He may be using the assumed name of Aladdin or Free Willy, and may be chewing gum of the brand Chubba Bubba.

If you have any information that may help to solve this or any other crime, please call Crime Solvers at 1-800-222-SPIT. Remember, we do not need your name, just your information. If your tip helps to solve a crime, you could qualify for a cash award.

Correction:

The flyer published on April 1, 1994 contained a number of mistakes. The 3-piece barbeque, item # 34908C set was advertised at \$13.99. It should have read \$109.99.

Item#4598B, the reversible two-tone cordless drill, is priced at \$45.99, a full \$10 decrease from the advertised price.

The adjustable 4-piece Phillips screwdriver, originally \$5.99, is now \$3.99, not \$3.95 as was printed in our flyer.

We at Crappy Tire apologize for any problems that may have occurred. We appreciate your business, and hope to see you soon.

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The Human Sexuality Tax

How does the cigarette tax cut affect the HST?

Unfortunately, in today's world, the underground economy is everywhere. We urge you not to stop screwing, but be responsible. Check your partner for the HST Tax Stamp (located in the cleavage or buttocks area) before sexual activity.

What is the HST

The Human Sexuality Tax is a \$1.25 surcharge levied on sexual relations between consenting adults.

Why a tax on sex?

Because cigarettes and alcohol are already taxed to the hilt. Sex is the only central pleasure we haven't touched yet.

How do I pay the HST?

After relations you and your partner are each required to fill out a separate T69 Form and return it with a cheque for \$1.25 to Revenue and Taxation Canada. The forms are available At Post Offices, drug stores, and in the washrooms of many bars and dance clubs.

What if I don't, uh...get there?

The tax only applies if you achieve climax. So relax, go to it, when you wanna do it. Relax, when you wanna come.

What if I like little boys?

The HST only applies to consenting adults. Pedophiles and necrophiliacs are not required to pay the tax. Zoophiliacs and gerbil enthusiasts are also exempt.

What about safe sex?

Health and Welfare Canada advises the use of a condom to prevent sexually transmitted diseases. If you use a condom, you are eligible for an HST rebate equal to 40% of its cost. Retain the receipt and the used condom, and enclose both with your Federal Income Tax Return to receive the full rebate.

I'm from Quebec, do I pay more?

No, in fact you pay less. The HST is regionally adjusted to account for socio-cultural variation in the frequency of sexual relations. Persons from Etobicoke, for example, are required to pay an additional \$0.17 per encounter to make up for their lack of activity. Similarly, residents of Gaspé Bay may deduct \$0.76 from their payment.

Canada's HST. Let's come together

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