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Conversation: Update

MOUNTIES ALWAYS GET THEIR MAN - "Gay Mounties To Wed in Nova Scotia Today"

HALIFAX -- On the eve of Canada Day, a young couple will wed today in a ceremony that puts one of the country's most iconic symbols in a whole new light.

Dressed in their distinctive scarlet coats, Jason Tree and David Connors will become the first male RCMP officers to wed. They will exchange vows before a justice of the peace and a troop of other Mounties in their red serge.

The couple has been deluged by interview requests. Tree, 27, said he has received about 60 supportive letters.

"We don't see our wedding as anything different or special," he said. "Our goal was to get married, not have an international media story.

"I fail to see the big deal."

He's heard jokes about Brokeback Mounties and headlines about how this Mountie has got his man.

Blogs, too, are full of opinions.

"What!!! Neither is wearing white? Who has the garter belt and bouquet? As long as they can catch the bad guys, I don't care who they snuggle down with at night," one blogger wrote recently.

Tree said the RCMP have been supportive of his relationship.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Frank Skidmore said the organization is trying to reflect a broader spectrum of the Canadian community.

"It's the law in this country, so it's accepted by the RCMP," he said.

*To see a pic of these handsome guys, check out the **Gay Good News** link at <http://christiangays.com/news.shtml>*

HALLALUJAH! THE MESSAGE BOARDS ARE FINALLY WORKING

Jeff has worked his magic and the message boards are finally working on the new server. I know that we're not using them as much since we started the List Serve, but there are folks who don't know about the List Serve yet so it's good for them.

Also, there are Notices of Upcoming Events, Help Wanted ads, Prayer Requests and Praise Reports, etc so lots of things for everyone.

Check them out at <http://www.christiangays.com/invboard> if you like.

You'll need to register the first time. I advise you to use the same username and password as you use for the chat rooms so that it's easy to remember. You'll need to input it each time you want to get in.

UPDATE RE THE CHAT ROOMS

The creator of the Chat Application that we use (Tim) has been very busy in school this year and has not been able to tend to our problems, but he is now finished school and has more free time, and seems very anxious to work with us on it. This new server is **FAST** so that will no longer be an issue. I'm very optimistic that we'll have it running perfectly before long – possibly a week or so.

YOUNGER BROTHERS MORE LIKELY TO BE GAY: STUDY

Excerpt:

The probability of a man being gay rises the more older brothers he has, a finding that adds weight to the idea sexual orientation could be influenced in the womb.

In 1997, a study led by Ray Blanchard of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, concluded that having older brothers increases the likelihood of homosexuality in younger brothers.

Read the whole article at <http://www.cbc.ca/story/science/national/2006/06/26/brothers-gay.html>

NEW FREE ONLINE DATING SERVICE

This website is not specifically gay/lesbian but they do have a lot of queer folk listed, and it's completely free.

<http://www.plentyoffish.com/>

I'm still working on a full-fledged dating site for gay Christians but until I get it going, give this one a try, and also don't forget **GayHarmony.net**. There is a banner ad on the right side of the home page. <http://christiangays.com/>

VIDEO CLIP - "Permission"

Very powerful and thought provoking!

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=354057227367687976>

Thanks Allan!

INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER

There's one type of breast cancer that is incredibly difficult to detect, and it's a cancer women know virtually nothing about.

I'm a retired X-Ray Tech in both Radiography and Nuclear Medicine, and I learned things that I didn't know before.

Women, I encourage you to go to this link and read <http://www.komotv.com/ibc/> It may save your life.

(Thanks Sherry!)

TOOTHPASTE – THINK THEY WHITEN? THINK AGAIN

OK you may wonder why I've included the previous post about Inflammatory Breast Cancer and now this one about Toothpaste when this is supposed to be a Newsletter for gay Christians. Well I guess it's because I feel like a mother to so many of you, and this is information that I'd tell my children. If it doesn't interest you, then please skip.

This is taken from Consumer Reports magazine:

Drugstore aisles teem with toothpastes claiming to do everything from fighting plaque or curbing tartar to freshening breath or shielding sensitive teeth. But the most prominent claim, whitening teeth, can be misleading. The fine print reveals that most products promise to whiten by removing stains, not by lightening the base color of the teeth.

Moreover, our tests of 41 toothpastes found no correlation between those claims and stain-removing ability. Even the seven toothpastes that contain peroxide, the main bleaching ingredient in whitening strips and professional treatments, lightened or bleached out stains no better overall than other toothpastes.

We did find one toothpaste that stood out as a stain remover. **Ultradrite All in One Advanced Whitening** (which doesn't contain peroxide). At 28 cents per ounce, roughly one-tenth the cost of the priciest brand, it was one of the least expensive products we tested. Unlike its two closest competitors in stain removal, Ultradrite was no more abrasive than average.

While none of the toothpastes was excessively abrasive, people with sensitive teeth or increased susceptibility to tooth or gum erosion might consider one of the gentler products. And certain toothpastes produced unusual sensations that some people may not like, such as a bitter taste or a burning feeling in the mouth.

There is a lot more info but that was the crux of it. I thought it was worth mentioning.

CHILDREN'S SCIENCE EXAM ANSWERS:

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Filtration makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal

cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section."

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome.

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.

(Thanks Lyse!)

God bless,
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