

ask the sexpert

In talking to other men and in observation, I notice there are two kinds of penises. It seems that some are short and wrinkled and become longer and harder with erection and others are long to begin with and only get harder. What causes this difference? Is it environment or heredity?

Your observations are very astute. Although variation in size and shape is the rule for all parts of the human body, variation in penis size is greater when flaccid than when erect. Thus a penis which is shorter when flaccid will tend to grow longer in proportion to its length than a penis which is already longer to begin with.

The size and shape of the penis is determined during the period during the third and fourth months of pregnancy. To lay to rest a popular misconception, penis size is not related to a man's build, race, virility or ability to give or receive sexual satisfaction.

I heard that air in the vagina can be fatal. During oral sex, is there any danger of air getting into the vagina and causing problems?

Air blown into the vagina can be fatal, but only if the woman is pregnant. This could happen if air blown into the vagina enters the blood vessels lining the uterus. An air bubble may then

reach the woman's brain, causing a fatal air embolism. Deaths have occurred this way although this is rare. For this reason, pregnant women are advised against douching with a bulb syringe.

Ordinarily this is not a concern for the non-pregnant woman. But if air is blown into the vagina under fairly high pressure, there is the possibility of air reaching the abdominal cavity via the uterus and Fal-

lopian tubes. This could cause discomfort, since air is not normally present in the abdominal cavity. Obviously under no circumstances (including oral or genital sex) should air be forced into the vagina.

Collectives have trouble in transition, panel says

Collectives and co-ops in Eugene are in a stage of transition, a member of a panel on "collectivism" said Wednesday. Twelve representatives from area collectives and co-ops discussed ideologies, problems and the future of their organizations.

"The hardship of working in a co-op or collective is the transition," said Erik Ackerson of Willamette People's Food Co-op. "The transition between seeing them (co-ops) as they exist now and how they can ideally exist."

Willamette People's Co-op faced one too many of those hardships, with financial problems forcing its closure a few weeks ago. Financial problems are common in collectives and co-ops, but they don't mean a bleak future for those types of organizations, one panel member said.

"I think it's healthy that some co-ops are folding," D'Averil Ibbotson of Starflower Collective said. The energy and resources of the original co-op can then be put into the community in another form, she said.

"The current state of collectivism in Eugene is healthy," Ibbotson said.

The definition of collectivism, which includes both collectives and co-ops, is "individuals coming together to work as a cohesive group," said Alan Siporin of Grower's Market.

"Members of collectives just want to make a living, a decent profit and not rip off the people," said Mitzi McMullen of Solstice Bakery. Some advantages of collectives are flexible hours, learning different aspects of a business through job rotation and having a say in how the business should work.

Collectives, especially in the Eugene area, "evolved from the natural, anti-pollution movement of our environment and our bodies," said Lisa Rein of Surrata. "That's why collectivism is generally structured around food."

Rein said of the 25 collectives in Eugene, 11 are centered around food.

Other aspects of collectivism discussed were legal implications of incorporating co-ops in Oregon, possibilities of forming a "collective of collectives" and ways to encourage more people to participate in the collective movement.

If the present state of collectives doesn't quite match the ideal of the "perfect collective," Ackerson said it's not their fault.

"The problems is not with collectives; they're the answer," he said. "The problem is with society."

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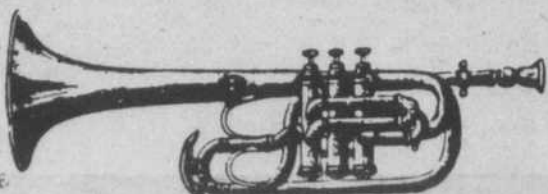
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T.V.R. Could it be your 21er? It's **TWUE, IT'S TWUE!** Well basically, let's celebrate. Actually, we'll just warm up for mine. **NOT REALLY!** Let's make a good mix with Scotch. I have some milk. **SCOOTER** 4-20

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LOOK OUT!

LISA K. IS 21 TODAY

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