

Erotic writer offers individual fantasies

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Custom-tailored erotic fantasies, written to your specifications, money-back guarantee.

A 30-year-old free-lance writer who uses the pseudonym "Jenny" offers that for \$20 per story.

She says she turns to penning "erotica" when regular free-lance business falls off.

Many customers "want me to write my fantasies," she says. Others want a graphic account of her real-life sexual experiences, or fictional pieces involving a "sexual kind of party" with two or more couples.

"They don't want straight sex, but they're not really off the wall," she says of her customers, eight so far from the Bellingham area.

Jenny says she started producing custom erotica in 1979 when she lived in Virginia, borrowing the idea from an article she read about a Boston woman who offered a similar service.

Her first mistake, she decided, was setting her rates too low.

While she started out charging a \$5 initial fee followed by \$10 per erotic story, she said she still made \$300 her first month.

While some might call her work pornography, Jenny doesn't see it that way.

"There are certain things I'm not willing to write about," she says. "I really believe fantasy is a really OK thing and that anything in fantasy is fine."

"But it doesn't work, for me, to write about real intense violence or child pornography."

She recalls only a couple of requests for such off-limits

topics.

Prospective customers replying by mail to her classified ad, which reads: "Sensuous woman writer, writes gratifying fantasies. What would you like? Write Jenny, P.O. Box ... " receive a cover letter spelling out her prices and her restrictions.

Many don't reply after that, she says. Some really want a date and she has a strict policy against meeting clients in person.

She did once agree to an erotic telephone interview with a man who requested it.

"I debated about it and debated about it," she says. When the client agreed to a higher fee, she did it.

Jenny says she has never written pornography to sell to an x-rated publisher, preferring the personal approach.

She says she offers a harmless outlet for her customers, only one of whom has been female. Besides, she says, "It's a nice easy way to make money — I shouldn't say it's totally easy ... I have to work at it."

Jenny says she worries at times that "maybe I'd get so involved in this, writing about different sex acts would be so routine for me, that I'd lose the magic of it myself."

So far, she says, that hasn't happened.

Why would a customer pay \$20 for one story when he could purchase several erotic magazines for that amount?

"This is an individual woman writing them a tailor-made story, exactly as they want it," she says. "Or else she's revealing to them truths about her own past. I think that would be very tantalizing."

Last locomotives lug logs

BEATTY (AP) — Paul Bunyan used Babe the Blue Ox, most timber companies now rely on trucks, but some firms still haul logs out of the backwoods of the Pacific Northwest by train.

Near this Southern Oregon town, about 50 miles northeast of Klamath Falls, a 42-mile stretch of railroad is a working symbol of logging trains that criss-crossed the timber lands of Oregon and Washington.

Trucks have replaced trains as the most economical method to get a log from its stump to the mill. But a woods train near here, owned by Weyerhaeuser Company, remains a justifiable expense.

"I think that many people have discovered after they tore out their railroads that they made a mistake," says Finley Hays, editor of a newspaper for loggers in Chehalis, Wash.

Only a half-dozen other logging railroads still are running in the two states.

The train hooks up just east of here with a common carrier

railroad, the Oregon, California and Eastern, acquired by Weyerhaeuser in 1975, that carries the logs another 50 miles to the west.

The combination provides the massive wood products company with a direct line from the back woods of Klamath County to the company's sprawling complex in Klamath Falls.

The woods train, owned by Weyerhaeuser since 1938, makes a small concession to modern methods. Huge trucks carry their loads from nearby logging sites and the train rarely stops anymore where the trees are toppled.

The oversized trucks are too wide and heavy for public roads, but roam logging roads to three sites where their 45-ton loads are transferred to the railroad.

Glenn Fleet, 29, of Beatty, handles the controls in the woods train locomotive as Tom Titus, the trainmaster, surveys a loading operation.

Fleet's promotion to engineer three years ago came after a

humble beginning as a maintenance worker on the railroad. "I used to be pounding rails."

The train can carry as many as 85 cars crammed with logs as it snakes through isolated woods and the Sycan Marsh, where coyotes sometimes howl at night.

Fleet is one of four employees who work on the woods train, with six diesel-electric locomotives at their command. Four other 30-year-old locomotives sit unused and for sale at the Sycan shop.

The railroad cars themselves can handle more than 16 massive logs each, or between 14-16 cunits or 1,600 cubic feet of timber. Standard-sized log trucks that rumble on public roads handle less than half that load.

There are other woods trains left, including one near Springfield, two others near Chehalis and Shelton, Wash., and a line near Mount St. Helens that was damaged by the volcano's massive eruption in May 1980.

Protein may heal bone ills

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists around the world are racing to unravel a rare natural substance, which, a pioneering scientist says, may revolutionize treatment of a rogue's gallery of bone diseases, defects and damage.

"One of the newest and most interesting developments (in bone research) is the discovery of bone morphogenetic protein," says Dr. Marshall Urist, who heads UCLA's bone research laboratory. "BMP is the breakthrough that is bound to bring about important applications."

Urist, whose lab discovered the protein and reported just three years ago that it could be isolated from bone, said in an interview. "BMP is, at least theoretically, the active ingredient in bone renewal — in bone regeneration for healing fractures and in bone grafts."

The team also includes Gerald Finerman and Robert DeLange of the University of California at Los Angeles and Paul Price of the University of California-San Diego.

The protein, if it lives up to its potential and becomes available in usable amounts, could

prove invaluable in stimulating new growth to rebuild bones shattered by accident or left unfinished or misshapen by birth defects.

An assortment of diseases that damage bone or reduce its healing power might be diagnosed and treated more effectively. Even the age-related brittleness and healing problems that make broken hips common and often devastate the elderly might someday be eased with the substance.

But before the promise can be fulfilled, or even confirmed through a long process of laboratory, animal and finally human tests, scientists must characterize the protein.

A biochemist at another university cautioned. "The final outcome with respect to clinical importance, will have to await its characterization."

He added, however, "Urist has absolutely been a major force in this area of research."

Once the protein is unraveled, Urist said, genetic engineers should be able to build an artificial version of the gene that produces BMP and splice it into bacteria, which would become tiny factories for producing the protein.

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MEETINGS

The Japanese Bible Study meets every Saturday at 4 p.m. at 735 E. 17th Ave., Apt. 36. Any Japanese speaking person is welcome. For more information, call 687-8684.

Campus Crusade for Christ's weekly meeting gets underway today at 6:31 p.m. at the Newman Center, corner of 18th Avenue and Emerald Street, featuring Christian fellowship, singing, teaching and lots more.

The Student University Affairs Board will meet today at 3:30 p.m. in Room 37, EMU, to approve IFC appointment.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will hold their meeting today at 7:15 p.m. at the Wesley Center. Guest speaker Bruce Erickson will talk about Campus Evangelism.

The International Christian Fellowship will meet today at 7:30 p.m. at 1332 Kincaid St. for a Bible study led by Dr. Long.

A women's support group will meet today at noon in Century Room F, EMU. Drop-ins are welcome. Sponsored by Women's Referral and Resource Service. For more information call 686-3327.

SPEAKERS

C. Wilfred Griggs, an associate professor of ancient scripture, history and classics at Brigham Young University, will be speaking at a luncheon-forum today at 12:30 p.m. at the L.D.S. Institute of Religion, 768 E. 16th Ave. A light lunch will be provided for a small fee. The

public is invited. Sponsored by the Latter-day Saints Student Association.

FILMS

"Image Before My Eyes," a documentary film about life in Jewish Poland before World War II, will be shown Saturday at 8 p.m. at Temple Beth Israel, 2550 Portland St. Admission is free.

MISCELLANEOUS

One Way Ministries Bible study and Christian fellowship tonight at 8 in the EMU Forum. Pastor Dan Johnson will lead study. All are invited.

The University Gay Peoples Alliance will be holding

the first Backdoor Coffeehouse this Saturday from 7 p.m. to midnight at 1414 Kincaid St. Stop by for a relaxing evening of coffee and good company. Play a game of chess, cards, penta ... Your choice. For more information stop by the Gay Peoples Alliance, Suite 318, EMU, or call us at 686-3360.

The Northwest National Security Conference needs volunteers for a variety of different tasks. If you are willing to help contact Dave Isenberg or Bev Shoopman at the ASUO, Suite 4, EMU, or call 686-3724.

The United Methodist Campus Minister, Alice Knotts, will be present in the Carson Hall Dining Room today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all who would like to join her for lunch and conversation.

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