



Men are from NAPA, women are from Macy's

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If you want to observe the difference between men and women at its purest form, study their shopping habits. With the holiday buying season now officially under way, there's no better time to witness this phenomenon for yourself.

Here's a brief study guide to get you started.

Women:

- a) Define an outfit as something comprised of at least three pieces of clothing, all of which are interchangeable and flattering.
- b) Have researched the

best buys and know where there's a sale today.

c) Are undecided about whether or not a drop-waist makes them look fat.

d) Will try on all clothes within arm's reach of the fitting room.

Men:

a) Define an outfit as something comprised of jeans. And maybe a fishing lure.

b) Have researched today's game schedule on ESPN and know they can get to the store and back during halftime.

c) Are undecided about how to answer when their wives ask if a drop-waist makes them look fat.

d) Won't get within arm's reach of the fitting room.

Obviously, the best time to

conduct your study is when both men and women are in the store at the same time. This is easy to do if you just follow the Saturday sports schedule and plan your visits during halftime periods throughout the day.

The first thing you'll notice is the difference between how men and women enter the department store.

Men don't browse, they buy.

Being a man myself, I can attest to the fact that we enter the store with absolute purpose, and continue walking that way, even if we have no idea where we're going. When we do find the clothing section, there's no wasting time on decisions about color or fabric.

If it's denim and has working pockets, we're done shopping.

By comparison, most women enter a department store like archeologists stumbling upon the remains of a lost civilization. After creating a mental grid of the area, they begin the long, slow process of sifting through every rack and every bin of twisted undergarments until, eventually, they conclude there's nothing worth buying.

At which point they move to the next aisle.

For a thorough study of the shopping habits of men and women, you must also include men who accompany their wives shopping. Keep in mind that, in most cases, these men are there by

choice, i.e., they've chosen to go shopping over having their wives sleep in mechanic's overalls for the next six months.

The easiest way to tell these men apart from those who aren't there with their wives is to look for any man leaning on a shopping cart with the "100-yard stare." This is an unblinking gaze fixed on the exit doors, which, in most cases, are within 100 yards.

It's interesting to note some of the defense mechanisms that have evolved in these men over time. For example, waving at them instantly triggers loss of sight. Next comes deafness.

Should you somehow manage to get their attention,

these individuals will be unable to speak.

Carrying on the experiment passed this point isn't recommended unless you are a certified physician.

That said, as we enter the holiday gift-giving season, let's take time to rejoice in the differences between men and women. Let's embrace our diversity, and savor those things that define our genders.

And if possible, let's do it within 100 feet of the exit.

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B&G CLUB ANNUAL 'STUFF THE BUS' CAMPAIGN CONTINUES TODAY AT SAFEWAY

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County kicked off the second annual Stuff the Bus campaign yesterday and will continue it today, Dec. 2.

The Boys and Girls Club bus was at Fred Meyer on Friday, and today the bus will be parked at Safeway and the club van will be at Grocery Outlet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to the bus and van, donation barrels will be at Fred Meyer, Grocery Outlet, Safeway, Mini Pet

Mart and the Boys and Girls Club Teen Center, 1501 Airport Rd., until Dec. 8.

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Jack Davis said, "We were blown away by the overwhelming community response to our inaugural Stuff the Stuff the Bus campaign last year. We collected toys, clothing and non-perishable food that we were able to distribute to more than 100 families. "With the community's help, we

can do even better this year."

Again this year, the club is partnering with SuperFood Drive to promote healthy non-perishable food items such as low sodium soups, beans and canned vegetables, fruit canned in 100 percent juice, canned tuna, chicken, sardines and salmon, whole grain pasta and brown rice.

The club cannot accept fresh fruits or vegetables. Clothing, toys and non-perishable

food will be available to any family in need. Children do not have to be club members.

Request forms indicating shoe and clothing sizes needed and gift requests can be picked up at the Teen Center.

The distribution of all items collected will take place Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 21 at the Teen Center, between noon and 6 p.m.

The Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County receives no state or fed-

eral funding and is able to continue its ongoing youth development programs and community outreach through the support of people and businesses in the greater Florence area.

For more information on Stuff the Bus, or to learn more about the Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County, stop by the Teen Center weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., or call 541-902-0304.

FRAA annual Holiday Arts Festival offering seasonal art, crafts today at FEC

The 2017 Florence Regional Arts Alliance (FRAA) Holiday Arts Festival is offering unique gifts and fine craftsmanship during its festival, which continues today from 10 a.m. to 4

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Meet local and coastal craftsmen and artisans who will be showing off their latest creative designs and unique works of

art. Art includes stained glass, wood creations, fused glass, watercolors, mosaic art, fine art photography, pottery, home-spun and hand-dyed wool hats,

jewelry, crochete, hand-felted scarves, mushroom art and encaustic paintings, and more.

Artisans exhibiting in the

Holiday Arts Festival will be donating 10 percent of their sales to the FRAA Art Center.

Admission is free.

For more information, contact Claudia Brown 541-902-1933.



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