



'Cat Counselor' Finds Careers For Kitties

BLOOMFIELD, N.J. (Wireless Flash) — In this economy, every member of the household needs to contribute, including self-entitled pet cats.

Ann Dziemianowicz, author of *Careers For Your Cat* (Ten Speed Press), out August 3, is a major proponent of felines in the work force.

She believes lazy cats should get off their tails and embark on careers just like humans because that litter box, scratching post, and Fancy Feast doesn't come cheap.

After finding herself with three "unmotivated, underachieving" pet cats, Dziemianowicz became a "professional feline career coach."

She now claims to counsel kitties "out of an office in Manhattan," giving them her "Meowers-Briggs Personality Quiz" to pinpoint which job field they'd excel in.

For instance, if a cat is relaxed and mellow they might make a fine yoga instructor, while a sassy "creative extrovert" would be better suited as a celebrity photographer.

Dziemianowicz says she gets "deep fulfillment" from helping cat clients find their calling and lightening the financial burden for owners.

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'The Hangover' Causes Spike In Men Who Wear Babies

BOULDER, Colo. (Wireless Flash) — Due in part to the hit movie *The Hangover*, dads have gone gaga for wearing their babies.

Last summer's smash comedy has made a huge mark on pop culture, specifically in the baby carrier business.

In the movie, **Zach Galifianakis** famously totes around a baby named **Carlos** in a Baby Bjorn, and now more dads are following suit.

According to Seth Murray, president of bellebabycarriers.com, it's fair to say that *The Hangover* has influenced younger dads to use special front carriers for their little ones.

His own Belle Baby Carriers have seen a spike in sales since the movie came out last year and the trend shows no sign of slowing.

Murray says today's new generation of fathers are more hip to "babywearing" and its benefits.

Modern dads feel like they're contributing more to parenting by wearing their tots, while babies feel more relaxed and fall asleep faster being that close to Daddy's heartbeat.

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Cheaters Cheat For Weirdest Reasons

NEW YORK (Wireless Flash) — Cheaters don't necessarily need a good reason to be unfaithful.

In fact, many philander for the stupidest reasons, and Allison Kugel of CheatConfessions.com has the proof.

She's collected the strangest excuses for infidelity through her website, where cheaters can come clean about their love affairs anonymously.

One user claims they bedhopped because of a weird, "unexplainable love for cats," while others blame "hot lesbians," a fetish for nannies, "crazy nymphos," a lack of fellatio, and polish sausages for their indiscretions.

Kugel says her online confessional has made her realize that people are "out of touch with reality and their conscience."

However, she doesn't feel like lovers should "overcompensate" by waiting hand and foot on their partner just to keep them from straying.

She explains, "I think people should put their antenna up but they shouldn't try to hold on to someone inclined to cheat."

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'Royal Pains' Actor Adopted By 'The Fonz'

NEW YORK (Wireless Flash) — **Henry Winkler** has adopted a son — he's a grown man in his 30s who was once obsessed with *Happy Days*.

Winkler plays **Mark Feuerstein's** father on *Royal Pains*, airing Thursdays on USA Network, and Feuerstein couldn't be happier about his onscreen relations.

Turns out the *Royal Pains* TV doctor was a huge *Happy Days* fan growing up and, in his words, "Worshipped **The Fonz.**"

He thought Winkler's leather-clad character was the absolute coolest, and now that The Fonz is his dad on TV, Feuerstein figures he's somehow "cool by association."

To this day, Feuerstein says Winkler has a certain "panache" about him, where everything he says and does comes out extra cool.

He hopes some of that smoothness eventually rubs off on him on set, although he'll settle for simply hearing stories about Winkler's career, including the time he refused to comb his hair on *Happy Days*.

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'Star Wars' Dark Side Lightens Up

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (Wireless Flash) — Believe it or not, The Force of good is actually strong in **Darth Vader** and the dark **Imperial Army**.

The "501st Legion" is a crew of hardcore *Star Wars* fans that dress up as **Stormtroopers** and other bad guys from the iconic flick and do good deeds.

Along with "promoting and celebrating" their favorite franchise, Legion Public Relations Officer Dean Plantamura says they do charity work for the likes of Make-A-Wish and other good causes.

So maybe now the dark side won't have such a bad rap.

Says Plantamura: "We do the villain characters because it's more fun to be the bad guys. They have cooler costumes. But we're bad guys that do good. We're improving the perception of fans."

Additionally, members of the 501st Legion are excited to "have a second childhood" and dress up as their favorite legendary icons.

Surprisingly, though, sometimes people confuse them for **Power Rangers**.

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Size Matters With Saws

NEW YORK (Wireless Flash) — If you're going to fiddle with a saw, make sure it's nice and big.

The Musical Saw Festival will bring sweet sounds to NYC's Hellenic Cultural Center on August 7, where musicians will play everything from rap to polka on saws commonly used to cut wood using a bow.

Spokeswoman Natalia Paruz says that although the tradition has been around 300 years, not many people know they can jam on the tool.

Once they see it done, however, many are inspired to learn to play and Paruz advises newbies to go with a bigger saw because in this case, size definitely matters.

She explains, "It should be a minimum of 26 inches long for the music to be good."

Once they've mastered it, folks can truly get "wild" on stage. One saw musician has been known to stop in the middle of playing and saw a slab of wood in half to get the crowd pumped.

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Weird News Central: Florida Senior Has Sex With Christie Brinkley

MIAMI (Wireless Flash) — Remember the good old days, when “having sex with a dog” just meant you were a dude with low standards?

Police in Dade County, Florida, are accusing 64-year-old Armand Pacher of doing it doggystyle with **Christie Brinkley** — not the '80s supermodel, but his own Great Dane.

Though it seems Packer should face charges for bestiality, there's no way he's going to prison.

As AOL Senior Correspondent Buck Wolf points out, Florida is one of 16 states that don't have specific laws against sex with animals.

Instead, Wolf reports that Pacher is facing a third-degree charge for animal cruelty, which could mean only five years in jail.

Wolf says the Sunshine State has a pretty dark history of man-on-animal sex cases. Just last April, a woman was caught making her own self-produced pooch porn.

State officials have proposed a bestiality law, but as of yet, it's stalled in committee. Clearly, you can't teach old dogs new tricks.

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Wacky World Records Broken At San Diego Comic-Con

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — This year's San Diego Comic-Con (Jul. 22-25) is destined to break major records.

Guinness World Records and its editor-in-chief, **Craig Glenday**, will be on hand at the geeky event all weekend to judge several record attempts and present official certificates.

It all began yesterday (Jul. 22) with a wacky feat by competitive eater **Joey Chesnut**, who tried to smash the record for “Most Chocolate Bars Eaten In One Minute.” He ate 20.

Then, **Sylvester Stallone** accepted honors on behalf of *Rocky* as the “Most Successful Sports Movie Franchise.”

Today (Jul. 23), legendary letterer **Todd Klein** will accept the Guinness certificate for “Most Eisner Awards In One Category,” having won 15 of the comic book Oscars over his career.

Meanwhile, wrestlers **Randy Couture** and **Steve Austin** will be saluted for their record time in the ring, the tallest structure built with LEGOs — 99-foot-one — will be praised, and Comic-Con itself will go down in the books for drawing so many attendees.

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Sending Out Resumes Gets Creative

LONDON (Wireless Flash) — Keeping track of all the resumes you send out can become a real headache.

With the unemployment rate still at a dismal level, the jobless may need extra help sprucing up their resumes and figuring out exactly where it's going.

Enter Innovate CV, a British company that helps people with all of the annoying details having to do with job searching.

Those who sign up with the handy dandy tool will get unlimited use of clean, professional resume templates that could make a CV more eye-catching.

Since people end up having to change their resume and cover letter countless times to accommodate different jobs they're applying for, Innovate CV helps keep things organized by saving each version of the resume that was made so users can remember exactly what they sent to which potential employer, should anyone get back to them.

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Flash Lites: Rip 'N' Read Pop Culture Recap

HOLLYWOOD (Wireless Flash) — **Tom Cruise's** confusing flick, *Vanilla Sky*, has been officially dubbed the most baffling film ever. According to a new poll by LoveFilm.com, movie buffs agree that they're totally perplexed by the 2001 mystery thriller. Other flicks that leave audiences wondering include: **David Lynch's** *Mulholland Drive*, *Donnie Darko*, *The Matrix Revolutions*, **Christopher Nolan's** *Memento*, *12 Monkeys*, and the cult classic *A Clockwork Orange*.

BILLUND, Denmark — Soccer stud **David Beckham** may be rolling in free LEGOs. The company wants to make **Becks** their new creative mastermind after he unofficially endorsed the building blocks earlier this month by revealing to fans that he'd built a LEGO model of the Taj Majal. Sales increased by a whopping 663 percent following Beckham's confession, and now LEGO has invited him to their headquarters in Denmark to help drum up new ideas for the classic toy.

HOLLYWOOD — All hope isn't lost just yet on that big screen sequel to *Anchorman*. Although Paramount execs rejected the \$60 million request to fund the flick, **Steve Carell** says **Will Ferrell** and director **Adam McKay** have an idea to turn *Anchorman* into a Broadway musical. Supposedly, the plan is to reunite the cast in a theatrical production and then go on to film a new movie. If that's the case, Carell says he's fully on board.

LOS ANGELES — *Mad Men* star **Jon Hamm** is going from sophisticated series to crude cartoon by appearing on *The Simpsons*. He's set to voice a tough FBI agent who has no patience for **Homer Simpson** on an upcoming episode. Producers say Hamm did so well, they may invite him back for another round in animation.

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Around The Weird: Bizarre News Briefs

LUBECK, Germany (Wireless Flash) — Sometimes, having sex in adventurous places can fall flat. Two lovers in Lubeck, Germany, were recently romping on the windowsill of a flat when things got so steamy, they fell out of the window. The daring duo ended up butt naked on the concrete and broke a few bones in the process proving that love, does in fact, hurt.

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — South Carolina resident Lori Shannon Turner has been arrested for disorderly conduct after shoving a McDonald's hamburger down her pants. Here's the scoop: She ordered two burgers and a coffee and as her coffee was being made, she stuffed one of the burgers down her pants and then claimed she'd only been given one to begin with. She was caught red-handed after a staffer noticed a big grease stain on the front of her pants, at which point she began screaming.

SALT LAKE CITY — Note to self: Do not send notes to your wife's cat from prison. A man who's already in jail for domestic violence faces new charges for attempting to contact his estranged wife through her pet cat. Allegedly, the man violated a protective order by writing a letter to his wife's kitty, Molly, asking the pet to ask his wife not to testify against him in court.

REXBURG, Idaho — Cops in Rexburg, Idaho, sure know how to burst a kid's bubble. Police just prevented a group of at least 100 college students from having a giant water balloon fight at a public park due to safety concerns. Cops claim the students need a permit for the event and could get hurt or damage property as a result of the water fight.

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