

## Nicotine Condoms Eliminate Urge To Smoke After Sex

LIVINGSTON, N.J. (Wireless Flash) — If there's already nicotine in your condom, then there's no need to light up a cigarette after good sex.

That's the idea behind "Hooker NRT," a novel nicotine-laced condom created by Swedish company Pharmacia Latex Aktiebolaget.

It's set to hit the U.S. in early 2011 via distributor Jeff Weiss of HOTLOGO, Inc., and customcondoms.biz, who confirms that the rubber has several perks.

For starters, Weiss says it serves as a safe tool for smokers trying to wean themselves off cigarettes.

Since they're able to get their fix through the nicotine-infused lubricant in the condom, they have less of a desire to actually inhale.

Better yet, they won't have the urge to light up right after sex because they've already gotten what they need from the prophylactic.

Weiss adds, "More sex, less smoke. That's our motto."

Because nicotine is a natural stimulant, Weiss says the rousing rubber will likely make sexual encounters more exciting and eventful.

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## Unemployment Improves Sex Lives

LOS ANGELES (Wireless Flash) — Oddly enough, losing your job can come in handy.

Being unemployed sucks, but "sexpert" Dr. Don Etkes of SexEsteem.com says there's a silver lining behind those long days at home with nothing to do.

He explains, "You have all that extra time on your hands, so I recommend putting those hands to better use. It's a great time to explore masturbation."

The jobless can now make self-pleasure extra special by lighting candles, playing relaxing music, and taking their sweet time to enjoy it all.

Plus, according to Dr. Don, masturbating is "the most fun you can have for free," so there's no need to dip into that government check for other recreational activities.

Because they'll have more time to devote to learning about pleasuring a partner, unemployed folks will become dynamos in the sack.

Thus, they'll find themselves constantly "glowing," which Dr. Don says will rub off on employers and lead to other types of jobs.

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## 'Castle' Star Rides Very Own 'Tron' Light Cycle

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — *Castle* star **Nathan Fillion** may drive a regular car now, but back in the day, he traveled by *Tron* Light Cycle.

The actor, who plays mystery novelist **Richard Castle** on the hit ABC series, was a huge fan of the original 1982 sci-fi flick, *Tron*, as a kid and yearned for having his very own Light Cycle.

Fillion remembers hopping on his "banana seat bike" and riding around his neighborhood with friends, pretending their regular old wheels were actually super-powered Light Cycles inside a computer program.

For full effect, he says they'd "get down really, really low on the handlebars" and try to go "at the speed of light."

However, in trying to ride as fast as possible the steering would become extra wobbly and Fillion admits, "We'd fall down constantly."

With the updated *Tron: Legacy* movie hitting theaters this December, Fillion is feeling nostalgic but confirms he has no plans to build another Light Cycle as an adult.

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## Chat With Elvis Through A Seance

NEWCASTLE, England (Wireless Flash) — August 16, 2010, will mark 33 years since **Elvis Presley's** death, but fans can still talk to **The King** live.

Through a seance, at least.

According to paranormal investigator Dean Maynard — who's held more than 100 seances, including one with the ghost of **Jack The Ripper** — Elvis' death anniversary is prime time to make contact with the legend.

To begin, Maynard suggests filling a dark, quiet room with white candles and low sounds of Elvis' hit songs, including "Jailhouse Rock."

Bringing in items Elvis was fond of — such as peanut butter and banana sandwiches or a pair of blue suede shoes — will also help, because his ghost will feel welcomed by the familiar objects.

Of course, if fans have authentic Elvis memorabilia, that's even better.

Maynard says the best time to summon spirits is at Midnight.

If Elvis is, in fact, in the building, signs may include tapping on the walls, flickering candles, and cold, phantom breezes.

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## Who Would You Rather: Joel McHale Or Jon Hamm?

SAN DIEGO (Wireless Flash) — Who's more ruggedly handsome: Funnyman **Joel McHale** or *Mad Men's* brooding **Jon Hamm**?

If you ask *Community* star and *Mad Men* regular **Alison Brie**, she'd say Joel McHale, hands down — but only if he's within ear shot.

Brie admits that when the sexy **Don Draper** himself asks her who's more handsome on the set of the '60s period drama, she sides with the boyishly good-looking McHale again — well, sort of.

She says, "I tell Jon, 'He's way more dreamy than you, Jon.' Then we all laugh out loud."

But when Brie and McHale shared an onscreen smooch for an episode of *Community* last season, she jokes that she may have had Hamm on her mind the whole time.

The kiss must've still been pretty steamy though, since it inspired one mega fan to make an online video of their characters' most romantic moments set to a heartfelt love song.

Season two of *Community* returns to NBC September 23.

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## Moose Poop Masks Smell Of Weed

MISSOULA, Mont. (Wireless Flash) — All stoners have to do to mask the smell of weed is light up some moose crap.

So says Jerry Black, creator of "Moosense," incense made out of moose poop that he collects from the mountain areas around his Montana home.

Apparently, the smell of burning moose feces is a lot like the scent of a campfire due to a moose's diet of grass, willow, and berries.

It's so potent, Black says teens can spark up a doobie without worrying about getting caught.

He explains, "I tell the university kids that smoke pot to light this when they get high because it masks the smell of weed."

Moosense's natural scent is also very relaxing, so it can make a stoner's high even more relaxing.

However, folks probably shouldn't try smoking the doo-doo.

Luckily, they'll never confuse one for the other since the incense definitely looks like crap.

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## Canadian Bed & Breakfast A Hotspot For Stars

OSOYOOS, B.C. (Wireless Flash) — One secluded getaway in Canada has become THE place to spot stars.

The Observatory B&B in Osoyoos, British Columbia, is a charming little inn with one big out-of-this-world feature: A 16-foot-dome on the roof that moonlights as a fully-functioning observatory.

Owners Jack and Alice Newton, self-taught astronomers, invite guests to stay between April and October — stargazing season.

They offer walking tours of the surrounding clear skies and rent out telescopes so curious lodgers can see the stars up close.

Jack says the best time for stargazing from their dome is between 10 PM and 11:30 PM, although astronomy never sleeps.

During the day, Alice says guests can use special telescope filters to observe the sun, something that can't be done otherwise.

Besides meteor showers and eclipses, Alice says most visitors really enjoy seeing Saturn from the observatory because the ringed planet is truly breathtaking.

For details and reservations, visit [jacknewton.com](http://jacknewton.com).

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## Kids School Adults In Filmmaking

SAN FRANCISCO (Wireless Flash) — Why go to film school when a child can teach you everything you need to know about making movies?

Today's children are fully exposed to advanced technology, thus, they're able to easily create movies for the Three-Minute Picture Show, a festival where amateur filmmakers put together a feature that's only three minutes long, happening August 21 in Portland, Oregon.

This year, spokesperson Camille Verboort says they opened the event to kids ages six to 18 because the work they create is just plain amazing.

She says, "For years I've been getting emails from kids that wanted to be part of the festival. They're so camera savvy and grew up with computers and all this technology. Many are more skilled than the adults."

Verboort herself even visited one 14-year-old filmmaker's home recently to learn how to make a stop animation movie, an experience she dubs "very educational."

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WATERBURY, Vt. (Wireless Flash) — Ben & Jerry's has teamed up with Target to debut two new exclusive ice cream flavors at all 1,740 Target stores across the U.S. Now on shelves are "Berry Voluntary" and "Brownie Chew Gooder," available through the rest of 2010. The flavors — and their names — are a take on both companies' commitment to volunteerism. They're promoting a "Scoop It Forward" campaign to get people volunteering around their communities through [volunteermatch.org/scoopitforward](http://volunteermatch.org/scoopitforward). Press contact: Liz Brenna; (802) 846-1500, ext. 7707; [liz.brenna@benjerry.com](mailto:liz.brenna@benjerry.com).

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Backbeat Books has announced plans to publish *December 8, 1980*, a new book commemorating the 30th anniversary of the death of **Beatles** icon **John Lennon**. It'll hit shelves this November and will chronicle a minute-by-minute account of that tragic day, tracking all of the events leading up to the moment when **Mark David Chapman** shot Lennon. The book will be penned by *New York Times* best-selling author **Keith Elliot Greenberg**, who may eventually be available for interviews to discuss the project. Media info: Diane Levinson; (973) 337-5034, ext. 208; [dlevinson@halleonard.com](mailto:dlevinson@halleonard.com).

LOS ANGELES — Every 10 seconds, someone is diagnosed with diabetes, but there's a way to end all that. Renowned diabetes expert Dr. Stefan Ripich is available for interviews regarding his book, *The 30-Day Diabetes Cure*. Dr. Ripich can discuss his approach to the disease, which includes one simple addition or subtraction to one's diet each day, a formula that has completely reversed Type 2 diabetes and prediabetes in every patient he's treated, while dramatically reducing insulin levels in those with Type 1. He can also share information about the No. 1 anti-diabetes food, which, surprisingly is not sugar. Press requests: Rita Roberts; (818) 707-1473.

LOS ANGELES — Time Life is celebrating the 40th anniversary of *Soul Train* with *The Best Of Soul Train* three-DVD boxed set, out August 31. The DVD honors the culturally influential music show and its platform as a launching pad for tons of musicians, outrageous fashions, and hip dances over the decades. It features a rare collection of 50 performances from the *Soul Train* archives, including those by **The Jackson Five**, **Marvin Gaye**, **Stevie Wonder**, and **Aretha Franklin** from the show's most acclaimed era — 1971 through 1979. Also included are on-air interviews with artists and vintage commercials for Afro Sheen products. Press contact: Karen Sundell; (310) 854-8167; [ksundell@rogersandcowan.com](mailto:ksundell@rogersandcowan.com).

LOS ANGELES — Adult film director **Axel Braun** has just announced plans to make a 3-D porn parody of *Star Wars*. The skin flick, *Star Wars XXX*, is slated for release September 2011 and will mark Vivid Entertainment's first foray into the hugely popular 3-D movie format. Braun says he wants to take his time and do things nice and slow so he can make the best porn possible. He may be available for media interviews. Press contact: Jackie Martin; (800) 762-4761; [jackie@vivid.com](mailto:jackie@vivid.com).