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Socks with sex appeal

By HOWARD TAYLOR JR.
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After decades of wallowing in a drab abyss of gray, dark blue and black-on-black, men's socks have thrown open the dresser drawers and exploded upon our wardrobes in a blaze of color, textures and patterns not seen since Roman players wore socks on-stage.

The revolution is here — in argyles, geometrics, paisleys, plaids, nubby knits, raw silks, Missoni sweater patterns and an array of other whimsical designs.

Suddenly, men's socks have sex appeal, and American women are learning what their French, Italian and Japanese counterparts have known for years — that their legs aren't the only ones that are getting second looks.

"I think men's socks have come into their own over the past several years," said Nathan Block, men's sportswear buyer at Wilkes Bashford Ltd., San Francisco's premier haberdashery.

"Men are less nervous, self-conscious, about how they look. They aren't as concerned about stereotyp-

ing. Nowadays, it's not unusual for men to cross their legs and have people notice their socks," Block says.

"Most socks used to be for business," says one men's store owner. "All the others sort of exploded in patterns, colors and textures a short while back. Socks are something that haven't been tapped. They've changed so much in the past three years."

But don't get carried away by the wide variety of offerings available. Experts agree that there remains a short list of do's and don't's.

"The best type of hose is that made from natural fibers — cotton or wool. These materials allow a better flow of air, cutting down on perspiration and heat," writes designer Alan Flusser in his book "Clothes and the Man."

"The length of hose ought to be either calf-height or above the calf. Ankle-high hose should be avoided. Nothing looks worse when a man's legs are crossed than an exposed patch of skin separating the top of his hose and the bottom of his trousers," Flusser said.

So, give your socks the same thought you afford a shirt, tie, new suit or sport coat.

In Passing

around
the Hat



HOW'S YOUR BP? — Gail Kuystermans takes Ed Heino's blood pressure during a practise session recently. The pair, with other members of St. John Ambulance, will work at a free blood pressure clinic March 27 and 28 at the Medicine Hat Mall.
—News photo Ed Kaiser



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — Kay and Chuck Lemna will celebrate 50 years of marriage with an open house for relatives and friends, March 28, 6 to 10 p.m., in the Ortona Room at the Medicine Hat Legion. The couple, who were married March 30, 1937 in Medicine Hat, have two children and five grandchildren. No gifts by request.
—News photo Ed Kaiser

Donation made

Medicine Hat College Student's Association recently purchased a \$120 talking bear with tapes for the children in the Medicine Hat and District Association for the Mentally Retarded's Intensive Supervision and Care Group Home.

New executive

Gail Jarret was elected president of the Big Brother Association of Medicine Hat and District at the annual meeting.

Elected to serve with her are: Chris Beitel, Duncan MacLean, Colin McEwan, Darren Rud and Frank Symons.

Les Smith received a life membership for his many years of service.

Loto winner

Shirley Downey wants to share her \$5,000 Super Loto win with her two children and four grandchildren.

Downey won the money on her Feb. 1 to 15 ticket.

Pat on the back

Allen Scheuchner was awarded a Pat on the Back certificate from his employers Roto Rooter for his courteous and pleasant manner.

Ann Landers 'Our choice'



Dear Ann Landers: I am now working with adolescents who have cerebral palsy. What I am writing about also has been experienced by my colleagues. Please print this letter.

When we are in public with these children strangers come up to us and say, "It's such a wonderful thing you are doing." Or, "You must have a world of patience. God bless you."

Although it is nice to know that people appreciate what I do, the message I get is this one: "You are heroic." Or worse yet, "A martyr."

Please let your readers know that we chose to be special educators. Some people are not cut out for this job, just as I am not cut out for (or have no desire to do) what they are doing. Although I have a fair amount of patience one doesn't have to be a saint to work with challenged children. Many of these youngsters will be able to lead happy, productive lives. More important, they do not feel sorry for themselves.

Also, Ann, please let people know that cerebral palsy (CP) is not a disease children are "afflicted with." (What a horrible term!) And it is NOT progressive (another common myth). CP is brain damage that affects muscle movement. Also, many people assume that all CP children are retarded. This is NOT true. Even the most physically disabled children can have above-normal intelligence.

I realize my letter is a long one but I hope you will print all of it. This is one subject that even the well-educated need to know more about. — Frustrated Special Educator in VA

Dear Special: Thank you for a beautiful letter. I view this column as an opportunity to educate and you have helped me do my job today. Bless you.

Dear Ann Landers: When I was 25 I became involved with a married man 20 years my senior. I continued the relationship for 16 years, passing up promotions so I could work nights to be with him during morning hours and at lunchtime.

I was a slave to the telephone — waiting for a last-minute call saying he would be over. Of course, we couldn't go anywhere for fear of being seen so it was always my place, where I cooked while he made business calls on the phone.

A year ago today my lover died of a heart attack. He left his wife, a beautiful home and three loving children. He also left her well provided for. Naturally, she was the beneficiary of his insurance policies. I was left nothing but a thousand memories of stolen moments.

I know now that I wasted my youth on a man who was going to marry me "some day." I can't believe I was so blind — and so dumb. This letter is a plea for every woman who is in this kind of relationship. For Lord's sake, get out NOW and make a life for yourself. I wish I had. — Long Time Reader in MO

Dear L.T.R.: If you've been a "Long Time Reader," how come you didn't see all those letters from single women who were slipping around with married men?

It's still not too late. Pick up the pieces of your life and get into circulation. There may not be loads of eligible men out there but one is all you need. Good luck.

MCR adds her touch to rodeo

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Of The News

Despite her busy schedule, Miss Rodeo Canada Kelly Fredell is still full of energy and has a smile for everyone as Medicine Hatters found out when she was in the city recently.

Fredell adds the female touch of glamor to the rodeo circuit as she rides in the grand entry at rodeos across the country. Her role is promoting good public relations for the Canadian Professional Rodeo Association, but her job doesn't end there. She conducts interviews, makes commercials, visits hospitals and models in fashion shows.

She also has the opportunity to meet and make friends with local stampee queens such as Medicine Hat's Rhonda Schlenker.

Since Laurie Sharland, who is the co-ordinator of the Medicine Hat Stampede Queen contest, took over as chairman of the Miss Rodeo Canada (MRC) board there have been some changes.

MRC is now in the public eye more often and there is more financial support. But additional support is needed since the winner can't hold a job and is dependent on the CPRA.

Fredell, who lives in Williams Lake, B.C., has had to rearrange her life somewhat since assuming the crown. When she won the title last November, taking over from Medicine Hat's Shellie Sodero, she was planning a career in chiropractic medicine, she says.

"I wanted to give rodeo my all, so I decided if I didn't win I'd go to school in January, otherwise I'd take the year off."

Of her role she says, "It's not physically tiring but there's not much time for yourself — you get a little tired of being on show, but it's fun."



Rhonda Schlenker, Medicine Hat's stampee queen, and Kelly Fredell, Miss Rodeo Canada, share experiences and smiles during Fredell's recent visit to the city.

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- We'll show you a timetable and how they are set up.
- We will outline our counselling services.
- We will discuss transferability.
- We'll provide a question and answer period...

Please join us on
Wednesday, March 25th at 7:00 p.m.
In the Crowfoot Room at the College.

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