Boys Will Be Boys

Research by and for adolescent males of all ages and sexes

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In-Depth Findings

“Colorectal Foreign Bodies,” D.L. Clarke, I. Buccimazza, F.A. Anderson and S.R. Thomson, Colorectal Disease, vol. 7, no 1, January 2005, pp. 98-103. The authors, who are at the Nelson R. Mandela School of Medicine, University of Kwazulu Natal, Durban, South Africa, update -- with photographs -- the work of 1995 Ig Nobel Medicine Prize winners D.B. Busch and J.R. Starling:

Objective: A pictorial review of colorectal foreign bodies and their extraction.

Methods: A prospective data-base and photographic record of patients who presented with retained colorectal foreign bodies at our institution has been maintained since 1995. ... The foreign bodies included a penknife, an aerosol deodorant spray can, a blue plastic tumbler, a plastic bag containing two bank-notes and some marijuana, a plastic packet containing fish hooks, a penlight torch, a broomstick, a battery powered vibrator, a primus stove, a cap of an aerosol can, a piece of wire, a piece of hosepipe wrapped with wire and an iron bar. They entered the alimentary tract for a variety of reasons...

Monkeys Value Porn

“Monkeys Pay Per View: Adaptive Valuation of Social Images by Rhesus Macaques,” Robert O. Deaner, Amit V. Khera, and Michael L. Platt, Current Biology, vol. 15, no. 6, published online January 27, 2005. (Thanks to Bruce Williams for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, who are at Duke University, explain that:

Here, we show that monkeys differentially value the opportunity to acquire visual information about particular classes of social images. Male rhesus macaques [paid something of value] for the opportunity to view female perinea and the faces of high-status monkeys but required fluid overpayment to view the faces of low-status monkeys.

Cold Comfort Astern

“Frostbite of the Gluteal Region,” S.M. Azad, K. Allison, N. Khwaja and N. Moiemen, Burns, vol. 29, no. 7, November 2003, pp. 739-44. (Thanks to New Scientist for bringing this to our attention.)

Tooth-Brushing Epilepsy with Ictal Orgasms

“Tooth-Brushing Epilepsy with Ictal Orgasms,” Y.C. Chuang, et al., Seizure, vol. 13, no. 3, April 2004, pp. 179-82. (Thanks to Dieter Menne for bringing this to our attention.) The authors, who are at the Chang Gung Memorial Hospital-Kaohsiung in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, state the case plainly:

We report a 41-year-old woman with complex reflex epilepsy in which seizures were induced exclusively by the act of tooth brushing. ... We suggest that tooth-brushing epilepsy, especially with sexual ictal manifestations, may provide insight into the cerebral pathophysiology at the right temporolimbic structure.