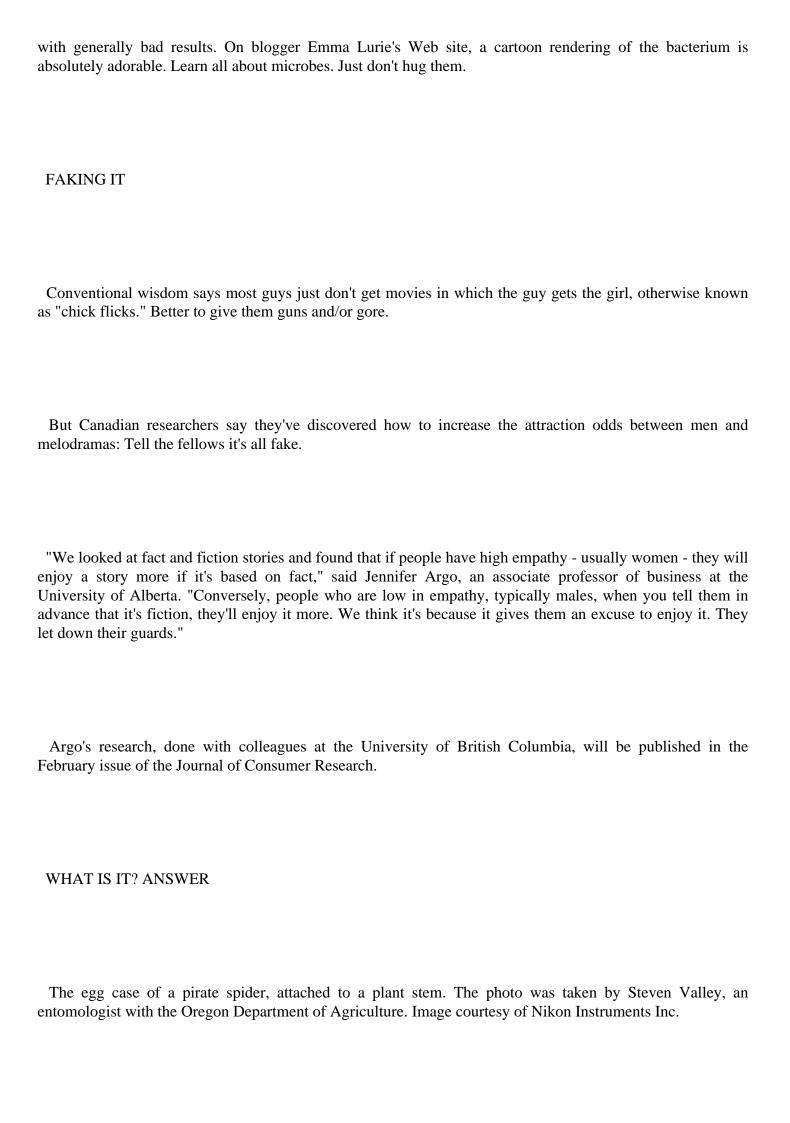
by Scott_LaFee **VERBATIM** The dinosaurs became extinct because they didn't have a space program. TRUE FACTS - To have sex, a yeast cell must reshape itself, becoming elongated like a microscopic WHAT IS IT? - This is an egg case of a pirate spider attached to a plant stem. CNS pear. CNS Photo. FAKING IT - Researchers say men would enjoy 'chick flick' melodrama movies more if they were told that the plot is all fake. CNS Photo. PICKY EATER - Scientists say the blue tit bird feeds spiders to its young offspring because spiders are rich in taurine, an amino acid that's essential to developing visual acuity, intelligence and resistance to anxiety. CNS Photo. - Science fiction writer Larry Niven **BRAIN SWEAT** Below, 10 nine-letter words have been divided into three-letter segments and mixed up. Using all of the segments, but none more than once, can you re-create the 10 words? ely rec ant htn fer ort ent cer por sin lig ian lio row use rar lib ive tfo sca ing ing far eth som dif est dig imp mho 'TRUE FACTS'

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Yeast cells don't have casual sex. Preparations are involved. In particular, the cell must reshape itself, becoming elongated like a microscopic pear. Scientists have a name for a cell in such a state: "shmoo." The word was coined in 1974 and inspired by the pear-shaped character, the Shmoo, in Al Capp's comic strip, "Lil Abner."
BRAIN SWEAT ANSWER
different, digestive, farmhouse, important, librarian, lightning, portfolio, scarecrow, sincerely, something
ANTHROPOLOGY 101
Numerous tribes in central Australia once kept large banks of dried human foreskins, which were thought to have magical rainmaking properties.
NO THANKS, I'LL GO STRAIGHT TO DESSERT
Ornithologists studying the blue tit, a European relation to the chickadee, had long been perplexed by the bird's culinary tastes. Mother birds invariably seemed to heap large helpings of spiders upon their newly hatched chicks when caterpillars (another food favorite) are juicier, more abundant and much easier to catch.
Kathryn Arnold of the University of Glasgow says she's found a possible answer: Spiders are rich in taurine, an amino acid that's essential to developing visual acuity, intelligence and resistance to anxiety. Interestingly, the mother birds only begin feeding the chicks spiders on day five of life when the chicks open their eyes for the first time.

POETRY FOR SCIENTISTS
Star light, star bright
First star I see tonight.
Wish I may, wish I might
Damn, it's just a satellite.
ELECTRON INK
Adopt a microbe;
adoptamicrobe.blogspot.com
Francisella tularensis is a gram negative bacterium that lives mostly on rabbits, but can also infect humans



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