

"That is the story. Do you think there is any way of making them believe it?" (Plato, 380BC)

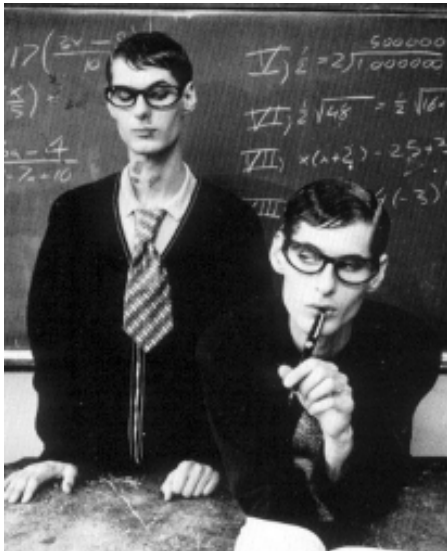
GEEK, THE HIP NEW COOL Fashion Industry Rocked

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Is it just coincidence, or have we been seeing increased numbers of younger males walking the streets sporting pocket protectors and plaid pants with chest-height beltlines? Complete the picture with black hornrimmed glasses and slick hair in unorthodox styles.

"This is the hip new look," says Andre Linnenn, owner of Geek Chic and Nerdular, the campy hair salon and specialty fashion clothing outlet at the North Bergen Country Faire. "The Total Information Age is being shaped by nerds, and the look is gaining popularity in direct proportion to their increasing numbers. We anticipate a lasting fashion paradigm to emerge as the defining characteristic of geek style."

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Geek models courtesy Eileen Ford Agency

CORPORATE RAIDERS STRIKE AGAIN

Bleeth Acquires Doo Solutions

By Thurmond Olds
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Doo Solutions, the specialty megastore chain, changed hands Thursday when Bleeth Acquisitions tendered a bid for 51% of the troubled corporate giant. Doo Solutions, the canine waste disposal retailer, dominated the market with its innovative DoggieDoo Glove'N Bag Kit, introduced in

ANOTHER OVERDOSE!!

Fifth this Month, Caffeine Under Attack

By Marston Tidwell
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A Quaintsville man collapsed and died Thursday of what was diagnosed as another case of acute caffeine poisoning, in front of the Pottstown Street Starbucks, and all attempts to revive him were ineffective, including CPR, a slap in the face, and soaking with a bucket of cold water.

Tremblay Shakermann, 42, husband and father of three, was pronounced dead on arrival at Merry Widow Hospital. The attending physician, Dr. George Krankz, acknowledged that Shakermann's blood caffeine was 18 times the normal 2-cup a day level. "His system just shut down," said Krankz.

A well known local activist, Shakermann had to be escorted from the Starbuck's recently, according to franchise owner Bob Shellhouse. "I felt he'd had enough. He was talking everyone's ear off non-stop, and seemed very agitated, but insisted he was OK. It was a sad scene. DECAF (Destroying Every Caffeine Addicted Fiend) had been demonstrating in front of his house recently and I think it was beginning to get to him."

Legislation has been introduced in the US House of Representatives by Rep. Dana Rohrbacher that would limit the sale, use, and interstate transport of caffeine containing products, with strict restrictions on soft drinks, coffee, coffee bean grinders, and cheap coffeemakers. "This is a war on the caffeine terrorists," said Rohrbacher, "and we need to identify who is pushing this

December 2001 to the pet loving public. Support from parks departments and municipalities nationwide cemented their number one status in the industry.

The competition was left in the dust until June of this year. Poo Universe, an affiliate of American Waste Disposal Incorporated, introduced the Pickin' Up the Poo throw-away integrated scooper and bag, making the doo removal process an easy one-handed operation. "We are on the cutting edge of

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threat to our national security."

Coffee drinker and local mayor Tony Crandall declared, "I will not let this controversy sideline the war on shmutz." [see *Coffee, the New Terror*, Page A3]

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