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Harvesting Rain: Why Using Rainwater Is Better for You, Your Plants and Your Water Bill

There are a slew of benefits that come with the purity of rainwater. Plants prefer it, especially if tap water has been treated with softening salts, which dampen plant growth. The lack of minerals in rainwater make it more effective for washing hair or doing the dishes. Furthermore, reducing or eliminating mineral deposits in pipes and water heaters can extend their life, requiring less maintenance and associated costs. Collecting rainwater also reduces pollution-causing runoff, and if it is collected and used without the aid of pumps or other powered equipment, provides a carbon-neutral water source.

Source:(emagazine.com)



Does size matter in Australia?

Taller men are able to earn more money than their shorter counterparts simply because taller people are perceived to be more intelligent and powerful, this according to a study published in The Economic Record by Wiley-Blackwell.

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/20090712/Does-size-matter-in-Australia.aspx>

Chevron: 'We're Not Paying' \$27 Billion Fine for Ecuador Rainforest Contamination

U.S. oil company Chevron said Monday that it expects to lose a case which charges the company's Texaco branch with polluting Ecuador's rain forest with oil-contaminated water for nearly two decades. An expert appointed by Ecuador's courts assessed the damages to the locals' health and environment to be \$27 billion: A sum which Chevron spokesman Don Campbell bluntly told The Wall Street Journal, "We're not paying and we're going to fight this for years if not decades into the future." It will be the largest award ever in an environmental lawsuit, even if it goes uncollected.

Source: RawStory.com

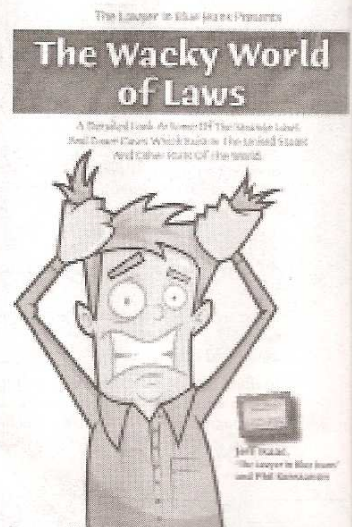
Top 10 Greenest U.S. Brands

1. Green Works (Clorox)
2. Burt's Bees
3. Tom's of Maine
4. SC Johnson
5. Toyota
6. Procter & Gamble
7. Walmart
8. Ikea
9. Disney
10. Dove

Source: "2009 Global Green Brands Survey" conducted by WPP agencies Landor Associates, Cohn & Wolfe, and Penn, Schoen & Berland and independent consulting firm Esty Environmental Partners.

"The Wacky World of Laws" is a compilation of U.S. and international and laws and court cases that are decidedly out of the ordinary.

Did you know that in Boise, Idaho fishing from a camel or giraffe's back is illegal, that in Malibu, California laughing out loud in a movie theater could be considered disturbing the peace, and in Massachusetts tomatoes are not allowed in clam chowder? These are among the many laughable laws and wacky court cases detailed in this humorous new book written by Jeff Isaac, AKA "The Lawyer in Blue Jeans."



A few more "wacky laws":

In Portland, Oregon people may not whistle underwater

In Nebraska, if a child burps during church, his parent may be arrested

In Norco, California it is not permissible to carry a fish into a bar

In Wyoming you may not take a picture of a rabbit from January to April without an official permit

In Los Angeles, California it's illegal for a man to beat his wife with a strap wider than 2 inches without her consent

In Nebraska doughnut holes may not be sold

In Texas, when two trains meet each other at a railroad crossing each shall come to a full stop, and neither shall proceed until the other has gone

In West Virginia no children may attend school with their breath smelling of "wild onions"

In California it is forbidden to spit on the ground within 5 feet of another person

In New Jersey it is illegal to slurp soup

In Los Angeles it is against the law to complain through the mail that a hotel has cockroaches, even if it is true

In Ventura, California it is illegal to make "ugly faces" at dogs that are found "freely roaming the community"

In Oregon drivers must yield to pedestrians who are standing on the sidewalk

In Little Rock, Arkansas, It's illegal to yell at your kids, or for your mother-in-law to yell at you, at a drive-in restaurant

Source: www.LawyerInBluejeans.com.