

Comfort? It's all in our jeans

I'm not sure how it got started, but earlier this week, the editorial types in the office became engrossed in a conversation about certain apparel.

The clothing in question was jeans.

It seems the female faction of the office has a very different approach to the male types when it comes to wearing jeans.

You see, editor John McGhie discussed what his better half was gonna wear as she boarded a plane for their holiday.

Apparently, it's a woman thing—they've got to decide what they're gonna wear for the flight, you know, spend a few hours sitting in a seat so whatever they wear is well wrinkled when they arrive at their destination.

And as McGhie wound up his diatribe on female dressing habits, he made a very simple statement.

"All I need to wear is something really comfortable—like, you know, maybe a pair of jeans and a sweatshirt."

That response brought an immediate rebuttal from the females in the office.

"Jeans? Comfortable? Gawd! I've never had a pair of comfortable jeans in my life."

I decided to step into the conversation.

"If you've never owned a pair of comfortable jeans," I commented, "Then obviously you're not buying the right fit."

(I figure us 'guys' gotta stick together—besides, he IS my boss....)

John agreed, and we prepared to defend ourselves against the barrage of arguments about the pros and cons of wearing denim.

Anyway, the females made it very clear that they didn't agree, and I suspect they would lean more in the direction of wearing tights and a big sweater or sweatshirt to be comfortable.

But can a guy wear tights?

Nope, it just ain't gonna happen.

So, by the rules of acceptable attire that

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have been universally set down in society over the years, if a guy wants to be comfortable, then it's gotta be jeans.

It's a guy thing—how can you dispute it?

Give me a pair of properly-fitting button fly 501s or regular fit 36-30 Denver Hayes, and I'm automatically in comfort mode.

The whole world could be stressed out to the max, but I'll just fluff it off, cuz I'm in my jeans, and dammit, I'm comfortable.

I know women who regularly take medication to fly, simply because they're too wired to enjoy the plane ride.

They call it stress—I call it lack of comfort.

I'd hazard to guess that should they find themselves a good fitting pair of Levis, pull them on and plop themselves in the seat of the plane, then the drug companies the world over would soon go broke, since all females would cease to require medication to travel.

But it won't happen, so long as we continue to see the mindset that was demonstrated in the office this week.

Wrapping up the discussion, I decided to give my own personal agenda one more shot.

"So John" I asked, as the subject became stale, "In light of your views on the advantages of wearing jeans, does that mean we can change our dress code here?"

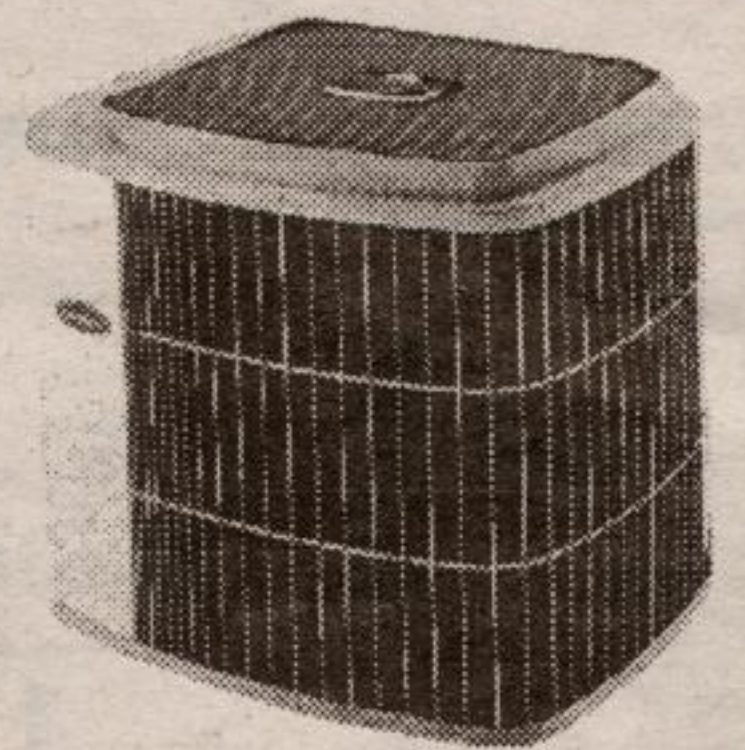
The answer came without hesitation.

"Nope."

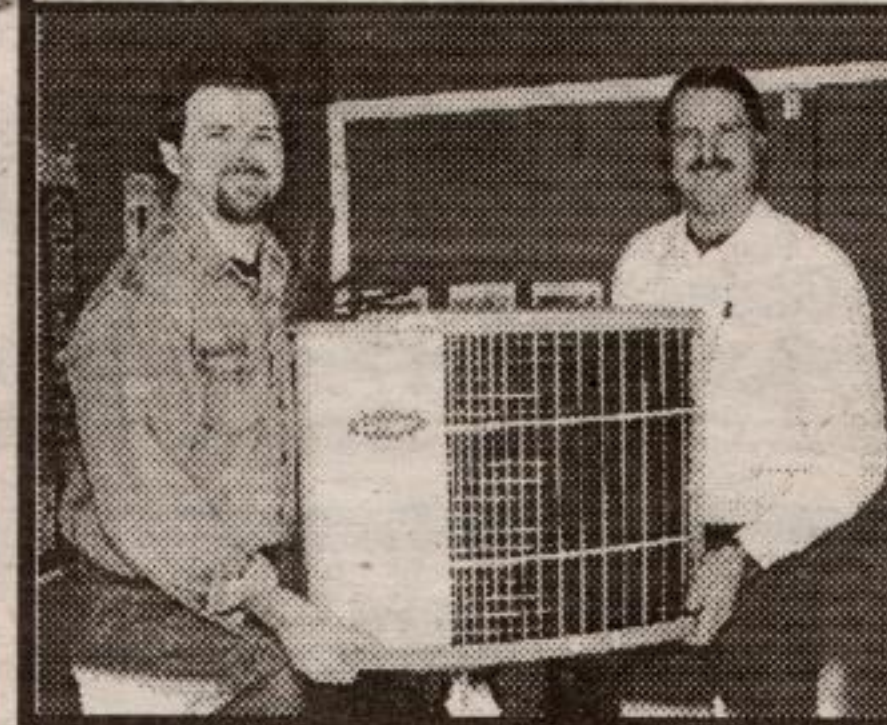
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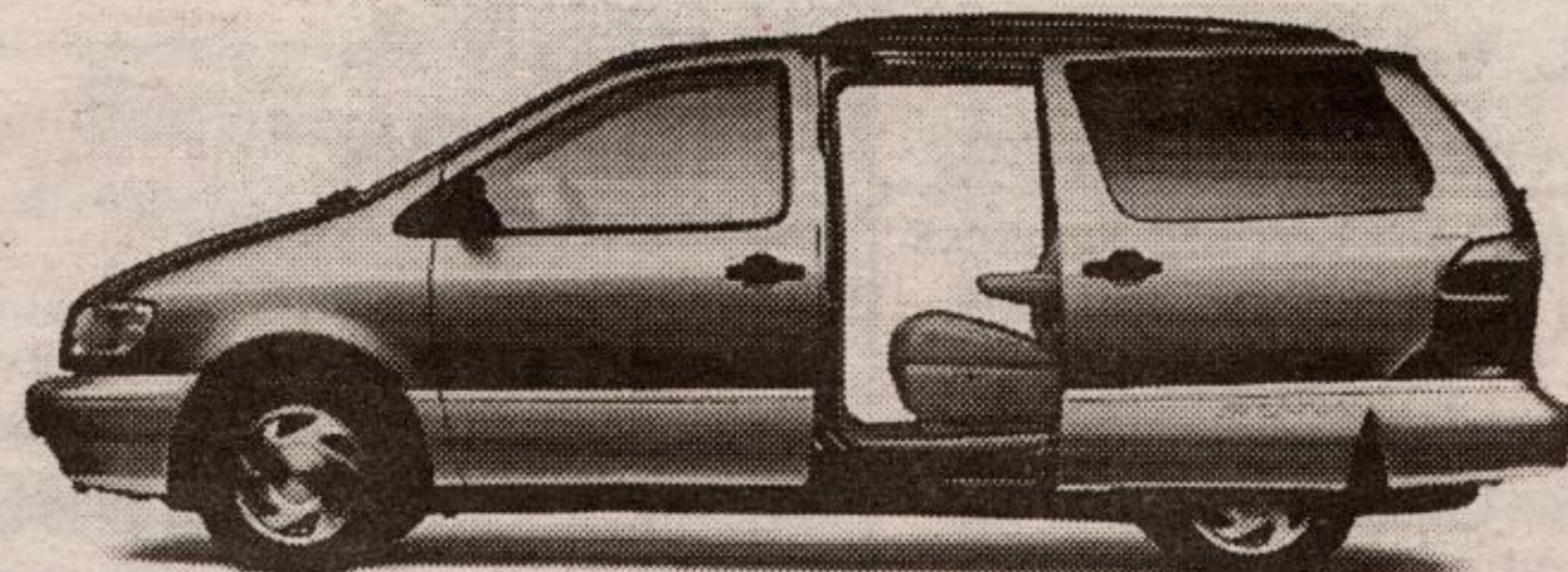
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