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It's a gas

Speaking of scents, here's an item that strains the ewwwwww factor: Gassy Greeting Cards.

Bill Downs, a nutritional biologist who lives near Philadelphia, has launched a Web service to help people tackle "the last taboo" — flatulence.

To that end, he's created greeting cards (available at www.Trafon.org) that, he says, you can send to your gaseous friends.

Uh huh. Maybe your *former* friends.

Downs claims this is a serious service. In an e-mail touting the cards and his Web log, he calls this "the polite, confidential, anonymous way to tell a colleague, friend, or loved one that they have offensive gas."

We couldn't make this stuff up if we tried.