

Would you believe???. . . .

A Canadian psychologist says the government's ban on using women as subjects for marijuana research is a form of sexual discrimination.

Currently, it's illegal in both the United States and Canada to test the effects of Marijuana on women. The official reason for the ban is that the women may not know they are pregnant and the tests could harm their unborn children.

But researcher **Cannie Adamec** says the real reason why scientists won't use women subjects is that females have (quote) "too many messy variables" to work with. She says researchers are afraid that women's hormonal fluctuations may throw too many uncontrollable elements into the experiments. It's easier, she says, to test grass on men.

Adamec has been trying for years to get grants to study the effects of pot on women. She recently received one from the Canadian Commission of Inquiry into the Non-Medical Use of Drugs.

Patty Hearst's former attorney says no matter when the Heiress gets out of prison, she may still be a target for terrorists who want her dead for "Snitching" on them.

F. Lee Bailey said last week, "If they are convinced the government will never use her as a witness against them, she'll be alright. Otherwise, they'll kill her. I would."

Hearst has apparently told the FBI about a variety of terrorist activities, although exactly what she said has never been revealed. But Bailey told reporters in Miami, "If those FBI reports are ever turned loose -- all the things she told after she was immunized -- it'll be a croaker."

Bailey hinted that Hearst was quite involved in terrorist activities during the year she was "missing." He said that as of now, the public is sympathetic and believes she should receive a Presidential Pardon. But he added, "What's the public going to think if it ever finds out what in fact she did get away with?"

Dr. Arnold Mandell, who blew the whistle on drug abuse in professional football, says the position often determines whether or not a player will take amphetamines or speed.

Mandell claims that offensive linemen, defensive linemen and running backs are the most likely to rely on speed to "get up" for a game. Quarterbacks and tight ends are the least likely.

Mandell bases his information on his own experience as the former medical advisor to the San Diego Chargers and an anonymous poll taken of 135 pro football players.

Mandell, by the way, claims that you can tell which players are on speed just by watching their activities on the sidelines. Those who take amphetamines, he says, often indulge in repetitious pacing, uncharacteristic swearing, vomiting, white-lipped staring and have a look of rage on their faces.

All those teenage pregnancies we've been talking about lately may not be accidental ... According to a study conducted by the Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York.

Of the 100 unwed teen mothers the hospital surveyed, only four said they got pregnant by accident. The most common explanation the teenagers gave as a reason for their predicament was loneliness.

The hospital researchers admit that a poll was taken from a rather small sample. But one researcher claims that "...When you look at a Hundred patients and only find four whose pregnancies are attributable to birth control failure...that speaks for itself."



In what is apparently the first case of its kind, a Texas woman has been jailed for refusing to make child-support payments to a former husband. Marie de Jesus Almendarez was led off in tears to the Harris County Jail last week -- but she says she will refuse to pay.

When Almendarez was divorced in early 1977, she was ordered to pay 12 dollars per week for her two teen-aged sons. They live with her crippled and indigent ex-husband, who survives on just 116 dollars a week in welfare payments.

The 12 dollars per week has added up, and Almendarez is now more than 1,000 dollars in arrears. And although she has been ordered to remain in jail until the amount is paid, an attorney quoted her as saying she would "never pay a penny in a thousand years." Almendarez and her new husband earn about 10 thousand dollars a year in their Mom and Pop store.

An amateur physicist is suggesting that the earth has flipped over a couple of times in its history, so that the North and South Poles changed places.

The Earth is governed by the same rules as a gyroscope -- the faster the gyroscope spins, the more stable it is against disturbances. But theoretician P. Warlow points out that the Earth spins very slowly, which he believes makes it liable to flipping. A near miss by a comet or other cosmic body, he says, could provide the force necessary to turn it right over.

He also says that a close look at rocks on the earth suggests that this flipping has often occurred in the past -- in as little as one day. While animals would probably be only slightly affected, the flip would cause large bodies of water to go wild.

As far as American realtors are concerned, women's liberation is the best thing that ever happened -- or at least the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (ECOA) of 1975.

Prior to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, house-buying couples found that the wife's income was rarely, if ever, considered in approving a mortgage. The lenders were afraid that the woman might quit her job to have children, and that the family might not be able to keep up the payments.

But the ECOA placed the responsibility for such a decision on the family -- and mandated that both incomes must be considered. Immediately, millions of two-income families found they could get loans to buy bigger, more expensive homes. As a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors (in Chicago) says, "We have had record years ever since that act went into effect...there must be a relationship."



Women in France are reportedly not very big on marriage these days. A recent survey by the French Feminist Magazine, F, has found that only one in four women in France approve of marriage in its present form. Of the 20 thousand women who participated in the survey, seven out of 10 said they preferred either a totally free union or a (quote) "totally rethought marriage".

According to the magazine, most of the women no longer consider being in love an essential part of a good marriage. Sixty-two percent said that instead, they thought the most important ingredient to be camaraderie, or a good friendship between partners.

The survey also found that for French women, having children is far from the most important priority of marriage. In fact, children came in fifth -- after such things as intellectual and physical understanding. (Newscrip). (By Her Say)

Talk about being exclusive -- Richard Haich of the New York Times says the Big Apple's Studio 54 Disco is so "in" that not even the members can enter.

On an average night, hundreds of potential customers are turned away, and many of those who bought membership cards complained to the State Attorney General and the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs.

Although the consumer affairs department said as many as one thousand worthless cards might have been issued, many of the holders apparently want to hang on to them. Stephen Rubell, a partner in Studio 54, says fewer than 40 members have applied for refunds so far. But you have to have more than a card and a couple of dancing lessons to get in. Rubell says, "You have to be dressed right --

Strike another blow for kids' rights. A 12-year-old West German girl has convinced a television anchorman that children should be included in the news too.

She recently wrote the newscaster and told him that her father wanted her to be well-informed. But she said she's boycotted the nightly news as long as the anchor clung to his usual greeting: "Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen." So, the newscaster started his show with "Good Evening, Dear Children, and Good Evening to the Sick Neighbor." The newscaster says in the future no one will be discriminated against in his newscasts.

The girl, meanwhile, is now watching the news every night. But she says she intends to write the television networks whenever she finds programming she considers "anti-children".

Sure as the geese head South for the winter, there's a new diet fad sweeping the country. Called the Scarsdale or the Tarnower diet, it claims losses of 14 to 20 pounds for the first two weeks.

Sound too good to be true? It is, according to a number of obesity experts. Not only will the Scarsdale dieter put those 14 pounds right back on, she might seriously mess up her health in the process.

Like so many other diets, the Scarsdale diet is high protein, low carbohydrate. According to nutrition and metabolism expert Dr. Sam Hashim, this kind of diet results in great losses of body fluid -- with little or no loss in body mass. As soon as the diet is abandoned, the water must be replaced -- and back come the excess pounds. If anyone makes the mistake of staying on the diet very long, muscle, and not fat, is what goes next. Other possibilities include damaged kidneys, gout, and hypoglycemia.



The French Post Office has decided to take the offensive against its worst occupational hazard -- dog bites.

A recent report shows that some 3,000 postmen were attacked last year and lost twice as many work days as a result.

So the Post Office has decided to launch a publicity campaign, warning residents to keep their dogs tied when the postman is likely to call. Those who fail to chain their mutts will receive one warning letter. And if French dog-owners still insist on letting their beasts roam free, they'll have to go to the Post Office to pick up their mail themselves.

Meanwhile, Postal Officials are also lecturing mailmen on how to deal with attacking dogs. The word is: keep a bold face and speak softly -- especially around Cocker Spaniels and poodles, which seem to have the biggest appetite for postmen's britches.

The "Egg On Your Face Award" has been granted to the manager of Southern Bell's telephone office in St. Augustine, Florida.

The award comes in recognition of Southern Bell's "expert editing and attention to detail" as seen on page 46 of the new St. Augustine telephone directory. On that page, some innovative consumer listed himself as Phuchurseld Mahbelle, spelled: P-H-U-C-U-R-S-E-L-D M-A-H-B-E-L-L-E. Translated that reads, blank yourself, Ma Bell. The phone number, (207) 824-9743, has been disconnected. (Newscrip) (By Dr. Pamela Wilson, U.S. Church of Justice, St. Augustine, FL)

American dentists are trying to enlist parents' help in attacking what they call "decay's last stand." The problem is known as bottle caries, or "nursing bottle mouth," and it means that many U.S. tots under the age of three lose their top front to decay each year.

Dr. Mark Roseman, dental expert at Boston's Kennedy Memorial Hospital for Children, explains that the natural sugars in fruit juices and even milk combine with the plaque on the teeth to increase acids which attack the tooth enamel. Pacifying bottles given at nap or bedtime are particularly troublesome, since the sugary liquid can rest against the teeth for long periods of time.

Dr. Roseman suggests gradually switching the bedtime bottle to pure water, to prevent further decay. And he believes that after age one, the baby should be encouraged to use a cup, instead of a bottle.



There's one brand of moisturizer on the market that's selling for 85 dollars for a two-and-one-half ounce jar. But a young dermatologist says you don't have to spend a lot of money to look good.

Dr. Jonathan Zizmor explodes all sorts of myths in his new book, "Dr. Zizmor's Brandname Guide to Beauty Aids." For instance, would you like to know the best beauty plan for men or women? Smear Vaseline all over your body -- your face too, if it's dry -- after first washing with Ivory soap. And always remember to rub well with your washcloth to keep your skin healthy.

Those expensive skin moisturizers will work just as well, says Dr. Zizmor -- but he says he "hates to see patients spend hundreds of dollars a year on makeup and feel that if they don't their self-work will be diminished." (Newscrip)

