

would you believe

David Duke, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, has admitted that persons in his organization wrote a bogus "attack manual" to compile a list of names and addresses of so-called "black radicals."

Duke admitted last week that the manual, called "African Atto" or African Attack, was written by Klan members under the Muhammad X. He said the Klan carried out their "dirty trick" to obtain through mail-order sales the names and addresses of black militants so they could be located when racial warfare broke out in the U.S.

Duke also said the manual, which purportedly tells how to kill white people, was purposely peppered with misspellings and poor punctuation to mislead militants into thinking it was written by blacks. (Newscrip)

While controversy continues over liquid protein diets, a University of Illinois researcher says a new way to control weight may be on the horizon.

Scientists have known for a long time that there is something in human blood that can trigger a decrease in the appetite, but they didn't know what it was. Dr. John Davis says he's discovered that the trigger is glycerol, a naturally occurring substance found in all fat cells.

Dr. Davis found that when the glycerol level in the blood rises, as it does after a meal, cells in the base of the brain report the fact, and the brain turns off the appetite. When it falls, it's a signal that the body needs food, and on goes the appetite. Dr. Davis speculated that obese people may have a faulty glycerol monitoring system in their brains, so their appetites are switched on too often.

Rats injected with glycerol lost their appetites, and lost weight. The drawback for fat humans is that the glycerol must be injected to be effective. But the entire subject is still in the experimental stages, and a way may be found to alter glycerol so it can be taken orally. (Newscrip)

If you want to get high and happy these days, there are thousands of ways to do it. The only drawback is that 90 percent of them demand thousands of dollars as well.

The newest craze in self-therapy is, alas, no exception. Called "solitude" or "confinement" tanks, they're eight feet long, four feet wide, and four feet high, and filled with a mere ten inches of warm water seven times more salty than the sea.

The purchaser, who has just added to his or her load of stress and tension by earning lots and lots of money, climbs in, shuts the door, and silently floats for an hour.

Those who swear by the tanks say the hour's float creates "a great feeling of total joy". Rock musician Graham Nash, who has not one, but two, claims, "It is the closest I can come to total relaxation."

The Boulder, Colorado Tank Works is turning out 12 tanks a month at prices of up to \$4,200 (dollars). Meanwhile, some sceptics say you can get much the same result at home in a hot tub. (Newscrip)

Is an alien space probe orbiting the earth, monitoring our broadcasts and transmitting them back to its home planet? Such is the theory advanced by Professor Ronald Bracewell, in an attempt to explain mysterious echoes first encountered 50 years ago.

A copyrighted article in the New York Times explains that people experimenting with short-wave transmissions around the world in 1928 noticed that after a brief delay, their transmissions were coming back to them, three to 15 seconds later. Scientists were intrigued, but the phenomenon was not understood, and faded into obscurity.

But in 1960 Dr. Bracewell, a radio astronomer at Stanford University, wrote an article suggesting that the most efficient means of exploring the universe would be with robot probes. And he speculated that "such a probe may be here now, in our solar system, trying to make its presence known to us." Its signals would appear to be echoes.

Duncan Lunan, a serious student of astronomy, was intrigued by Bracewell's speculation, and explored the possibility that the variable delays in the echo were a coded message. He plotted the delays on a graph, and came to the conclusion that the code represented a map of the constellation Bootes 13,000 years ago, presumably the time the probe arrived here.

Anthony Lawton, however, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, has a different explanation altogether. After two years of research, he says that the echo effect is simply caused by radio waves slowing down as they pass through variable and highly ionized gas clouds on their way into outer space. Oh pshaw. (Newscrip)

A doctor looked carefully at a photograph of Alice Cooper's right eye recently and saw that the rock star was not taking good care of himself. For right there in Cooper's iris, for all the world to see, are five large holes in the iris fibres -- indicating inherent physical weaknesses made worse by hard living. Iridiology, or the diagnosis of bodily problems by examining the iris of the eye, is gaining increasing popularity in this country after being used by German physicians for decades. Iridologists say that there is an intimate relationship between the half-million nerve filaments of the iris with the other nerves in the body. And so small changes in the eye can reflect the state of the rest of the body.

Iridologist Dr. Lloyd Stenbeck was shown an anonymous picture of comedian Dick Gregory's left eye, and found that his eyes are very clean, apparently the result of his long-term fasting and simple eating.

Iridologists say that many eyes these days show not their true color, but rather the deposits of various drugs taken through the years. As a matter of fact, they say that healthy eyes in general are rare these days. It seems that years of eating fibreless foods, immoderate use of medications, high stress and pollution have left most of our eyes looking as bad as Alice Cooper's. (Newscrip)

The hottest new items being offered in California's community colleges are classes for people who want to learn how to defend themselves with tear gas or mace.

Until last year, it was illegal to own or use purse-sized tear gas canisters -- even for self-defense. But a newly-passed law changed all that, and now citizens can buy the mace -- if they learn how to use it properly.

Consequently, community colleges and adult education schools have been inundated with requests for tear gas courses. One college administrator says he's had "hundreds of calls" for the classes -- so many, in fact, that he had to hire an extra employee just to handle the calls.

Why have mace handling courses suddenly become so popular? Well, according to another college administrator, the students, especially women and the elderly, are "really concerned about protection." And tear gas provides a "beautiful alternative to lethal force," especially guns. Instead of killing or maiming, the mace guns merely stun their victims for about 15 or 20 minutes and are thought to be less dangerous than spraying perfume or deodorant in someone's eyes.

Ironically, it's still more difficult to arm oneself with tear gas than a gun in California. People wishing to buy mace must first be fingerprinted, take a course, and then be cleared by the local police department before they can obtain a mace permit. Requirements for buying a handgun are not nearly so stringent. (Newscrip)

Before you buy your son or daughter a chemistry set for Christmas, consider the case of 19-year-old James Cook of Toronto. He was given a basic chemistry set by his grandmother when he was nine-years-old -- something that got him into legal hot water ten years later. Cook has been found not guilty by a county court jury of trafficking THC -- the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. But Canadian officials are appealing the not guilty verdict, because they consider this to be one of the most important drug cases in recent Canadian history.

Cook has come up with a formula for synthetically manufacturing THC. When Health Protection Branch officials followed Cook's formula step by step, they came up with a product which they described as being ten times better than the purest marijuana available on the streets today. Equally amazing was the fact that Cook was working with materials that cost less than \$800 (dollars). Cook was found not guilty after he claimed he was conducting his experiments for his own personal interest and to assist him later in university courses. Judge George Ferguson said he was highly suspicious of what this very bright young man was doing in his basement lab for four years. But he said there was a reasonable doubt that Cook was doing little more than displaying an intense interest in organic chemistry.

Cook's father says he hopes his son will turn his attention to things other than drugs -- like making synthetic gasoline. (Newscrip) (Credit: Bob Kennedy, CHUM, Toronto, Ontario).

Last week, the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL) released a report showing that at least six abortion clinics around the country have been burned by arsonists, while many others were damaged, vandalized or riddled with bullets. Now, NARAL has learned that the Akron Women's Clinic in Akron, Ohio was also hit by arsonists. The attackers struck around nine o'clock p.m. on March first, while two clinic staffers and three patients were in the recovery room. The fire, according to local authorities, was purposely started in the reception area bathroom and spread to other areas, scorching walls, floors and furniture. No estimates of the damage were available.

The arson attack occurred just one day after the Akron City Council passed a controversial abortion law, which mandates that women seeking abortions must first be given a detailed description of fetal development. The new law also requires that women under the age of 18 must first get parental consent before obtaining abortions.

Norma Goldberger, coordinator of the clinic said the attack occurred just hours after she appeared on a local radio newscast to announce that the clinic was seeking the help of The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), to challenge the statute on Constitutional grounds. The ACLU, by the way, has indicated that it will challenge the controversial law in court. (Newscrip)

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