Would you believe •

Being blonde and beautiful may mean spending Saturday night at home, according to a University of Rochester study.

Two psychology professors have found that physically attractive women spend less time socializing than unattractive women, mainly because men are intimidated by their good looks.

Professors Ladd Wheeler and Harry Reis (Reese) say their findings are opposite of what they expected. Wheeler says the three-year study blows away the cultural myths that beautiful girls get all the dates. According to Wheeler, it's the unattractive woman or the pleasantly pretty female that has a better personality, making them more comfortable around men.

But the attractive female must. be doing something right. Statistics show that the attractive females are more successful and able to attain professional goals. (Newscript) (By Jennifer Romm, WMJQ, Rochester, N.Y.)

We've all heard of folks who go a bit bonkers when they get fired. But a Washington, D.C. radio station got more than it bargained

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for last week when it gave a pink slip to its computer. WRC-AM used to use a "metro

pulse" phone dialing machine to survey its listeners. The machine called people up automatically, asked them the question of the day, and recorded their answers. But when Metro Pulse got axed as part of a format change, the machine went berserk.

The evening after it got "fired" Metro Pulse somehow turned itself on -- and until six o'clock the following morning it called hundreds of very sleepy people and asked them what they thought of gasoline rationing. Unfortunately, the recording circuit wasn't working, so D.C. radio listeners missed out on what must have been some very juicy comments. But WRC is taking no more chances. At last report, Metro Pulse has been tossed out of its office -- and unplugged. (Newscript)

You've probably seen the All-State Insurance ad that show a house going up in flames. Well, an Elmhurst, Illinois woman is suing All State, its advertising agency and their photographer for 2.2-million dollars.

The woman claims that the ad agency took a photograph of her home without her permission, built a scale model from the photo, and then simulated a scene which made it seem as though her house was being destroyed by fire.

Since the ad began appearing on nationwide TV and such major publications as Time, Life and People, the woman claims her two school-aged children have been teased, heckled and harassed about the photo. And she claims that crank phone callers have threatened to make the picture in the ad a reality. Consequently, the woman is asking for two million dollars in punitive damages and 200-thousand dollars in compensatory damages. (Newscript)

If you're living with a lover, you've probably thought about the Marvin case and the implications of "palimony"

But what about probate? It's a subject that most people don't like to think about, but in most states, if you die without a will your estate will be divided up between various relatives -- and your live-in lover will probably get nothing. The best solution to the problem is to find a lawyer and draw up a will that makes your wishes clear. But even then, you'd better make it airtight -- in cases that involve unmarried couples, wills are often challenged by surviving relatives. (Newscript)

According to a new University of Michigan survey, Americans are

with their jobs. The average worker in the late Seventies apparently feels trapped in his job -- and an increasing number feel that their skills are

being wasted. Confidence in the economy has also slipped sharply. Back in 1969, about 40 percent of the workers surveyed by the university said they could easily find another job that would provide a similar income. But more than 80 percent now feel that finding a comparable job would be extremely

difficult. Another major complaint was poor safety standards -- more than three-quarters of the workers said their job exposed them to at least one health or safety hazard -including air pollution, noise, and dangerous chemicals.

words "Hells Angels," they think of black leather jackets and N.Y.)

customized "choppers". But according to Rolling Stone (magazine), the next Angel you meet might be wearing a searcher claimed that kissing is three-piece suit and driving a Lincoln Continential. Seems that back in the early Seventies, the Angels realized that their "outlaw" image was causing them more trouble than it was worth. So they parked their bikes in the garage, settled down in ordinary middle class neighborhoods -- and have been making a fortune ever

Part of the "new image" was an Angel ban on heroin use. But the drug prohibition did not include amphetamines -- which the Angels call "crank" -- and Rolling Stone claims that in the last five years, the Angels have turned "crank" into a multi-million dollar business becoming perhaps the major distributor of the drug on the West Coast. To give you an idea of the profits, a typical 22 liter batch of amphetamines yields almost 80 pounds of crystaline speed. By the time the drug reaches the street at 60 dollars a gram, that one batch grosses more than 2 (M) million

dollars. The affluent Angels are anything but mellow, however,

Just last week, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) shut down five atomic power plants that may violate earthquake safety standards.

But a Boston-based environmental group says the NRC has known about the potential safety problem for at least five years.

According to the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS), the government noticed some errors in pipe safety regulations back in 1974 -- and ordered the standards changed. However, the UCS says that the government did nothing to correct potential problems in completed plants that were built to the old, unsafe specifications.

The NRC says it found the error only recently -- and by accident. becoming increasingly dissatisfied revealed another fascinating fact involvement. - until very recently, the NRC had design formulas.

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Even before it's legal, the State of Rhode Island wants to squeeze some bucks out of the Ocean State's pot puffers.

A bill recently introduced by Assemblyman Anthony Carcieri (ka CHEER ee) would put a one-penny tax on each sheet of rolling paper sold in the state. That would raise the price of an average pack to as much as a dollar. So far, though, no one's expressed too much enthusiasm -the bill has been buried in committee for more than three When most people hear the months. (Newscript) (Credit: Jennifer Romm, WMJQ, Rochester,

> Recently an Australian reharmful to your health beca can contribute to tooth decay.

But now a Toronto Doctor says if you want to keep your teeth in good shape . . . kissing can help. Dr. Sam Green says kissing stimulates the mouth's saliva flow, and the more saliva that showers your teeth, the less acid to start tooth decay.

Green admits he hasn't researched the subject, but he believes that kissing, or anything like sex that psychologically stimulates the secretion of saliva, is good for fighting tooth decay. (Newscript)

We've all heard about those famous monkees. You know, the proverbial monkees chained to typewriters, plunking away at random until they eventually write all of Shakespeare's works.

Well, how long would it take those random monkeys to get the job done? Now, we know. According to Yale computer researcher William R. Bennett, if a trillion monkeys typed ten some authorities estimate that randomly chosen characters a they've executed as many as two second, it would take, on the dozen would-be informers in their average, more than a trillion times own ranks -- and they're been the present age of the universe accused of murdering a number of just to produce the sentence "To rival drug dealers and potential be or not to be, that is the question." (Newscript)

We've all heard about unmarried couples living together. And recently, we've also heard about "Three's Company" arrangements where folks share an apartment, but not a romance.

Well, now Canadian sociologist R.N. Whitehurst says he's spotted the next trend in relationships -Male-female "buddyism".

According to Whitehurst, the new relationships resemble the bonds formed between soldiers in warmtime -- the heterosexual "buddies" accept each other for what they are, and know they can always rely on each other for aid and comfort. If sex becomes a factor at all, it's probably not too important -- Whitehurst says sex between "buddies" is usually a But even so, the NRC's testimony friendly, therapeutic gesture, with before a Senate committee no expectations of a passionate

Why is "buddyism" on the rise? no routine procedure for finding Well, Whitehurst thinks one simple mathematical errors in its reason is the decline of tough 'macho" stereotypes for males. Among those fighting to re-open Now that men are no longer the Nuke plants is "environmen- expected to live up to the Don talist" Senator Edmund Muskie of Juan image, they feel free to relate to women as friends without worrying about "proving their masculinity". (Newscript)

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The National Organization for U.S. alone. the Reform of Marijuana Laws is blaming the federal government for holding up the implementation of an Illinois law that makes it legal to use the drug for medicinal purposes.

The Illinois law went into effect January 1st. But Bill Craven, the NORML spokesman in Chicago, says conflicting marijuana regulations from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, have prevented anyone from obtaining legal marijuana in

He also claims that these federal agencies have made it virtually impossible for anyone to obtain marijuana in New Mexico, Louisiana and Florida – the three other states that have legalized marijuana medical treatments.

Three other state legislatures. meanwhile, have approved bills ecognizing marijuana as a medicine this year. Those bills are currently awaiting the signature of governors in Washington, Virginia and West Virginia. And a similar pill is currently working its way hrough the California legislature. (Newscript)

A new Yale University study has found that women who become pregnant within two months after going off the pill have twice as great a chance of having twins.

After surveying nearly 45-hundred women at five Connecticut hospitals, Yale researcher Dr. Michael Bracken now believes that when women stop taking birth control pills, their bodies are flooded with hormones that may trigger the simultaneous release of multiple egg cells.

And since many women stop taking the pill to become pregnant, he warns that "quite a large number of women appear to be doubling their chance of having twins." (Newscript)

A woman spotted in downtown Ottawa was defiantly wearing a sealskin coat. But just to show that she was aware of the battle over the seal hunt, she also wore a button, which read "this animal committed suicide." (Newscript)

The World Heath Organization (WHO) wants U.N. members to put the lid on alcohol consumption.

So far, they're not suggesting an outright prohibition, but WHO officials are suggesting higher taxes on booze, and tougher enforcement of laws against drunkenness

Why are they so concerned? Well, it seems that the modern world is driving more and more people to drink. In the United Kingdorn, hospital admissions for alcoholism are up 2,000 percent over the last 25 years. And West Germans -- never known as light drinkers to begin with -- are drinking five times as much alcohol as they did in 1950. Some underdeveloped countries are also having severe problems with alcoholism - and the annual bill for treatment, drunk driving, and other related problems is estimated at 43 (B) billion dollars in the

As you probably know by now, some people in Newfoundland, Canada have formed their own group to make fun of the seal hunt protestors

They call their group "Codpeace" - a take-off on the name Greenpeace. Well, recently, the Codpeacers began borrowing some tactics from the protestors, too, after the environmentalists sprayed the baby harp seals with red dye to make their coats useless to the hunters.

In retaliation, some seal hunters went after the protestors and out-of-town reporters last and sprayed them with green and gold paint that will take quite some time to remove from their ikins. (Newscript)

Women in "an un-named Southeastern city" may prefer reading to sex, but according to an informal poll by the Los Angeles Times, sex is doing just fine in Southern California.

Three psychology researchers created a minor uproar last month when they revealed that married women they interviewed in the Deep South didn't think too much of sex. Asked to name favorite leisure time activities, 37 percent mentioned reading and only 26 percent named sex -- placing it just one point ahead of "sewing for pleasure."

Well, to say the least, people in L.A. thought that was a little weird, "They've got to be in real trouble back there," commented one woman . . . another suggested that "maybe they ought to come to a warmer climate.

Of the women surveyed by the Times, most gave sex a definite number one as their leisure-time favorite. Runners up included reading, visiting friends, and watching the tube. (Newscript)