

It's In Your Mind

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A Nose Is a Nose Is a Nose: Or is it? If it's just a nose, why do so many people want to change it? Frances Macgregor, nurse and social science professor at the New York Hospital, decided to find out. She interviewed nearly 100 persons before and after they had plastic surgery on their noses. Contrary to popular belief, men are every inch as sensitive about their noses as women, and half the patients she talked to were men.

Many patients—men particularly—try to conceal their real motives for wanting operations. They complain of health problems, such as deviated septums (crooked nose), nosebleeds, frequent colds. Afterward they admit they went through it all for appearances' sake.

Barbra Streisand has not put the plastic surgeons out of business. Despite Barbra, many people have their noses bobbed because they want to look more "American," or, actually, more Irish. "I want a turned-up Irish nose" is an extremely common request. Some of the people who change their noses are Irish.

Others come from practically any background you could name. Like Cyrano de Bergerac—who felt like a great lover, although he did not look like one—many people believe that their noses belie their personalities. They learn to "seem what I am—not what I look like." A former boxer went into banking, and became ashamed of his "middle" nose. Clients would ask him, "Do they know you after me if I don't pay the loan?" A college girl said, "When I look in the mirror I don't see what I see—I see what they say." A third patient became a professional comedian because his nose resembled Durante's, but he decided not to play the comic anymore.

Truth About European Women: free to stand up and hoot the next time you hear a European actress de- that we American women don't how to treat our men. Sociologists been comparing Detroit women, women of Paris and Athens, and findings...

spend enough time with her. She would do without material possessions if she could see him more. The Parisian woman, in contrast, loves money. The higher her husband's income, the happier she is. French women in modest circumstances say that they have bad marriages, while

dren are little, because she cannot get out much at night. The woman of Athens measures her "marital satisfaction" in terms of how much time she can spend out of the house.

Who Sits on Seat Belts? A beautiful college girl was going to a party. Her fiancé was a careful driver, and the ride was a short one. She did not want to crush her party dress, so she did not wear her seat belt. Another car ran through a stop

be permitted in the front seat of a car anyhow. "Tell your readers that if they had seen the dead babies I have seen—after minor accidents—they would never put a baby in the front." General Motors has devised a special safety seat for children that will be on the market soon, one that Dr. Huelke does approve.

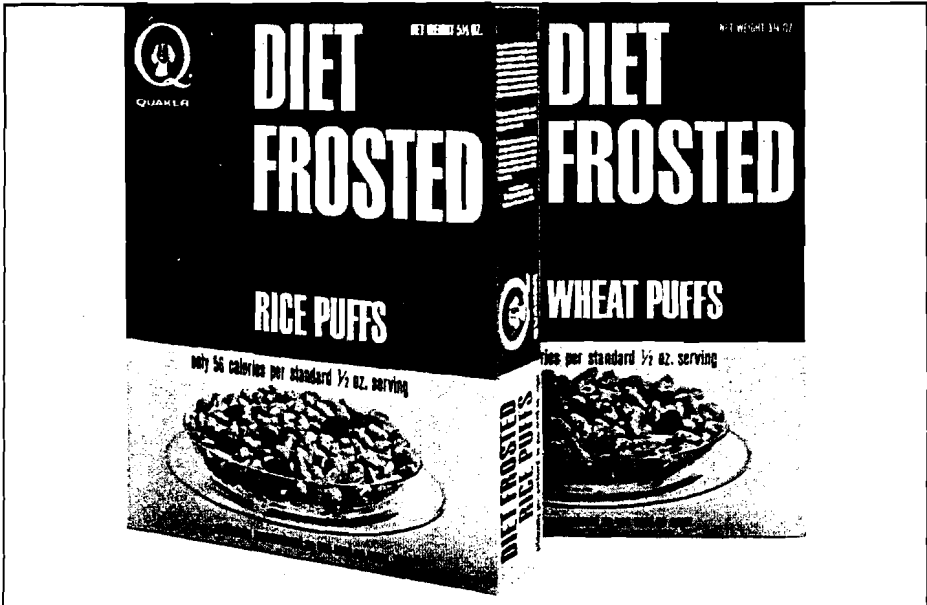
At Boston University, they are also worried about the neglect of seat belts. A recent report from there says, "There is little hope that many people can be induced to use seat belts just because it is the sensible thing to do." People of good education and income are most inclined to wear their seat belts, and married women are especially careful. Women admit that they like the "peace of mind" seat belts give them, but men are likely to deny the dangers of automobile driving. A photograph of a wrecked car with a body lying beside it "grabs" a woman, but it does not seem to convince men.

People are most likely to "buckle up for safety" when they are on a long trip, especially if they are driving on unfamiliar roads. A smaller number of people use seat belts for traveling to work, and very few use them for neighborhood errands. These are foolish distinctions because, as the Boston researchers point out, long trips account for little of the total mileage that American drivers accumulate each year.

Big Man for a Dime: Your telephone may ring some day, and a man will say, "I'm taking a survey. Do you think minors should be allowed into sexy movies?" Or he may shout obscenities at you. Or he may even threaten physical violence to you or your children.

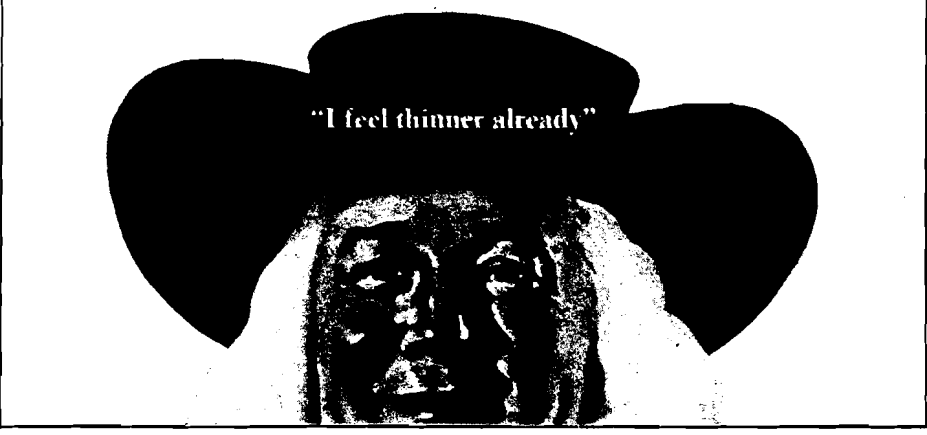
Obscene telephone calls are terrifying, and they are a growing problem. Starting last year telephone companies in many regions set up "Annoyance Call Bureaus" to try and keep them in check. Here is some further advice from Dr. Raoul Nandler, a New York psychiatrist who has studied the men who make such calls.

The caller dials numbers at random until he finds a woman who responds with sufficient horror, and who will stay on the phone. Hang up immediately. Lewd callers who make repeated calls do so only when they have drawn some response. Your caller is not a woman's obsession.



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rich women say that they have good marriages. Rich French women never complain that they don't see enough of their hard-working husbands.

The Detroit woman wants a 50-50 marriage, according to the *Journal of Marriage and the Family*. She is most content when she and her husband share important decisions. The woman of Athens wants to be boss. One of her obser-

sign and hit their car. Her fiancé, who was wearing a seat belt, merely bruised his knee. The girl went through the window and ruined not only her party dress but also her beautiful face.

Dr. Donald Huelke, of the University of Michigan's Highway Safety Research Institute, told me this true story. Dr. Huelke is deeply concerned because many people who have seat belts do not