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1. Amnesty Ends Abortion Neutrality



The bit of news that got my attention this month was the decision on the part of Amnesty International to support abortions in cases of rape and incest.

From the article at the BBC web site - "Amnesty's international council - meeting in Mexico - has overwhelmingly supported the decision, insisting it was upholding the ability of women to exercise their sexual and reproductive rights free from coercion and violence."

Go [here](#) to read Amnesty International's position on the sexual and reproductive rights of women.

Please contact me if you see an interesting news item about women. My email is: [lizkentgos at yahoo dot com](mailto:lizkentgos@yahoo.com)

Thanks for reading,
Liz Kent

Link: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/6952558.stm>

2. 17th Century Cosmo for Sale

From the UK's Daily Mail:

"An edition of a rare 1694 manual, *The Ladies' Dictionary: being a General Entertainment for the Fair Sex*, is going up for auction next month."

The book contains recipes for early Oil of Olay-type products one could make at home, and it advises women not to "yield" to men too early in the relationship ala [The Rules](#).

Follow the link below to read more about this amusing rare book which will go up for [auction](#) in September.

Link: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/pages/live/femail/article.html?in_article_id=475753&in_page_id=1879

3. Sen. Sherrod Brown Accuses Camel

From NPR:

"R.J. Reynolds invited hundreds of smokers to the Amphitheater - a popular Tampa night spot - to promote Camel No. 9, the company's unabashedly feminine cigarette. Alongside the raucous dance floor, smokers picked up free samples of the product, which comes in distinctive pink and black packs."

Government leaders and dozens of women's and health organizations have called on R.J. Reynolds to stop their aggressive marketing of the Camel No. 9 cigarette. Cigarettes have been mailed to some homes and ads have appeared in women's magazines such as *Cosmopolitan*.

Ohio Democrat Sen. Sherrod Brown said, "It strains the imagination to think this campaign is aimed at anybody other than 15, 16, 17-year-old girls - something that's pretty morally repugnant."

Read more at the link below.

Link: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=8909745>

4. August Site of the Month

SEWSA - The Southeastern Women's Studies Association is a feminist organization that actively supports and promotes all aspects of women's studies at every level of involvement. The organization is committed to scholarship and activism eliminating oppression and discrimination on the basis of sex, race, age, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, physical ability, and class.

See the link below to read more about the organization. Go [here](#) to learn about their Spring 2008 conference.

Link: <http://sewsa.nwsa.org/>

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