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# Shrinking brains explains behavior

If I were a person for whom wisdom was a constant rudder directing my every course, I would be inclined to steer the widest possible berth around a news item I recently heard.

But I'm not, so I won't. Besides, if forced to face the full fury of the women's movement as a result of my bringing to light the latest cutting edge medical discovery as announced on this

particular morning newscast, I'll defend myself by insisting that my wife found the offending dispatch equally amusing as did I.

Anyway, here goes. Apparently, medical research has determined that a woman's brain shrinks during pregnancy. But to the tremendous relief of my wife, who gave birth to our second son midway through 1996, a complete



From where I live

Bruce Stapley

retrieval of the lost cranial mass can be expected within six months of the blessed event. "That explains the reasoning behind maternity leaves being the length they are," Susan quipped as she prepared to drive off for her fourth day back on the job after her own leave.

This finding is so broad in scope for comedians and others who thrive on upending the humorless world of political correctness as to constitute a wind-fall. It also comes at just the right time as the male gender reels from the endless onslaught of man bashing jokes. Although I'm sure women will be quick to counter, as did my wife, about a suspected reduction in male brain size accompanying other aspects of the reproduction process.

But the finding does offer a potential explanation to the bizarre behavior displayed by certain high profile female celebrities immediately following their birthing experiences. For instance, how else would you explain Madonna's decision to safeguard her new offspring's moral growth by banning television in the house. Isn't that like Don Cherry taking an educator to task for a breach of grammar etiquette? Grace Slick, she of 1960's Jefferson Airplane fame, actually named her kid 'god', with a small 'g'. Sounds more like a case of brain-dead than temporary shrinkage.

My wife suggested, however, that this medical breakthrough may serve as a source of enlightenment for those of us who have been known to shake our heads at the sometimes unorthodox behavior exhibited by our own beloved mothers, especially moms who have had more than the average number of children.

For instance, Susan's mother phoned her right at 5:30 p.m. the other day to ask how she had survived her first day back on the job. The dear lady knew full well that her exhausted daughter would have just come in the door with a restless infant in one arm, a satchel full of home work in the other, and a hungry, wound-up four year old at her heels. Not to mention a husband with a gimpy arm stumbling as he tried to transfer an abundance of post holiday garbage from the basement to the front door, and dinner burning on the stove. The last thing she needed was to have a telephone receiver shoved in her face. "I knew things would be crazy around there," offered Susan's mom, thinking a basic acknowledgment of same would somehow lessen the incursion. "But you still called, didn't you?" Susan murmured somewhat incredulously, bend-

ing down to retrieve a bottle of formula propelled by a seven month old who has just recently discovered that things make a neat noise when they fall on the floor.

Who knows what other medical breakthroughs lie just ahead as we hurtle at breakneck speed towards the approaching millenium?

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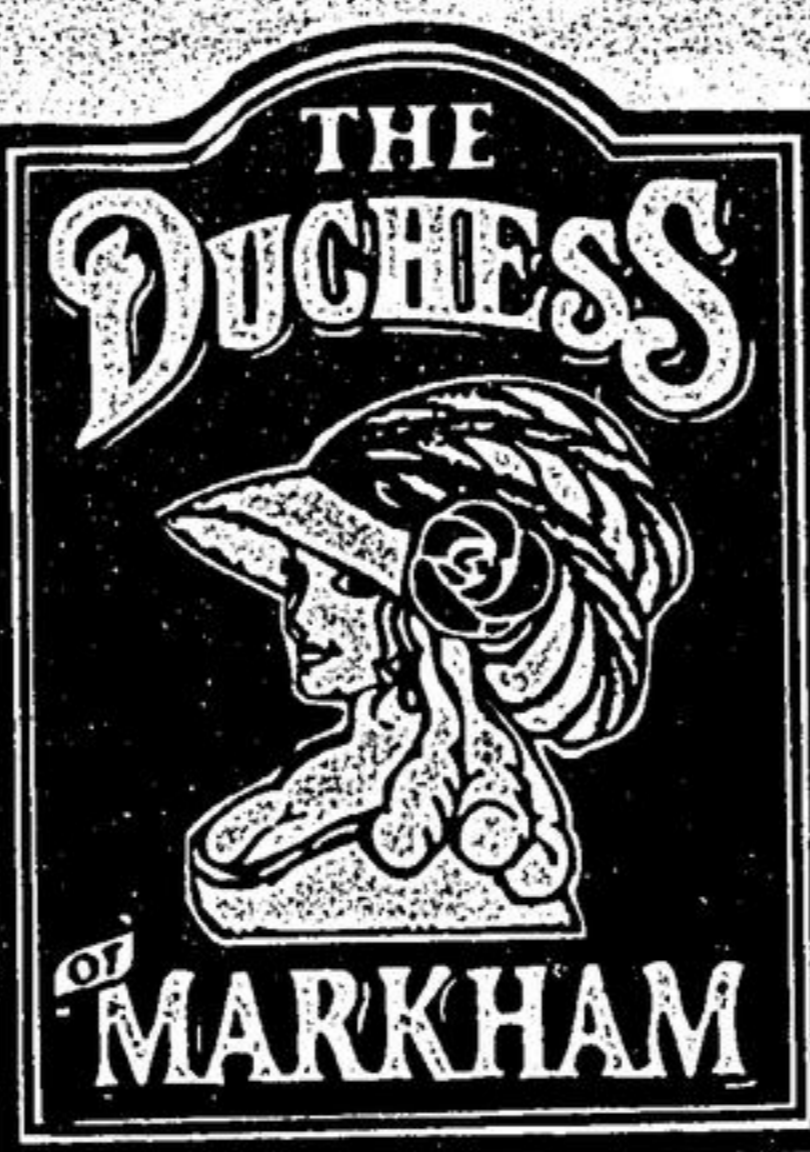
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