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The pharmaceutical company Bayer HealthCare has appointed model Jerry Hall as a global ambassador for its 'erectile dysfunction' campaign. 'A healthy love life is not and should not be the preserve of those in their 20s and 30s,' coos Miss Hall, whose age is given as 48. Quite so, although ex-husband Mick Jagger, 62, seems not to have suffered such a dysfunction since they parted.

Ephraim Hardcastle, Daily Mail 30/11/05.

One in Three takes Vitamins

Almost one in three Britons pops a vitamin pill to make up for their unhealthy eating habits, a survey has revealed.

Hectic lifestyles mean they are skipping meals and grabbing snacks such as crisps and chocolates when hunger bites. To balance things out they spend an average of £5.19 a month on vitamin and mineral supplements according to the Health Supplements Information Service.

The survey also found that 75% of adults who take pills are fighting colds and flu while half just want more energy.

Atomic Power: Does it Add Up?

(letters special)

This lethal legacy

Nuclear power isn't the answer to our energy needs. It's uniquely dangerous, its technology being intimately connected with that used to make nuclear weapons.

Imitating our own folly, more countries in the world will develop their own nuclear programmes and bombs. It will leave legacies of decommissioned, concrete-encased reactors and nuclear waste that will be lethal for tens of thousands of years.

There is also, as nuclear technology proliferates, the absolute certainty of catastrophic Chernobyl-like accidents, given the inevitability of human error in design, construction and operation.

We would be wrong to assume that such accidents would not occur here, or that nuclear plants in Britain would be immune to natural disasters such as global warming-induced flooding, or that they would not be threatened by terrorist attack or, at some time in the future, by breakdown of civil law and order.

Nuclear power isn't necessary. Carbon emissions can be reduced worldwide by promotion of energy efficiency measures and the harnessing of renewables such as solar, tidal, wave-power, hydro, bio-mass and on-shore and off-shore wind.

Even with coal, it is infinitely preferable that the world mobilises 'clean coal' technologies than saddling generations to come with a nuclear nightmare.

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From Q&A on Nuclear:

And the Disadvantages?

The Swiss government's nuclear waste authority says it should be assumed that any repository for spent fuel should be guaranteed to last for a million years.

Britain has already produced enough nuclear waste to fill the Royal Albert Hall five times over and the Government doesn't know what to do with it.

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