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***Or is she?**

Elsewhere

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NO MORE BABY TALK

New Zealand Picture the scene: you've just landed one of the top political jobs in the country as leader of the opposition party, and someone asks you, "So are you planning to have a baby?" Is that an acceptable question to ask anyone, let alone on national television? No, it's not. Nevertheless, only seven hours after winning the party election, New Zealand's new Labour leader was quizzed on TV talk shows *The Project* and *The AM Show* about whether she plans to start a family any time soon. One interviewer even mused whether it would be acceptable for a PM to take maternity leave. The newly elected Jacinda Ardern reacted in the best way possible, quickly shutting down the line of questioning by saying, "It is a woman's decision about when they choose to have children and it should not predetermine whether or not they are given a job or have job opportunities." Hear hear.



THE NEW LEADER OF NEW ZEALAND'S LABOUR PARTY, JACINDA ARDERN



"ET PHONE HOME. ACTUALLY WHAT'S THE DATA ROAMING CHARGE HERE?"

Space invaders

USA After a job with extra (terrestrial) benefits? Sorry... US citizens can now apply to become a Nasa Planetary Protection Officer. The role entails making sure we don't contaminate planets we're exploring with earth bio-matter, such as bugs, and that returning probes don't inadvertently bring back alien organisms. Officers will have to be particularly vigilant of Mars, as scientists believe there may be microbial life there which could disrupt earth's ecosystems. The job has solid financial benefits, with a salary of £141,000. Plus, you get to say you're defending earth from Martians.



RAPISTS IN JORDAN CAN NO LONGER AVOID PUNISHMENT BY MARRYING THEIR VICTIMS

Terrible marriage

Jordan A huge step forward for Jordanian women's rights was made as lawmakers revoked a clause that allowed rapists to avoid punishment if they married their victims. Based on the idea that marriage protects women from the social stigma of being raped, it's an antiquated loophole that was abolished in Tunisia a week earlier and in Morocco in 2014. "Those who argue marriage offers protection to rape survivors are wrong," said Suad Abu-Dayyeh, at human rights organisation Equality Now. "Because she is coming from a rape background his parents will not accept her. It is really to revictimise the woman."



THE BALEARIC ISLANDS ARE IMPLEMENTING LAWS TO END BULLFIGHTING: GOOD NEWS FOR THIS GUY

Stick it to the man

Spain Every year, 250,000 bulls are killed in bullfights, but despite calls from animal rights groups the Spanish government still refuses to ban it. Last month, though, the Balearic Islands announced new laws with the ultimate goal of abolishing bullfighting, in opposition to the central government's stance. The laws include prohibiting alcohol in stadiums and the use of barbed sticks during the fights. Joanna Swabe, from the Humane Society Europe, said: "This vote shows that a full ban is not strictly necessary to end the practice... and that compassion can win the day."



"NOT TONIGHT DARLING" IS NOT A FORM OF ABUSE THANKS VERY MUCH

Domestic dispute

Malaysia A politician has sparked public backlash after claiming that a woman who denies her husband sex is subjecting him to "psychological and emotional abuse". Che Mohamad Zulkifly Jusoh, a member of the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition, used a debate on domestic violence laws to air his views. However, Marina Mahathir, a women's rights activist (and daughter of the previous Malaysian Prime Minister), pointed out that "when you marry a woman you [do not] own her body. It does not work that way. Women have a right to say no to sex". She also took to Facebook adding: "Yet we let men rule countries?" Sigh.

