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wait 18 seconds before pushing a lever to get a food pellet, he explained. If the rat hits the lever before 18 seconds or waits longer than 24 seconds, he will not get a pellet.

LIBOFF SAID he attempted to af-fect the animal's sense of timing by in-troducing pulsing low frequency elec-tromagnetic fields. But that did not we

By combining the two forces - ap-plying the low frequency lield of 60 herts (cycles per second) and changing the local magnetic field - Liboff was able to change the timing of the rats tested.

able to change the timing of the rats Libdi's theory sounds a lot like less-than-scientific attempts to charf feel-the seather or sun activity. Such is not the weather or sun activity. Such is not will come on the destination of the wather is this fear that people will come out of the closet on this." he located is such as the such as the sound is still rant and rave when I hear about astrology tables." Take to rearring/liked escence, Liboff said, his rearring the such as the written up in a tabioid similar to the type the address to induring minds. The headline in this "supermarket magaine." Liboff said, was "Your Health."

FEELINGS — like Liboff's anger over the magazine article — are diffi-cult to measure in specific experi-ments. But Liboff said one theory in-

volving emotions would define them in specific amounts of ions present in a brain cell. The public likes to see cut and dried attuations. On the other hand, the Love Canal and eigertets moking research, it was all post hoc, 'Liboff said. Liboff said the theory could be ap-piled to future weapons. 'Ny own opin-ion is that the government should be supporting this research to a much higher level than it is,'he said. 'Impil-cations are that the Soviets have been doing this for years.' The forerunner of this research was application of low-level electromagne-ic fields to bone breaks that will not heal. Liboff said 20,000 people have been treated with electric currents to summing the healing process on low-ken bones.

stimulate the healing process on bro-ken bones. Concentrated study of electric cur-rent applications to bone healing was not begun until a private linn saw the potential to market a medical device. Privately funded research for a de-vice to alter behavior has not been started yet, Liboff said, "so I know its a new field."

