

Almanac

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Today is Wednesday, March 5, the 65th day of 1980 with 301 to follow.
The moon is moving toward its last quarter.
The morning star is Saturn.
The evening stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Jupiter.
Those born on this date are under the sign of Pisces.
Also on this date in history:
In 1770, British colonial troops killed five civilians in the so-called "Boston Massacre."
In 1953, the Soviet Union announced Premier Josef Stalin had died at the age of 73.
In 1966, a British airliner crashed into Japan's Mount Fuji, killing all 124 people aboard.
In 1977, President Carter discussed his problems and policies in the course of answering questions from 42 callers from 26 states on a nationwide radio broadcast from the White House.
A thought for the day: Soviet Communist leader Josef Stalin said, "In the U. S. S. R., work is the duty of every able-bodied citizen, according to the principle: he who does not work, neither shall he eat."

Computer may aid marriages

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SALT LAKE CITY — A University of Utah sociologist foresees the day when you'll turn to your home computer for help in solving spats with your spouse.
Gerald W. Smith is presently using a \$1 million computer to test a marriage counselor program. He predicts that within five years a cheap version of the program will be available for inexpensive home computers.
"The program will be available on

a cassette for about the price of a book," Smith said in an interview.
Home computers now on the market do not have the memory capacity to handle the marriage counselor program, he said, but they will have in the near future.
Manufacturers of coin-operated amusement devices could also produce a version that would provide a quick marriage analysis for 25 cents, he said. But for most people, getting a two-bit analysis while shopping for groceries would not help much, the

sociologist added.
Smith has another idea he thinks would work well in "a supermarket atmosphere": a machine to help you decide which political candidate to vote for.
Here's how it would work: You tell the machine how you stand on 20 or so political issues. It matches your positions against those taken by each of the candidates in a given race and tells you which comes closest to your "ideal" candidate.
An idea similar to the electronic

candidate picker is a program that would help you find out if you and your fiancée are compatible.
People need computer help in such areas because "they make their decision on the basis of emotions," Smith said.
In selecting a marriage partner, Smith said, "People get totally involved in sexuality and forget about all the other issues."
It often does not dawn on people until after they are wed and having difficulties that they simply can't

stand such things as having their spouse smoke or eat crackers in bed.
People's thinking is just as hopelessly emotional when it comes to voting, Smith said.
"Every election I wonder what the people who go into the voting booths really know about the candidates. They probably don't know any more than I do, which usually isn't much."
What's needed, he said, is "analytical thinking," which computers do. Computers remember everything they're told, while people have a habit of forgetting details.
Smith said the application of computer programs to help people think analytically and remember details is "almost unlimited."
"I see it as a kind of mass production of intelligence, which will result in a rational society — a better society," he said.
Smith and his colleague, Jerry Debenham, a professor of education administration, are using university and high school students to test a computer program telling people whether they would be compatible marriage partners.
They are also testing the marriage counselor program and developing the candidate-picker program.

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Sculptor's torch turns metal to art

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FRESNO, Calif. — Jack Rott's acetylene torch, grinder and talent are turning 125 pounds of sheet metal and bronze into 50 shiny blue-gray works of art the entire country can be proud of.
His spare time over the next six years will be spent cutting, shaping, welding and grinding six-foot pieces of steel into detailed one-foot tall statuettes characteristic of each state's history.
The Fresno insurance appraiser's goal is to sculpt the collection, tour the country displaying his art, and, someday, find a home for it in the Smithsonian Institution.
Rott's historical undertaking zeroes in on the 100-year span between 1750 and 1850. The pieces will reflect people best depicting each state during that period.
Maine's entry will be a fisherman. A Russian Orthodox Church minister will represent Alaska. North Carolina suggested a Scottish soldier from the Revolutionary War era.
The inspiration for Rott's endeavor came from his wife, Colleen. The Rotts are veterans of arts and crafts shows in western states. Rott has displayed, and sold, detailed metal figurines of Indians, cowboys and animals. But he wanted to try something different.
"We had never seen anything like the states collection before, and we thought it was something Jack and I could do to preserve a little bit of history," Mrs. Rott said.
She wrote the governors of each state asking what character best represents their state during the 1750 to 1850 period. All but 12 states replied. The Rotts are choosing the characters for those states.
Two of the 50 figurines stand finished in Rott's home outside Fresno. His first creation is a hoe-wielding husbandman from Delaware. That 90-hour project was followed by a 115-hour effort sculpting a Pennsylvania Quaker. The difference in time spent on each piece reflects the amount of detail in the figure, Rott explained.
Rott's next collection piece will be a New Jersey inventor. Other creations over the next six years will include Green Mountain Boys from Vermont, a California ranchero, an Arkansas Ozark Mountain man, an Oglala Sioux chief from South Dakota, a Mormon pioneer from Utah, an Indiana woodsman, a Seminole Indian from Florida, an Idaho Basque shepherd, an Ohio railroad worker, a West Virginia frontiersman, a Wichita Indian from Oklahoma, a Kansas wagon master, a French "coureur du bois" from Alabama, an Illinois farmer with a plow, a Virginia tobacco farmer and a Rhode Island blacksmith.
The 18th century Delaware farmer tills his crop. He is dressed in a pullover shirt, trousers, a flat brimmed hat and boots. Rott's hand-held grinder folded only a few creases into the garments. The facial detail includes deep-set eyes, bushy eyebrows and sideburns.
For the Quaker, Rott spent hours building up the crude frame by melting welding rod over the 22-gauge steel. Dozens more hours were spent grinding it off until the knee-length cutaway coat, inside waist coat, shirt, scarf, hat and buckled shoes appeared.
The models for Rott's work come from Mrs. Rott's research. She spends one or two days a week in libraries digging up documentation and drawings.
Rott, 50, figures it will take him between 5,500 and 6,000 hours of eye-straining detailed work to sculpt all 50 statuettes.
A Rott sculpture usually carries a \$2,500 to \$3,000 price tag. But the states collection will travel as a group and is not for sale.

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