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## National

### Rubik snake puzzle latest brain torture

United Press International  
CHICAGO — Dr. Erno Rubik's new instrument of mental torture will wriggle its way onto your list of puzzlements. The inventor of the frustrating multicolored box puzzle known as Rubik's Cube has devised the Magic Snake.

Jack Hirsch, president of HirschCo Inc., the toy distribution firm that has the exclusive distribution rights for the snake, says its 24, five-sided pyramids — linked with a series of rivets — are enough to make a grown man cry.

The first snakes went on sale in August and Hirsch expects 700,000 to be in consumers' hands by Christmas.

"There are 74 trillion permutations but only about 23 trillion possible combinations," Hirsch said.

"My youngest daughter can do it in 11 or 12 seconds."

Hirsch, 51, said the Rubik's Cube has only one correct solution out of 43 quintillion possibilities.

He said the Magic Snake has an original shape, but can be made into almost anything including a dog, a picture frame or a car.

The snake, manufactured by TOMY, a Japanese toy maker, sells for between \$9 and \$13.



Staff photo by Greg Walters

### Only 23 More Days!

The MSC Craft Shop is sponsoring a Christmas craft fair next to Rudder Fountain today. The fair gives students an opportunity to see a variety of articles made by local artists

while enabling them to do some Christmas shopping. The MSC Craft Shop tries to have a craft fair every semester and the fairs are open to any interested artists.



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#### TUESDAY EVENING SPECIAL

Mexican Fiesta Dinner Two Cheese and Onion Enchiladas w chilli Mexican Rice Patio Style Pinto Beans Tostadas Coffee or Tea One Corn Bread and Butter

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING SPECIAL

Chicken Fried Steak w cream Gravy Whipped Potatoes and Choice of one other Vegetable Roll or Corn Bread and Butter Coffee or Tea

#### THURSDAY EVENING SPECIAL

Italian Candle Light Spaghetti Dinner SERVED WITH SPICED MEAT BALLS AND SAUCE Parmesan Cheese - Tossed Green Salad Choice of Salad Dressing — Hot Garlic Bread Tea or Coffee

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#### FRIDAY EVENING SPECIAL

BREADED FISH FILET w TARTAR SAUCE Cole Slaw Hush Puppies Choice of one vegetable Roll or Corn Bread & Butter Tea or Coffee

#### SATURDAY NOON and EVENING SPECIAL

Yankee Pot Roast (Texas Salad) Mashed Potato w gravy Roll or Corn Bread & Butter Tea or Coffee

#### SUNDAY SPECIAL NOON and EVENING ROAST TURKEY DINNER

Served with Cranberry Sauce Cornbread Dressing Roll or Corn Bread - Butter - Coffee or Tea Giblet Gravy And your choice of any One vegetable

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### Druggist drops parasite line

## Customers loathe leech loss

United Press International  
CHICAGO — Several times a day the phone rings at Sargent's Drugstore from people in search of blood suckers. The answer is always the same: "No, I'm sorry, we're all out of leeches."

Tucked under the "L" tracks in Chicago's Loop, Sargent's stocks apothecary delights such as wood betony leaves, Singapore patchouly oil and wahoo leaves.

But recently it changed ownership and out went the parasites, which had been on the store's shelves for nearly a century. Calls for them keep coming through — and the new owner, Glen Balas, is

determined to bring the critters back.

"They're used mainly by people from the old country," Clifford Fischer, a Sargent's clerk, said. "And they're used for headaches, circulation problems and tension."

The heyday of medicinal leeches occurred in the 1850s. Some people were known to have covered their bodies with as many as 80 a day.

Russians still use leeches. Doctors used them on Stalin before he died in 1953. And they were still being cultivated in the Soviet Union

at least through the last decade.

Other big leech customers are eastern and southern Europeans. In fact, Sargent's imported leeches come from remote wildlife areas in southern Europe.

Doctors in France's Bordeaux area have prescribed leeches for certain plastic surgery patients suffering from blood clots. The French doctors also use leeches after skin transplants and to help save fingers lost in accidents.

Surgeons, with the aid of a microscope, can restore blood circulation by sewing together the tiny artery within the finger. However,

the smallest of veins cannot be repaired and the blood leaks from the finger, clotting and hindering the healing process.

The leeches are applied to the end of the finger twice a day to draw blood, allowing the replanted finger to form new blood vessels.

At \$10 a leech, it's an expensive remedy — and an imported one from Europe.

"American leeches are good," Fischer said. "The leech we (used to) stock sucked up to 20 of an ounce of blood in a half hour. Some swell up to the size of a hotdog."

## Columbia mission productive despite shortened voyage

United Press International  
HOUSTON — Despite problems that shortened their space voyage, Columbia astronauts Joe Engle and Dick Truly achieved most of their mission and say they had a fulfilled blast.

"Of those major areas of accomplishment...the flight accomplished between 90 and 95 percent of those objectives," Engle said as he and Truly held their first post-mission news conference. "If

90 percent is an A, I think they got an A."

The two showed a 20-minute film and slide presentation with spectacular pictures of last month's shuttle launch, orbit and re-entry.

"The fun starts here," Truly said, narrating the film of himself and Engle floating weightless inside the Columbia's cabin.

"Here's a couple of tourists supposed to be working and telling Houston (mission control) they are working but really looking out the windows and having fun."

Truly, 44, said while in orbit he was amazed at lightning he saw flashing rhythmically in two locations over Brazil.

Said Engle, 49, "When those solids (the shuttle's solid rocket boosters generating 4.8 million pounds of thrust) lit, you really knew something had hit you. It was really spectacular."

Truly said the balky electricity-generating fuel cell that shortened their mission was being sent to manufacturer United Technologies Corp. in Connecticut for analysis and should be fixed with-

out major changes.

The Columbia, on its second flight, was launched from Canaveral, Fla., Nov. 12 and landed at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., Nov. 14 — three days early because of a fuel cell failure.

The bulk of the Columbia's payload of experiments obtained usable data. The shuttle's Canadian-built bionic arm worked almost perfectly, and flight maneuvers on reentry were successful.

Skylab veteran Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton, who landed tests in the space shuttle Enterprise off the back of a Boeing 747, tentatively are scheduled to fly the third orbital test of the Columbia in mid-March.

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