

# Scientist: Cancer cure works

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DAYTONA BEACH — An Italian researcher says his team produced a near-total cure rate in a group of advanced cancer patients by alternating a standard treatment with a new combination of drugs.

The most effective known treatment for advanced cases of Hodgkin's disease is a drug combination called MOPP for the first letters of the drugs used. About 25 percent of the patients who received it fail to respond.

But Dr. Gianni Bonadonna, director of the National Tumor

Institute in Milan, Italy, told an American Cancer Society seminar Monday that MOPP was significantly improved when alternated with ABVD, a combination he designed.

"This probably is going to increase the cure rate of MOPP so you should alternate and get the best of both regimens," Bonadonna said.

Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the lymph nodes and spleen, affects only one in 7,000 Americans, according to the American Cancer Society. But it has been singled out because it is the most common among people 15 to 29. The cancer society estimates the disease will cause 1,600 deaths in 1982.

Thirty-eight patients in the Italian study received MOPP alone and 37 received ABVD and MOPP on a monthly alternation from September 1974 to August 1980. There was a complete remission in 71 percent of

MOPP patients, and in 92 percent of those receiving the alternate treatment. Remissions lasted from two to eight years. The 92 percent remission rate meant only one patient relapsed.

Fifty percent of the patients on the MOPP and ABVD combination treatment suffered severe vomiting, and 10 percent had hair loss.

MOPP stands for mechlorethamine, vincristine (trade name Oncovin), procarbazine and prednisone. ABVD is doxorubicin (Adriamycin), bleomycin, vinblastine and dacarbazine.

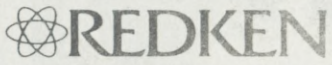
Bonadonna said further studies will have to be done to confirm the results and suggested an independent study in a larger clinical trial.

The concept of cyclic treatment is already being studied by others, including the National Cancer Institute, he said.

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## What's Up at A&M

### Wednesday

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS SOCIETY:** There will be a guest speaker from the University of Texas at 6:15 p.m. in 305 Fermier.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** The Aggie Supper is scheduled for 6:15 p.m. in the A&M Presbyterian Church, 601 Church St.

**MSC VARIETY SHOW:** Tickets for the show on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. are on sale in the Rudder box office. Cost is \$2.50 for students and \$3.50 for non-students.

**ECONOMICS SOCIETY:** Dr. Ron Phillips will speak on Alternatives to Western Economic Systems at 7 p.m. in 350 MSC.

**AGGIE SCOUTS:** Meeting at 9 p.m. in 502 Rudder to discuss last minute plans and other details about canoe trip on April 3 and 4. If you plan to go, this meeting is mandatory.

**HILLEL CLUB:** Ruth Clearfield will speak on "The Jewish Viewpoint on Abortion" at 7:30 p.m. at the center.

**NATIONAL AGRICULTURE MARKETING ASSOCIATION:** All members need to attend this meeting at 8 p.m. in 113 Kleberg.

**AG COMMUNICATORS OF TOMORROW:** Important meeting at 7 p.m. in the Journalism library. All

members are urged to attend.

**TEXAS AGGIE MOTORCYCLE CLUB:** A planning session for the weekend campout will be at 8:30 p.m. in 110 Military Science Building.

**PRE-LAW SOCIETY:** Dean Gibson from the UT Law School will speak at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

**WOMEN STUDENT'S ORGANIZATION:** A speaker from BABES organization will be present at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 204C of the library.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** There will be a Candlelight Communion Service of Meditation at 10 p.m. in the chapel, 315 N. College Main.

**WHEELCHAIR SQUARE DANCING:** Instruction and practice will be at 8 p.m. in 304 E. Kyle.

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** There will be a Newman Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the student center. There will be an off-campus mass at 10 p.m. in the Oakwood party house.

**HILLEL JEWISH STUDENT CENTER:** Services will be led by Dr. Yechial Weisman followed by a Homen Yashen Oneg Shabat at 8 p.m. in the student center.

**TAMU CHESS CLUB:** Players of all strengths are wel-

come to the meeting at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

**AGRICULTURE ECONOMICS CLUB:** Meeting about computers in agriculture and a discussion of officer elections at 7 p.m. in 209 Harrington.

**MSC AMATEUR RADIO COMMITTEE:** Aggiecross will be discussed and with a scrapping party afterwards at 7:30 p.m. in 140 MSC.

**CEPHEID VARIABLE:** "Heavy Metal" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theatre.

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY:** Women's Bible study will be at 7:30 p.m. at 1002 Pershing.

**CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST:** There will be a leadership training class at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington. Everyone is welcome.

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL:** We leave for Sherwood Nursing Home to sing and visit at 6:30 p.m. from the University Lutheran Chapel, 315 N. College Main.

**CATHOLIC STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** Inquiry Class II will meet at 6 p.m. in the student center. An adoration of the blessed sacrament will be from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. There will be an off-campus mass at 10 p.m. in the Old College Main Party House.

## Rescuers fail to free scoutmaster from cave

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LAFAYETTE, N.J. — Workers used jackhammers Tuesday, trying to free the lifeless body of a Boy Scout leader trapped three days before in a narrow cave passage 17 feet underground.

Rescue workers managed Monday night to reach State

Trooper Donald Weltner, who was trapped in the cramped 18½-by-20-inch passage while leading a scout expedition, and to place a harness around his body.

But jagged rock prevented them from pulling his body along a 12-foot horizontal path to a special shaft they had drilled

and through which they hoped to hoist him out. In 3½ hours of effort they were only able to move his body about one foot.

The rescuers then took up jackhammers to loosen the impeding rocks, even though they said they expected the digging would cause some rocks to fall on Weltner.

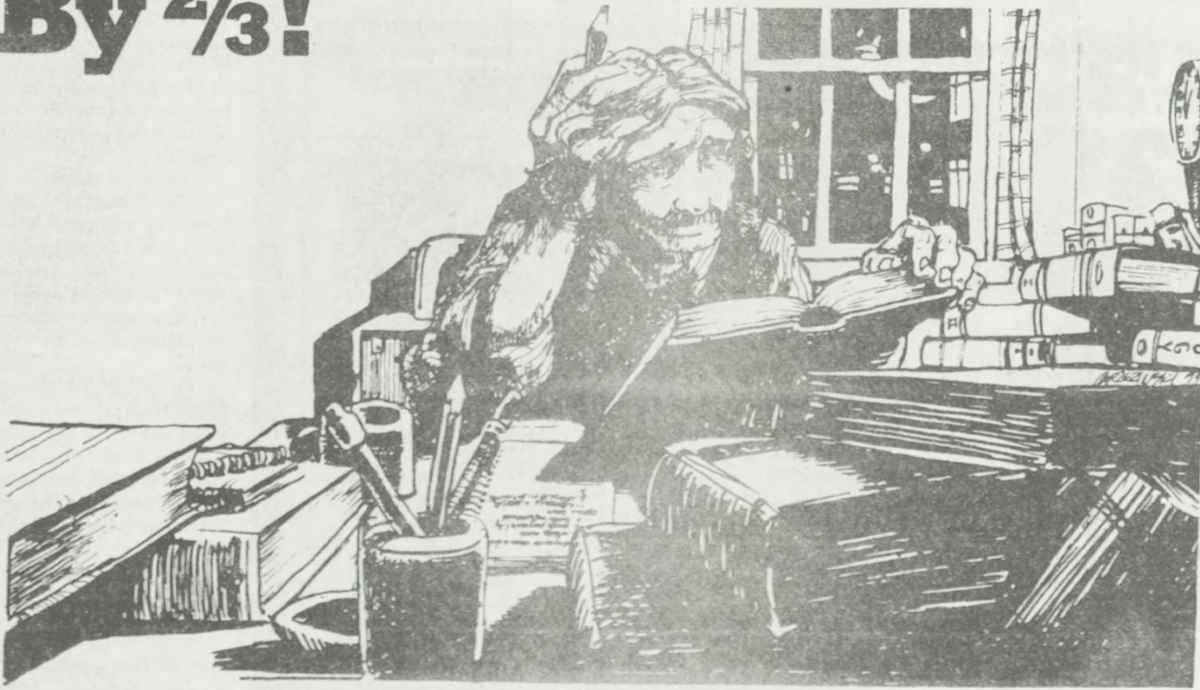
"There are no vital signs," John Hempel, eastern regional coordinator for the National Cave Rescue Commission, said Monday night.

"I don't know if there's any hope now," State Police Superintendent Clinton Pagano said.

Cave experts flown in from Pittsburgh to help in the rescue operation said victims in such situations often die from exposure to sub-freezing temperatures, to which Weltner was subjected for two nights.

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