

Researchers make baboons the latest human substitute

United Press International
SAN ANTONIO — Researchers at the University of Texas Health Science Center have turned to female baboons in an attempt to find a way to get nutrients to human fetuses whose mothers suffer from hypertension.

Pediatrics professor Dr. Yves Brans said: "interuterine growth retardation affects about one out of 10 newborns in the United States."

Brans said a fetus' growth could be retarded by hypertension, which often develops during pregnancy and disappears after the baby is delivered.

Hypertension usually develops in the first two-thirds of the pregnancy. It decreases blood flow to the placenta and breaks the baby's nutritional supply.

Basic research is aimed at determining if baboons can substitute for humans as lab subjects, particularly in experiments to feed fetuses by

direct injection.

"Before such invasive techniques are tried on humans, we want to try them on an animal model," Brans said. "We also will need to know what to inject and how much."

Researchers will induce hypertension in the baboons, and when they become pregnant, will test various methods of feeding nutrients to the fetuses.

"Our long-range goal is to find alternative ways of getting nutrients to the baby," Brans said. "It might be possible, for example, to inject them directly into the amniotic cavity."

Brans said fetuses receive nutrients through the umbilical chord and by swallowing amniotic fluid and digesting it to absorb proteins.

During the study, researchers will monitor both mother and fetus, collecting a variety of data to be compared with available information on human mothers.

Go for broke with new toy

Sales up despite economy

United Press International
DALLAS — The marketing strategy is simple — no matter what the shape of the economy, a family always will buy food and toys.

Yes, toys, point out representatives of the U.S. toy industry that grossed between \$4 billion and \$8 billion last year and hopes to do much better in 1982.

"You tell me which parent would like to see his child go without a present during Christmas?" asked Henry del Castillo, Dallas district manager of Mattel Toys, unquestionably the Exxon of the industry.

"We increased our business last year by 30 percent over the previous year and we expect the trend to continue," said del Castillo.

Ample evidence of the bullish nature of the industry was available at the recently concluded

Toy Show at Dallas' prestigious World Trade Center. The show occupied several floors of the Center and nearby buildings

and Parker Brothers had to offer.

If he or she had the money, the buyer was not disappointed. The offerings were bigger, better, more complicated and, above all, more expensive, all in keeping with inflation, higher prices and the sophistication and discerning taste of today's American child.

Most buyers were not asking if they could sell the product, but how much and if the manufacturer could meet the demand. They were filling orders for as late as 1982 Christmas.

Strawberry Shortcake, a license item featuring a cute girl with big wide eyes, is this year's craze competing neck and neck with hand-held electronic games whose sales went through the roof the last two years.

A masterpiece in plastic, Strawberry Shortcake comes in everything from doll houses to

tea sets that carry her pictures and every item smells of strawberry.

Accompanying her in the product line are her friends Blueberry Muffin and Lemon Meringue, all with their own fragrances.

The companies manufacturing these items expect to do \$1 billion worth of business in the Strawberry line alone and that is only a conservative estimate.

Mattel's most popular offering this year is a child computer retailing for about \$60. The more sophisticated variety aimed at the 6-to-11 group retails for \$89.

"Parents these days are concerned about the quality of education in schools and we feel this (computer) is the answer," said del Castillo. "The systems will teach everything from sounds to music to math. Our sophisticated variety includes other school subjects.

This year alone Mattel will introduce about 200 new products.

Fisher-Price, another industry giant, is also concentrating on educational toys. Their offerings include taperecorders, phonographs and other electronic items. The company has budgeted \$12 million strictly to promote them on television.

Then there are the old standbys like Monopoly which has been minting millions for Parker Brothers the last four decades. This year Parker also is going electronic with the board game that teaches the American child all about the free enterprise system.

If none of these interest the child, Paragon-Reiss of New York suggests their miniature version of the "Beetle" convertible. At \$7,000 each, the toy can be a bargain for those with money to burn.

Judge says groups can sue over spill

United Press International
HOUSTON — A federal judge has issued a ruling allowing Texas and several other plaintiffs to pursue \$400 million in lawsuits against a Texas firm and a private Mexican company involved in the world's worst oil spill.

However, U.S. District Judge Robert O'Connor said U.S. federal courts do not have jurisdiction over complaints against the Mexican national oil company, Pemex, in the Ixtoc 1 oilwell blowout. He cited the Foreign Sovereign Immunity act.

That ruling was seen as a foreign policy decision. O'Connor ruled Tuesday the parties involved in the spill that blackened beaches along the tourist-rich south Texas coast were Sedco Inc. in Dallas — founded by Gov. Bill Clements and now run by his son — and Permargo, a private Mexican company.

Permargo was drilling the well for Pemex on Sedco platform with Sedco equipment and advisors when the June 3, 1979, blowout occurred off the Mex-

ican coast in the Gulf of Mexico. It began a nine-month spill of 100 million gallons of crude — about twice as much oil into the ocean as any previously reported accident.

It took a massive federal and state effort to clean the beaches and coastal waters. The spoiled beaches cost the tourist industry an estimated \$50 million.

Those seeking damages include the Justice Department, Texas, local governments along the lower Texas coast, fishermen, the tourist industry and property owners. Plaintiffs hailed the ruling, saying it would allow them to proceed.

O'Connor noted in his ruling a Permargo 25-percent shareholder and business agent T.J. Falgout lives in Galveston and the company purchases a majority of its equipment in the state while maintaining bank accounts in Houston.

"Permargo purposely availed itself of the benefits and protection of Texas laws and is properly amenable to service of process under the Texas Long Arm statute," O'Connor said.

COUPON



The Best Pizza In Town! Honest.

INTRODUCES OUR

BUY ONE, GET ONE JUST LIKE IT AT 1/2 PRICE PIZZA SPECIAL!

AT THE PIZZA MAT ONLY

Please Present Coupon **846-3412**

COUPON


DIETING?

Even though we do not prescribe diets, we make it possible for many to enjoy a nutritious meal while they follow their doctor's orders. You will be delighted with the wide selection of low calorie, sugar free and fat free foods in the Souper Salad Area, Sbsa Dining Center Basement.

OPEN

Monday through Friday 10:45 AM-1:45 PM

QUALITY FIRST



BOOT & JEAN BARGAINS


- ★ CALFSKIN
- ★ BULLHIDE
- ★ EEL

JUSTIN & NOCONA BOOTS

Up To 1/2 Off!

Hand Chosen F.D. & First Quality Boots

- ★ LIZARD
- ★ SNAKE
- ★ ANTELOPE



Levi's

MENS' JEANS

• SADDLEMAN BOOT CUT

• Shrink To Fit


17⁸⁸ to 18⁸⁸

\$2⁰⁰ J.B. WHITE CO. \$2⁰⁰

\$2⁰⁰ OFF

Any Pair Jeans Purchased With This Coupon!

\$2⁰⁰ (April 1 - April 10, 1982) \$2⁰⁰

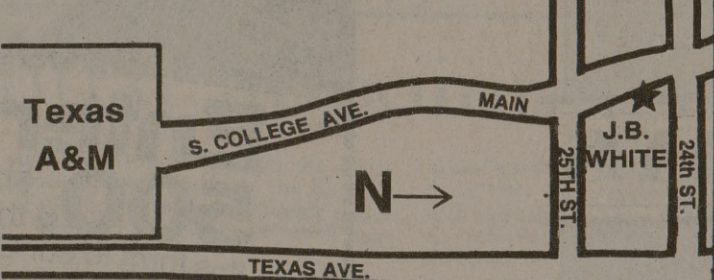


Wrangler


MENS' & STUDENTS' JEANS

- Cowboy Cut
- Boot Cut

15⁸⁸ to 16⁸⁸



Texas A&M S. COLLEGE AVE. MAIN J.B. WHITE 24th ST. TEXAS AVE.



211 N. MAIN 822-2723

Cash or Layaway

DOWNTOWN BRYAN