



Mary's little lamb

Photo by Jane Beach

Carol Sue Wyland, four-year-old daughter of History graduate student Sue Wyland, takes a long careful look at one of the lambs housed at the veterinary school farms. The lamb is one of many different kinds of animals that can be seen at the farm.

# Contraceptives topic of research report

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — An intrauterine device that lasts seven years is among birth control technologies on the horizon, says a report from the Alan Guttmacher Institute, a research affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

The progestin-releasing T-shaped IUD was developed by the Population Council, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The device, which contains the progestin levonorgestrel, is expected to be on the market within the next five years, the report, "Making Choices," said.

It also said the search for an anti-pregnancy vaccine continues.

"If a usable vaccine emerges from current efforts, it will be at least 10 years before it is marketed, and even this timetable will require a substantial amount of scientific good fortune."

A reversible contraceptive for men also is a target, the report said. Other birth control technologies in the wings include:

- Depo-Provero, three-month injected agent. It is expected to be some time before the Food and Drug Administration makes a final decision on whether to reverse its 1978 rejection of Depo-Provero, now being used by an estimated 1.2

million in 80 countries. Tests with beagles and monkeys have suggested that the drug could cause breast and uterine cancer, show that the cancers appear in humans.

- The NORPLANT subdermal implant system. It consists of six rods, each a little more than one-inch in length and one-tenth of an inch in diameter containing progestin levonorgestrel. The rods are implanted under the skin, usually in the upper arm and are said to be effective for five years.

- Vaginal ring, being developed under sponsorship of the World Health organization. The ring, worn continuously, is infused with a progestational agent that releases a hormone thickening cervical mucus and interfering with sperm transport.

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# Sears expands to new market

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Two years ago, Sears opened five of the business systems centers on a test basis in Chicago, Dallas and Boston. The centers offered a broad line of business computers, software, typewriters, copiers and communications equipment and supplies.

The concept was so successful the company now operates 49 centers in 23 metropolitan markets, Sears spokesman James Podany said Monday.

Since Sears has traditionally

been a broad-based retailer, the move toward specialty stores such as the business centers marks a change in the company's marketing outlook, Podany said.

The 80-store expansion plans also mean the company is moving into new markets in a significant way, he added.

Podany said the high cost of equipment and the complex technology associated with main-frame computers kept electronic business equipment out of reach of small businesses until recently.

"Today the cost has gone down and the capabilities have gone up. That obviously opens

up a huge market," he said.

Each new business center will employ six people, for a total of 500 new jobs, Podany said.

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