

What's up

WEDNESDAY

AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: A 'Leap Year Dance' will be held at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion. Admission is \$2 per person. Class members get in free.

AUDIO ENGINEERING GROUP: A demonstration of the latest Sony and Yamaha compact disk players will be given at 7:30 p.m. at Audio Video. For those who need a ride, meet at the main entrance of Zachry at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Bruce Thornton at 693-4579 or Erich Friend at 779-1929.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: A meeting will be held at 8 p.m. in 140 of the MSC. Everyone welcome. Call 260-3462 for more information.

MESQUITE HOMETOWN CLUB: A meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 607 Rudder Tower. Contact Brett Larsen at 846-3601 for more information.

SPIRIT AWARD APPLICATIONS: Applications are available in five locations: the Former Students lobby, 110 YMCA, the Student Activities Office, the Student Government Office, and 216 of the MSC. Applications are due today.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION COMMISSION: An information session will be held at 8 p.m. in 226 of the MSC. Anyone interested in running for a student government office, RHA office, OCA office, yell leader position, or a class council position should attend. Representatives from the various organizations will be present to answer questions. Contact Teddy Dela Cruz at 845-3051 for more information.

TOASTMASTERS: A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in 155 Blocker. Call Cindy Finley at 775-3523 for more information.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL: A candlelight communion service will be conducted at 10 p.m. in the Chapel. Contact Pastor Hubert Beck for more information.

THURSDAY

AMERICAN HUMANICS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: A lunch workshop will be conducted in 109 Francis at noon. Betty Van Rheen, from the San Jacinto Girl Scouts, will speak on "What is a Camp Director?" Lunch will be provided. Call Celeste at 260-3207 or Greg at 696-1869 for more information.

STUDENT ENGINEERS COUNCIL-STUDENT GOVERNMENT: A Dean's Forum will be conducted from 1-2 p.m. in 102 Zachry. Department heads will be available to answer questions.

Unisex contraceptive seen 5 years away

United Press International

NEW YORK — An injectable contraceptive that works in men as well as women and lasts a month is on the drawing board and will be around in about five years.

At least, that's what Dr. Thomas Tice says.

Tice has a 3-year, \$868,000 contract with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development to design a time-release system for the injectable, unisex contraceptive.

The contraceptive drug Tice is packaging is a derivative of LH-RH, a peptide hormone that originates in the brain's hypothalamus.

Tice said he already has developed time-release systems that provide a month's contraceptive protection in animals. It will be less than five years before such a system is perfected for use in humans, he figures.

Tice also hopes to work on systems that will make one shot provide contraceptive effect for three or six months.

Tice is packaging the drug in "what looks like real fine powder — spherical particles coated

with plastic of the type used in sutures." The plastic is designed

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to degrade at certain intervals into normal body substances. When that happens, a tiny bit of

the drug is released. Degraded material is absorbed.

The "powder" is mixed with water and injected with a hypodermic needle. A month's dose would involve powder equivalent to "about five pinches of salt." There is no lump or bump at the injection site.

The background, as described by Tice and from a report in "Southern Research," the institute's quarterly bulletin:

Natural LH-RH was discovered in 1971 by Dr. Andrew Shally who showed LH-RH is necessary for the release of LH and FSH, two hormones that are essential elements of the re-

productive process in males and females.

The release of LH and FSH from the pituitary sets off a chemical reaction, which ends in the release of an egg from the ovary. In the male, a similar sequence of chemical steps occurs. The result in males is the production of testosterone, the male hormone which causes sperm production.

Research shows after the injection, the LH-RH derivatives bind to the pituitary and block flow of LH and FSH from that gland. This stops release of eggs in females; it halts production of testosterone in males.

Tice said, unfortunately for the male, testosterone also is necessary for sex drive, and it, like sperm production, ceases when the drug stops testosterone production.

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Smithsonian gets J.R.'s cowboy hat

United Press International

WASHINGTON — "Dallas" television series star Larry Hagman, who portrays J.R. Ewing, Tuesday donated the ruthless oilman's sand-colored cowboy hat to the Smithsonian Museum.

The hat will be in the same section of the museum featuring such memorabilia as Archie Bunker's chair, the Fonz's leather jacket, Dorothy's ruby slippers from the "Wizard of Oz" and the hat worn by James Arness in "Gunsmoke."

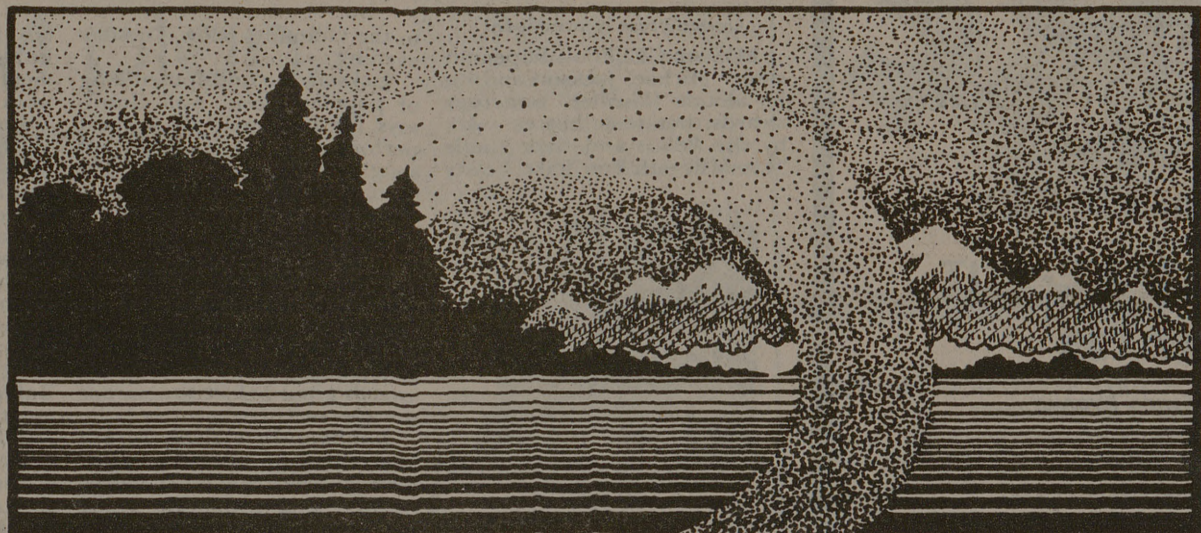
"It is a great honor to be in the Smithsonian along with Archie Bunker, Henry Winkler and John Dillinger, of course," Hagman quipped.

House Majority Leader Jim Wright, D.Tex., who represents Hagman's hometown of Weatherford, and was the actor's boxing coach, presented him with a replacement.

"You've done so much to improve the image of Texas for you," said Wright. Hagman laughed. "A noose?"

Wright responded: "That has been suggested but we voted it down, 5-4."

Instead, Wright said he did not want Hagman to leave the ceremony hatless and presented him with a charcoal-colored version.



OUTDOOR HORIZONS

MSC Outdoor Recreation Committee brings you

Outdoor Horizons Conference

March 1-4

Schedule of Events:

- March 1**
7:00-8:30 Everest: The West Ridge, 601 Rudder.
- March 2**
10:00 AM Wilderness Adventure in Mexico, 301 Rudder.
11:00 Able/Disabled Program, 301 Rudder.
12-1:30 Wilderness First-Aid, Dr. Camille Bunting, 301 Rudder.
2:00-4:00 Outdoor Horizons Environmental Forum, 301 Rudder.
6:30-8:00 Open-House (Informal reception, refreshments), 301 Rudder.
8:00 Never Summer Productions: "I Saw the Wind", Rudder Theater.
- March 3**
9:00 AM Wilderness Institute for Leadership Development, 206 M.S.C..
10:00 Caving, Duwaine Whitis, 206 M.S.C..
11-12:15 Liability of Outdoor Programs, 206 M.S.C..
1:30 Public Land in Geopardy, Ken Kramer, 206 M.S.C..
2:30-4:30 Outdoor Photography, Wayne Helton, 206 M.S.C..
6:30 O. H. Barbeque, Area 2 Hensel Park, \$5.00/plate.
- March 4**
9-12:00 River Safety and Rescue Workshop, 504 Rudder.
Rockclimbing Workshop, Tom Combrink, Fire Trn. Cen.

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