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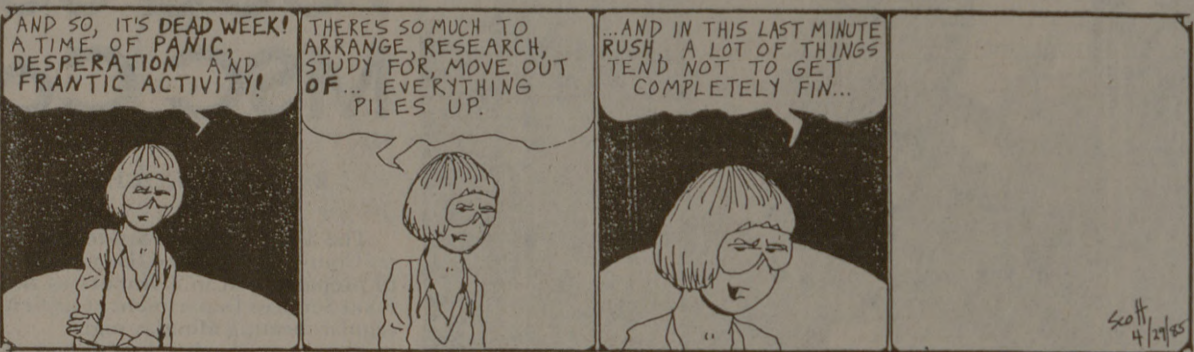
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by Scott McCullar



**Red Cross to study reasons behind AIDS contamination**

Associated Press  
 NEW YORK — The American Red Cross has found evidence of AIDS contamination in two to three of every 1,000 blood samples tested, but officials say they will perform more tests on the blood before they inform the donors.

In addition to confirming the initial results, the Red Cross said it wants to study more closely what the test results mean.

The additional tests will delay notification, until June at least, of donors whose blood is confirmed as having been exposed to the AIDS virus.

The Red Cross, which provides about half the nation's blood supply, began screening blood last month to keep the suspected AIDS virus from spreading through transfusions. Federal authorities blame transfusions for 143 of the nation's 9,760 cases of AIDS.

People at high risk for AIDS, including homosexuals and intravenous drug abusers, have been urged to avoid giving blood. "(This is) the number one factor that will protect the nation's blood supply," said Dr. S. Gerald Sandler, associate vice president for medical operations of the Red Cross. The blood screening is a backup precaution, he said.

"(Transfusion) recipients need protection by eliminating every unit of blood that might be infected. Donors need protection by not being implicated by a blood center in the AIDS epidemic on the basis of a ... lab test that isn't confirmed," he said.

The test is designed only to find the chemical antibodies created by the immune system in response to the AIDS virus. But the test is imper-

fect and can't be completely confirmed, Sandler said. So, although even a marginal positive reading will disqualify the blood for transfusion, it does not mean the donor has AIDS, or will get it.

Donors whose blood can be confirmed positive will be notified to keep them from spreading the virus, Sandler said, but the Red Cross will hold back on donors it's unsure about until better tests are available to resolve the uncertainty.

Researchers are trying to learn the correlation between the strength of a positive reading on the screening test and the likelihood that the blood actually carries the virus. That effort will help the Red Cross set the tone of its notifications to donors, Sandler said.

**Men caught taking exotic animals to Mexico**

Associated Press  
 HOUSTON — Two men were being detained Monday for allegedly trying to take 14 exotic animals into Mexico from Arizona, a U.S. Customs Service spokesman said.

The animals included two dromedary camels, six springboks, five wallabies and a zebra, Charles Conroy, Customs Service spokesman in Houston said.

The two men taken into custody

were identified as Manuel Garcia Pueblo and Jesus Garcia, both from Sonora, a state in Mexico.

A customs inspector on his way to work Friday in Nogales, Ariz., spotted the two-truck caravan and said his interest was aroused because the head of the camel was sticking out of the truck. Ironically, the inspector is responsible for stopping illegal exports.

After the trucks, bearing Mexico

license plates, passed the turnoff leading to customs inspections, agents halted the vehicles to question the drivers, Conroy said.

"When asked about export documents and health documents, they gave a real fine story," he said.

They said the man that usually brings animals from Arkansas was in Los Angeles with a broken neck and that his replacement ran off with medical papers after a wallaby es-

**Rock'n'roll history to be presented**

By REBECCA ADAR Staff Writer

Dr. Terry Anderson, an associate professor of history, will present a program on the history of American rock 'n' roll, which he says is "stuff, not like most scholars, but who cares."

The program, sponsored by the History Club, will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in 100 Harrington room Building.

Anderson says the themes of American society and culture in popular music. He supports the idea by using 15 different songs from the last 30 years in a presentation. He builds his case excerpts from about 75 songs.

The themes include civil rights, women's liberation, the gay movement, male/female relationships and the anti-war movement, Anderson says.

He says he has done research studies of popular music for a number of years. At a convention of the American Musicological Society, he presented a paper on popular music in the 1950s.

Anderson says he considers popular music to be a reflection of the thoughts and events of American experience.

Students in his class on American history have seen the 'n' roll presentation, and groups have asked him to present "The students love it," Anderson says. He says he'd like to do the presentation for the University.

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