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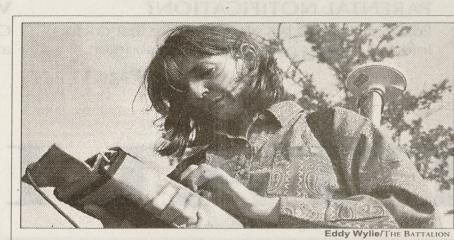
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## I don't think I'm in New Mexico anymore...

Ana Donohue, from Las Cruces, New Mexico, uses a global positioning system linked to a satellite to map coordinates for computerized maps Sunday afternoon at Research Park. She is currently visiting A&M to learn this technology from the mapping sciences department.

## **Biological clock contains** key to premature births

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**D** Evidence found that some early deliveries may be prevented by detecting abnormal hormone levels early in pregnancy.

NEW YORK (AP) - A biological clock that starts ticking early in pregnancy may largely determine when a woman will deliver her baby, says a study suggesting a possible way to prevent premature births.

Evidence for the clock appeared when researchers found abnormal hormone levels early in pregnancy in women who eventually delivered prematurely or well past their due date.

Scientists might be able to prevent many premature births if they can find the clock and learn to adjust it in women with a hormone level showing a high risk for prematurity, researcher Dr.

Roger Smith said.

About 11 percent of births in the United States are premature, coming before the 37th week of pregnancy. Premature babies are at increased risk of death and conditions including cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, blindness, lung disease and mental retardation.

Smith is director of the Maternal Health Research Center at John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle, Australia. He, colleagues there, and others at the University of Reading in England report on their study in the May issue of Nature Medicine.

The study's "remarkable" re-sults provide "a very important piece of the puzzle" about what causes premature births and what governs the timing of normal-length pregnancies, said Dr. Peter Nathanielsz, who studies the biology of pregnancy at Cornell University in Ithaca.

Some premature deliveries are caused by medical conditions like infections that would not be predictable by hormone levels, Smith said.

## Pig donors may be answer to shortage of human organs

□ Scientists' biggest challenge lies in overcoming immunological differences between humans and pigs.

NEW YORK (AP) — Scien-tists who grafted pig hearts into baboons say they have taken a major step toward the routine transplant of animal organs into people, a high-tech answer to the shortage of human organs.

The pig hearts carried pro-teins that markedly reduced damage from an initial and normally devastating assault by the immune system. This attack,

called hyperacute

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rejection, has been considered biggest barrier to of animal organs into people, and the new work shows it

has been overcome, researcher Jeffrey Platt said.

Platt is a professor of experimental surgery, pediatrics and immunology at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, N.C. The study, done with colleagues at Duke and the biotechnology company Nextran in Princeton, N.J., is reported in the May issue of

Nature Medicine. About 90,000 people a year in the United States could ben-efit from transplants, but the potential human supply is only 8.000 to 14.000 donors annually, said Roger Evans of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. Evans is on a national

committee studying the use of animals as donors. In hyperacute rejection,

the immune system unleashes proteins that can destroy a transplanted organ's useful ness within minutes. This process is different from the B longer-term rejection that The

off by taking drugs. The challenge was to pro-tect pig organs against hypera cute rejection without shutting down the immune system's ability to unleash the destructive proteins on disease-causing bacteria and viruses.

The answer lay in creating make strains of pigs carrying two and h human genes that tell the pigs' blood cells to make two" proteins to deliver to the vage ] heart's inner lining. Scien.

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Two more years of animal re- <sup>thildr</sup> the search will be needed before poast routine transplants scientists can hope to transplant pigs organs into people.

> tists hoped these protective proteins would dampen the immune system assault after transplant.

Scientists have now produced pigs that continuously create the protective proteins in their hearts, which should provide longer-lasting protection, Platt said.

Two more years of animal experiments will be needed be fore scientists can hope to transplant pig organs into people, and other immunologica hurdles must still be overcome, he said.

Eventually, pigs may be able to supply hearts, lungs and kidneys to people, he said.

# Silver Dollars For Those **First Salutes!!**



**Student Parking Garage Information** UPDATES This year students are not required to renew their parking garage priviledges. PTTS will be automatically renewing students who meet the following requirements:

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\* are enrolled in Fall '95 classes no later than July 1, 1995

\* are on the housing list no later than July 1, 1995

Fees will be charged the first week of September.

Students who are not enrolled and/or are not on the housing list by July 1, 1995 will be dropped from their parking garage assignment and access card deactivated on August 20, 1995.

### **Graduation News:**

Monday • May 1, 1995

Morgan and Peace Dollars 1878 - 1935, circulated: \$6.50 - \$10.00 each. Eisenhower Dollars 1971 - 1978: \$3.00 each. 1995 1 ounce, .999 Silver Eagles, U.S. Mint issue: \$11.00 each. Susan B. Anthony Dollars: \$2.00 each.

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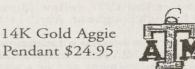




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### **Parking Permit News:**

h Student parking permits and bus passes purchased for the fall of 1995 are valid through May 31, 1996. Students who preregister for parking permits and bus passes before July 1, 1995, will receive them in the mail on or around T August 10. Please verify your address with the Fiscal Department. SE

The price of parking permits has changed from what is listed in the registration booklets due to the approval of price changes made by the Board of Regents. The new prices listed below will be effective Fall '95.

ption Code	Types of Permits and Prices	
10	Commuter Student	\$75
30	Resident Student	\$75
09	Night Permit	\$35
12	Motorcycle/Moped	\$35
	Summer Permit (Effective Summer '96)	\$55
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Lot)	\$100
	Faculty/Staff (Reserved Number Space)	\$200
	Garage Roof	\$180
	Garage (Inside)	\$240
	Garage (Priority)	\$270
	Zachry Basement	\$270
15	Bus Pass	

\*Students may obtain a free night permit if a bus pass is purchased.

## **Summer Parking Permit News:**

ES May 15 - 19 - Students who preregister before May 1, 1995, for summer parking permits or bus passes will receive them in the mail.

May 25 - 31 - Student permits and bus passes may be picked up from the PTTS cashiers in the Rudder Tower lobby between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

ption Code	Cost of Summer Parking Permits	HY drioh
15	Bus Pass	\$55
32	Summer Student Parking	\$20
12	Motorcycle/Moped	\$11.72
09	Night Parking	\$15

S \*Parking permits and bus passes purchased for the summer are valid through August 27, 1995. Summer permits are non-refundable. Bus passes are non-refundable in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I, the bus pass refund is \$27.50.

#### **Visitor Garage Parking:**

DA	refund is \$27.50.	in Summer Term II. During Summer Term I,
Ы	Visitor Ga	rage Parking:
0	Visitor Parking per Hour\$ .60	Visitor Parking per Day\$4.80
S	*This will be effective in the 1995 Fall Term.	

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