famous for perfumes, says it is invest-ing in a breast-cancer detection device that is worn inside bras and could be on the market in six

Faberge said the device — heat-sensitive chemicals in thin, pliable triangular wafers that tuck inside bra cups — is undergoing expanded field

Dr. Harold L. Karpman, Faberge medical director, said the chemicals, which he did not name, change color when heat from the breast becomes greater than normal. Cancer tissue tends to be hotter than that of normal

Faberge said the patented device - called Breast Cancer Screening Indicator — is safe, non-toxic, nonirritating and non-carcinogenic

Monday, Faberge announced the firm had "entered an agreement" with BCSI Laboratories Inc., a privately held New Jersey firm, "for the clinical study, development and commercial exploitation of a patented, simple, home-use device to aid in the early detection of breast

Karpman said if all goes well in the expanded clinical trials the product should be on the market in six months to a year.

Leukemia detection easier

United Press International BOSTON — A doctor at the Sid-ney Farber Cancer Institute says scientists have figured out a way to classify some types of childhood leuke-mia which would them help detect

which patients are more treatable.
"We now have the ability to discriminate and categorize the children (who have leukemia) into different groups," Dr. Stuart F. Schlossman said in an interview with the Boston

Globe Tuesday.
"We can tell which patients respond to therapy, and we can iden-tify those who did poorly in the past, and try different treatments," he

Schlossman, also a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School said it has been found, for example, that acute lymphoblastic leukemia occurs in children in several different forms, and some forms are more treatable than others.

This allows us to dissect populations of cells from one another," he said. "And that is a very important concept. What looked, several years ago, to be acute leukemia in childhood is now turning out to be several different kinds of leukemia."
He said with the use of pure anti-

bodies - substances produced by special hybrid turmor cells growing in culture — it is possible to separate leukemia into several different sub-

Another important finding is that large amounts of pure, specific antidies, called mono-c bodies" recognize and lock onto disease organisms, and set them up for destruction, Schlossman said. In the new work, these special substances, the pure antibodies, are

being made outside the body, in laboratory dishes, and are becoming available in large quantities for re-

"We know we can deliver the anti-bodies to every leukemia cell in the body," Schlossman said. "We don't know yet how important this is going

Man refuses state pardon

United Press International SOMERS, Conn. — John "Buddy" Palm refused a state pardon that would have made him a free man after 43 years. He says he will stay in prison until the state declares him innocent of a 1936 murder

The frail, white-haired inmate, who has spent more time as a prisoner than any other inmate in Connecticut, told the state Board of Pardons Monday he was convicted by a "kangaroo court." But the board said it had no power to declare him inno-cent, only to set him free.

Palm, who turns 69 this week, is believed to be the first inmate ever to turn down a pardon in the state.

He appeared confused during his brief appearance Monday before the board, first saying he'd accept the pardon and then saying he wouldn't.

He often rambled when ques-

tioned by board members in a bleak hearing room at the maximumsecurity state prison at Somers and gave conflicting statements about his

views of the pardon.

But after hearing from Palm's attorney and a psychiatrist, the board agreed to rescind the pardon, which commuted Palm's life sent-

ence to time served as of April 1. The board, which granted Palm the pardon last October, postponed his release date last week until it could hear his request that it be over-

medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles Medical School is a founder and past president of the American Thermography Society — a group that has been looking for early signs of cancer by taking heat-

readings of breast tissue "The first cancer," he said, "probably is no bigger than the dot made by a pencil tip." It doubles in size about every four months. "With a

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Faberge's announcement said it has acquired rights to purchase up to 80 percent of the BCSI's common

Initial studies at Georgetown University School of Medicine under the direction of Dr. Betty Hamilton showed the chemical heat sensor is

reliable and reproducible manner. In addition to that study, another involving 28 patients showed the device detected all breast abnormali-

ties found by physical and other examinations, such as mammography. Faberge said the sensor wafers are placed in the cups of a bra and worn for 10 to 15 minutes. The devices are then removed and read by the

Press freedom declining

United Press International WASHINGTON — American newspaper editors were told Tuesday that freedom of the press is declining throughout the world and officials of a U.N. agency are leading the retreat.

'Press freedom does not exist or is on the decline in most of the world today," said Tina Hills of El Mundo in San Juan, chairwoman of the American Society of Newspapers' international communications committee, in a report delivered to the group's convention

"A growing number of nations, led by socialist and Third World countries, does not share our con-cept of a free press and the free flow of information," the report

'Information around the world, even in many Western countries, is being regulated as never before. This trend threatens our cherished freedoms more than some of the worrisome developments in our own

The report said while press freedom has advanced in Spain,

nalists and government con the press is spreading in Western hemisphere - na in Nicaragua, Chile, Costa R Venezuela, Colombia, Pana Haiti and Cuba.

The biggest problem, said, is an attempt by World countries to put the Educational, Scientific and tural Organization on rec favor of government con news reporting.



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