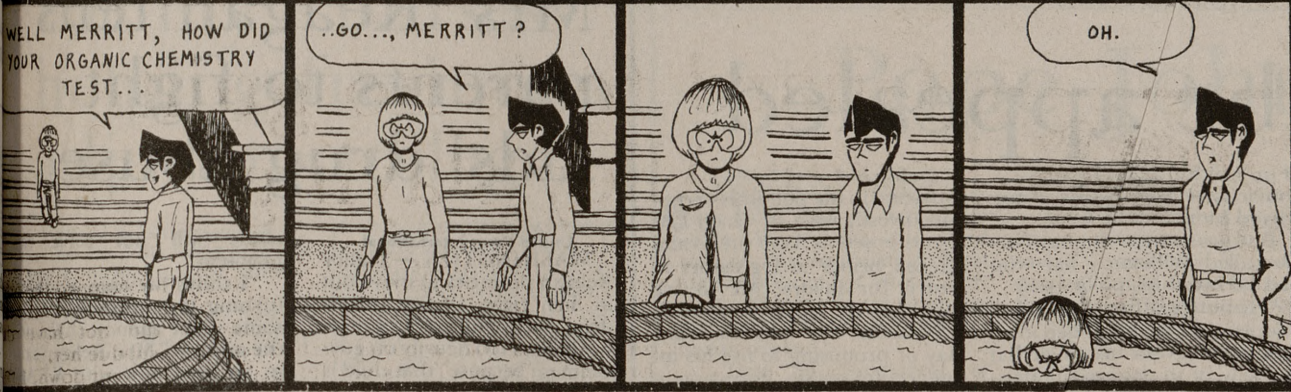


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By Scott McCullar

Bystander helps nab suspect



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BAYTOWN — A witness to a robbery of the First American Bank on Tuesday ran to a police car stopped on the street, jumped in and helped an officer chase down a suspect.
Police charged Baytown construction worker Mark Cepanica, 31, with robbing the bank of more than \$12,000, and they held him in lieu of \$20,000 bond. Officers praised the work of eyewitness Ismael Cano, 34.
"Cano is the hero of the day," a police spokesman said. Cano, a garage mechanic, said a five-mile chase to catch the suspect did not scare him because he had done high-speed road tests.
"It was just one of those things," he said. "I think any citizen should help. I just did my duty and didn't think about my safety."
The money from the bank was found in Capanica's car after he crashed into a parked car. Capanica had painted himself black and was wearing an Afro wig. Police said he forced a bank drive-in teller to give him a strong box with the money by threatening her with a .357 Magnum pistol.

Yugoslav plant spewing lead, poisoning children

United Press International
NEW YORK — A Columbia University scientist says the most widespread lead poisoning in the history of mankind is taking place in Yugoslavia.
Lead-dust emissions from a smelting plant in southeastern Yugoslavia, resulted in several cases of lead poisoning among young children, said Dr. Joseph Graziano of Columbia University.
Graziano, co-author of a study published Tuesday in the Archives of Environmental Health.
The study found that 12 percent of children under 3 years of age in Kosovka Mitrovica had more than twice the level of lead in their blood than is considered safe. The study was conducted

by Graziano and Dr. Dusan Popovac of the Kosovska Mitrovica Medical Center.
About 60,000 people live in the vicinity of the Kosovka Mitrovica lead smelter, one of the largest in Europe, which spewed six tons of lead dust into the air daily in 1979.
The children, particularly sensitive to lead poisoning, risk convulsions, severe neurological damage, coma and even death, Graziano said.
"Yugoslavia has air quality standards and laws similar to those in the United States, but there is no enforcement — thus the current tragic situation," Graziano said.
"If current policies continue in the United States, enforcement could virtually disappear

as it has in Yugoslavia."
Children in Kosovska Mitrovica were examined in February and August 1978 and in December 1980 for the study by Popovac and Graziano, an associate professor of pharmacology and pediatrics at Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons.
The level of lead in the blood had increased each time and more than one child in 10 had severe poisoning.
Twelve percent of the children had levels of 70 micrograms per deciliter, and the rest had lower levels. The levels considered safe is 29 micrograms per deciliter.
Children are extremely sensitive to lead poisoning because of undeveloped nervous systems and hand-to-mouth activity which virtually guarantees the ingestion of lead dust.
Kosovo's rich coal and mineral resources have brought major industry to the poor farming area. As a result of the lead smelter, an overwhelming majority of the 60,000 people living nearby have dangerously high levels of lead in their blood.
The enormous lead emissions probably contribute to the high rates of infant mortality, miscarriage and other serious health

problems in the Yugoslav community, he said.
The study was done for the World Bank, which is funding redevelopment in the Yugoslav city. As a part of the funding arrangement, facilities built cannot be detrimental to health of people in the surrounding area.

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 18, 149th day of 1982 with 316 to go.
The moon is moving toward new phase.
The morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.
There is no evening star.
Those born on this date are likely to be successful in the sign of Aquarius.
An American philanthropist George Peabody was born Feb. 18, 1795.
On this date in history:
In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn into office as president of the Confederate States of America at Montgomery, Ala.
In 1930, the planet Pluto was discovered by astronomer Clyde Tombaugh at the Lovell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.
In 1967, nuclear physicist

In 1980, Pierre Elliott Trudeau and the Liberal party were returned to power in Canada.
A thought for the day: Thomas Jefferson said: "I hold that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and as necessary in the political world as storms in the physical."
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