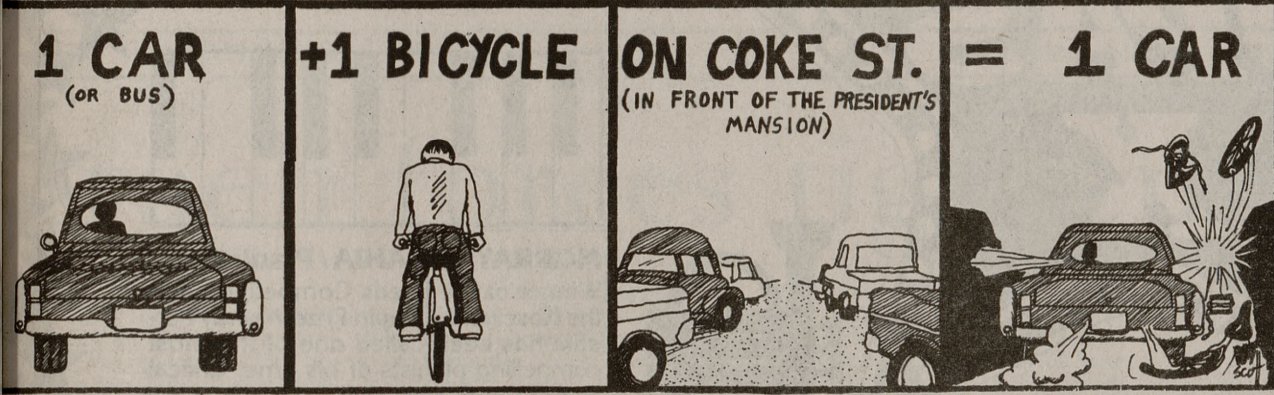


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By Scott McCullar

New drug may aid obese; researcher remains cautious



United Press International  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A drug that blocks brain impulses has caused some obese people to stop overeating, but it is not a "wonder drug" and a single dose costs \$150, a University of Virginia researcher says. "Much more research is needed," said Dr. Richard Atkinson, chief of the school's Clinical Nutrition Center. "I don't want people to misunderstand. It's not a new wonder drug that can be used so everyone can get skinny."

Some obese people may overeat because they have unusually high levels of the chemical endorphin, which triggers brain impulses and may stimulate appetite, Atkinson said Tuesday. The drug naloxone, administered by vein, blocked the endorphin and suppressed the appetites of overweight, but not lean people, Atkinson said research has revealed. The finding is significant because it leads to "speculation that fat people overproduce en-

dorphins, which makes them overeat," Atkinson said. Researchers plan to test other drugs for similar effects, he said. In a single-meal study conducted on 23 people, some of whom were overweight, the overweight people who received naloxone ate less than the people who were not overweight. If obese people take the drug for more than one meal, they may be able to eat less than they normally would over a long period, Atkinson said.

Man shoots self after police chase

United Press International  
MARSHALL — A South Milwaukee, Wis., man, 19, charged with shooting his mother and kidnapping his sister, 16, shot himself in the face as he was being arrested, authorities said Tuesday.

The girl, Clarice Osiecki, escaped unharmed and waited Tuesday for her father to come from Wisconsin to take her home.

South Milwaukee police said Tuesday night they were notified that Glenn S. Osiecki had been arrested by east Texas authorities near Tyler after being stopped on a minor traffic violation.

He had been charged in Wisconsin Tuesday with attempted murder for shooting his mother, Kristin Osiecki, 45, on Monday and kidnapping his sister.

Authorities had been looking for him in Texas because he had said he wanted to go there.

A South Milwaukee policeman said Texas authorities stopped the car and when they did the girl "jumped out of the car." They added: "He sped away and after a short chase was apprehended."

Osiecki shot himself in the mouth, as authorities closed in, officials said. The bullet entered

through his mouth and came out his cheek.

"Exactly what he was doing with the gun when he shot himself we don't know," Harrison County Sheriff's department officer Martin Cleckard said. "He suffered a superficial wound to the side of the face."

He was treated at a Marshall hospital and released to the custody of Harrison County authorities.

Osiecki shot his mother once while they were in the family home in South Milwaukee. She was in fair condition Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Hospital in Cudahy.

Police are also investigating the fatal stabbing earlier Monday of the man's aunt, Dorothy Zwicke, 57, who lived about two blocks from the Osiecki home.

Her body was found by her son, Gary, 29, when he returned home from work. She had been stabbed 14 times.

Osiecki told police her daughter, Clarice, was taken by force from her home by her son after he had shot her.

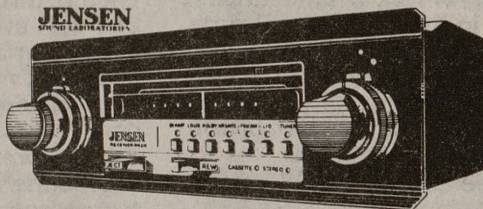
Osiecki told authorities she and her son were returning from the Holy Family Retreat Home, an alcoholic rehabilitation center, when Glenn asked her to drive him to Texas.

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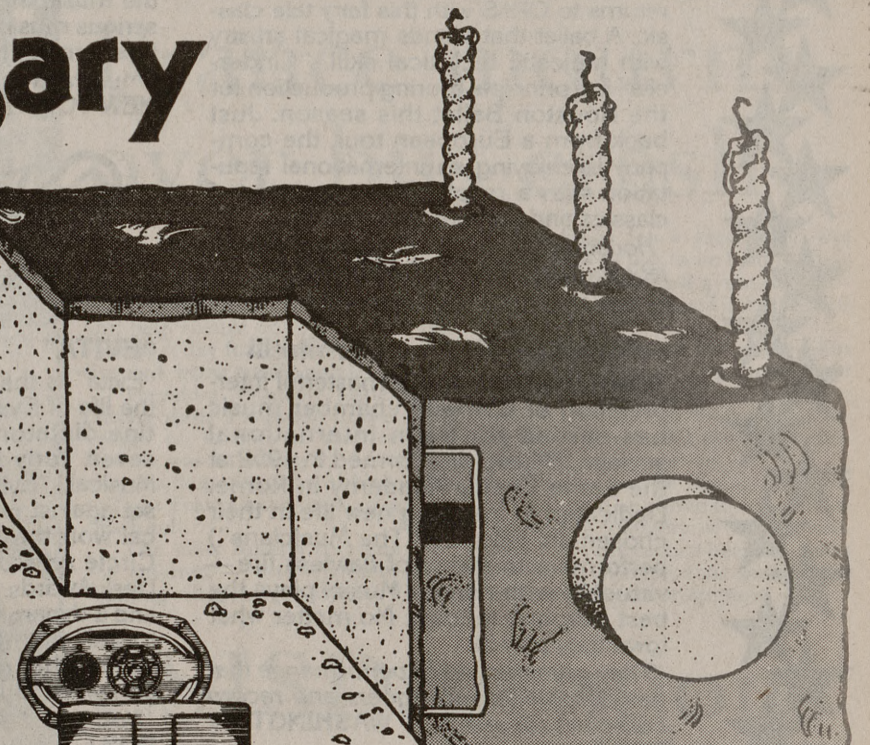
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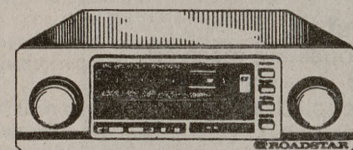


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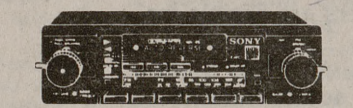
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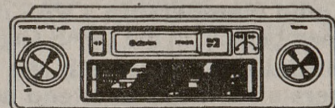
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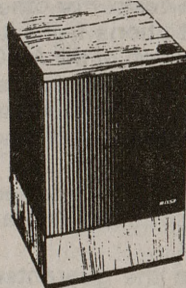
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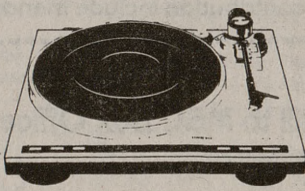
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