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Beth Sanders, left, gives a sigh of relief at the realization she has conquered chemistry. Sanders, a freshman education major from Mont Belvieu,

and Andrea Seifer, right, a freshman geology major from Ft. Worth, were examining the answers to the chemistry test held Wednesday.

## FDA asks for tests of cancer treatment

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has accused a Houston physician — who treats cancer patients with a chemical derived from human urine — with failing to follow rules regarding testing of new drugs.

Dr. Stanislaw Burzynski was asked Tuesday to comply with FDA regulations in the manufacture and use of antineoplastons, according to court records. The U.S. government is requesting a preliminary and permanent injunction, following five years of investigations by FDA officials.

No hearing date has been set for the case, which names Burzynski, the Burzynski Cancer Research Institute, North American Consultants Ltd. and Cameron Frye as defendants.

The FDA charged Burzynski with ignoring requirements for experimenting on animals with new drugs and other violations in the manufacture and shipping of antineoplastons.

Burzynski has described his medical procedure not as a cure but a treatment for cancer. He has said his success rate is high, but figures were not available. Many of his patients came from Canada, Michigan and Ohio.

He extracts two chemicals from human urine, purifies them and then injects them back into the body. But the American Cancer Society says there is no evidence to document Burzynski's claims for successful treatment.

Burzynski, a Polish-born physician who runs the research center valued at \$6 million and located south of Houston in Stafford, had been on the research staff of Baylor College of Medicine until 1977, when he left to set up his project. He said there are 70 people working at the facilities' two locations.

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## Lady 'Robin Hood' jailed

**United Press International**  
HOUSTON — A 59-year-old woman — considered by some to be a modern-day Robin Hood — with 27 arrests for stealing from Houston and San Antonio stores, has been sentenced to prison for three years.

Maria Lerma told a San Antonio psychiatrist that she gives the stolen items to poor people. Lerma was sentenced to three years in prison and fined \$5,000 for trying to steal eight dresses from the Saks Fifth Avenue store in Houston.

Lerma originally was sentenced to 10 years in prison for

the offense. But the defendant failed to appear in court the day of the sentencing, and defense lawyers claimed it was illegal to sentence someone not present. A new judge ordered her to prison Tuesday, but dropped seven years off the sentence.

Since the late 1940s, Lerma

has been arrested 27 times for shoplifting and convicted at least 11 times. In 1977, Bexar County prosecutors accused her of leading a ring of shoplifters, whom they said she trained. They said she once went on a Houston shopping spree and returned with \$16,000 in stolen goods.

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