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LIBERTYVILLE, III. — A "dead man" who stunned nurses by coughing as they were preparing to take out his organs was in critical condition Thursday fighting for his life.

"He's improving. I'm a positive thinker. I'm hoping for a miracle," Genevieve Supergan, who had signed death certifi-cate papers when her son was pronounced dead Monday, told the Chicago Sun-Times.

'It is really frightening," she

Alan Supergan, 20, suffered massive brain injuries in a car accident in which he was charged with drunken driving. He was taken to Condell Memorial Hospital. Doctors told Supergan's family his situation was hopeless and the family or-dered his life-support systems cut off and his organs donated.

But Tuesday, as doctors and nurses prepared to remove Supergan's heart, kidneys and liver, he coughed. He was listed in critical condition Thursday.

same day organ donor surgery was halted by signs of life. Doctors at a Memphis, Tenn., hospital canceled surgery to remove a "dead" man's liver when his feet started twitching involuntarily. The patient, who had been in a car accident, was declared dead nine hours before surgery at the University of Tennessee's Howard F. Bowld

Hospital began. "This is an extremely fluky and rare event," said Gary Hall, organ transplant coordinator at

the Tennessee hospital. Supergan's parents were already planning his funeral and the Lake County coroner had listed him as dead of injuries suffered in a one-car accident

Dr. Meneleo Avila, a neuro-surgeon, said Supergan showed no brain function or response to pain and that his pupils were dilated when he was examined Monday afternoon.

Avila said he told Supergan's family the situation was hope-

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Avila said nurses were paring Supergan for or moval surgery about 12.3 Tuesday and were using on his trachea when the to have evidence of se

"They stopped ever and called me," he said then he has improved more. He now moves. It flex move but movemen

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Supergan has been in:

Officials destroy 25 tons of marijuana

United Press International

BROWNSVILLE - Drug Enforcement Administration agents Thursday burned 25 tons of marijuana and interrogated 14 Colombians and Hondurans who were arrested as the Coast Guard seized the 75foot ship Lady Mar earlier this

The pot, valued at \$20 million by the DEA, were set afire at the city landfill inside a locked fence at the Port of Brownsville.

Meantime, a spokesman for the U.S. Customs said the Lady Mar, which rammed the Coast Guard cutter Durable during a 22-hour chase in the Gulf of Mexico off the Mexican Yucatan Peninsula last Saturday and Sunday, would be seized by the

DEA agents continued to grill the suspects, trying to de-termine which one of them falsely reported that the ship, a

oyster fishing boat, was empty when first confronted by the Coast Guard cutter.

The vessel orginally radioed that it was registered at Roatan, Honduras, but investigators said the Honduran government disputed the claim and gave permission for the Coast Guard o board the vessel.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harry Lee Hall said Thursday the DEA was continuing its investigation into the registry and ownership of the boat and mari-

DEA agents said the suspects probably would be charged with possession with intent to distribute the marijuana.

They were being processed by Immigration and Naturalization Service officials and then will be booked into the Cameron County Jail, U.S. customs spokesman Juaquin Leggarreta said.

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SAN ANTONIO - The United States could do more to help Mexico through its present economic crisis by understanding the problems the country is

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going through, a political science professor Thursday told Latin American coursemembers of the Texas Daily "Migrants who le

Newspaper Association.
Dr. Gabriel Szekely of the Center of International Studies, because they are wo College of Mexico, called on Texas newspaper editors and Szekely said. "But the publishers to increase their un-derstanding of Mexico's politi-cal and economic situation from a Mexican point of view' by American standards."

ower "The United States could help Mexico develop industrially," he said. "But it will take a great deal of patience on the part of Americans and a realization that reference in Maries and South and So

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part of Americans and a realization that reforms in Mexico and throughout Third World countries are slow in coming."

A panel discussion which included Szekely, Dr. Edmundo Flores, economist, and Dr. Carlos Bosch, concluded in San Antonio Thursday. The seminary Fund, is tonio Thursday. The seminar continues Friday in Mexico City with a talk by Carlos Salinas de Gotari, minister of program and budget, and an interview with President Miguel de la Ma-

Szekely said Mexico needs American investors to help Mexican industry become more competitive in the U.S. market.

The political science professor and research scholar said one of the areas most misunderstood by Americans is the positive role played by illegal aliens who are crossing into the suffer. In Mexico we wanted the suffer of the suffer

'Migrants who leave United States hurt of workers who are in the States, legally or illegal needed dollars back helping our economy." Szekelky said U.S. te

proving to be a friend of ico by helping us with our problems," he said, additionally officials of the IMF said. Mexico is succeeding in terity program.

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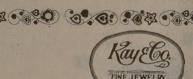
work only part time, has estimated at 45 percent, h "This year Mexico will cut the inflation rate from 40 percent," Szekely said the process of austerity

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