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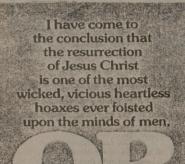
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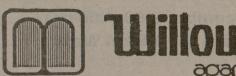
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Chemical shows link to long life

BOSTON (AP) — High levels of a mysterious hormone have been linked for the first time with longevity, and finding ways to increase this natural chemical might someday be a key to helping people live longer, researchers say.

The hormone, produced by the adrenal gland, is called dehydroe-piandrosterone sulfate, or DHEAS. No one knows precisely what it does, although it's the most abundant ster-

oid hormone in humans.

Researchers at the University of California at San Diego found that older men who had high levels of the hormone were far less likely to die, especially of heart disease, than were people with low levels of the sub-

Dr. Elizabeth Barrett-Connor, who directed the study said, "There is no way to either raise or lower DHEAS levels with medicine or behavior, although it is conceivable that we could develop a therapy to

alter levels of the hormone."

In their report in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, the researchers cautioned that DHEAS could merely be a marker for some other attribute that truly helps people survive longer.

Nobel

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lead to violence.

"Both the Jewish people and the Palestinian people have lost too many sons and shed too much blood. This must stop, and all attempts to

Aarvik noted it has been 50 years since the peace prize was awarded to Carl von Ossietzky, the German pacifist who prior to World War II warned of the Nazi threat to democ-

"His testimony was, however, also his doom," Aarvik said. "Ossietzky did not survive his meeting with the terrible regime which had established itself in the heart of Europe. Today, 50 years later, the peace prize is to be presented to one who

"From the abyss of the death camps he has come . . . with a message of brotherhood and atonement."

The Nobel prize winners were announced in October, but the awards are always on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the death in 1896 of Swedish dynamite inventor and industrialist Alfred Nobel, who established the awards in his will. The other Nobel prizes and their

winners were:

• For literature, Nigeria Wole Soyinka, a playwright, poet and novelist, and the first African ever to receive the prize. • For medicine, American Stan-

ley Cohen and Italian-American Rita Levi-Montalcini for discoveries of 'growth factors" in human and animal tissue.

• For physics, West German Ernst Ruska for fundamental work in electron optics and designing the first electron microscope; and West German Gerd Binnig and Heinrich Rohrer, from Switzerland, for designing the scanning tunneling microscope, which has made possible the first pictures of individual atoms.

• For chemistry, Americans Dudley R. Herschbach and Yuan T. Lee, and Canadian John C. Polanyi for pioneering study of basic chemical

• For economics, American James McGill Buchanan for development of bases for the theory of economical and political decision-

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Supreme Court hears evolution debate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Teaching creationism alongside evolution in public schools was attacked as an attempt to "give God equal time" and defended as true academic freedom in a lively Supreme Court debate Wednesday.

The court is to decide by July whether lower courts were right in striking down a Louisiana law requiring the teaching of evolution to be "balanced" by creation-science.

The lower courts said the law violates the constitutionally required separation of church and state by disguising religion as science.
But Atlanta lawyer Wendell Bird

defended the law, telling the justices, 'Creation-science is scientific material, non-religious material."
He said the law mainly promotes
"basic concepts of fairness and aca-

demic freedom . . . and gives stu-dents all the scientific evidence." The Louisiana Legislature en-

acted the Balanced Treatment for Creation-Science and Evolution-Science Act in 1981 but it was struck down before ever being enforced. Bird urged the justices to give

Louisiana officials the chan plain fully what creation-scen

"Creation-science is educing worthwhile," he said.
But Jay Topkis, a New York lawyer, called it "pseudo-scient" He accused Bird of trying at the court "like Tweedledum to fool Alice," and voiced only that the court would not be food.
Chief Justice William H Real

Chief Justice William H.I ist elicted roars of laughter packed courtroom when back, "Don't overestimatems

Financial Aid

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tion of scholarships and charitable donations should speed the shift away from those forms of aid and to-

But students who are eligible for a loan under the new, tougher guidelines may find they're paying more for that loan than they would have before tax reform.

The GSL program, like all federal

student loan programs, allows a student to defer repayment of the loan and the interest that has built up until after graduation. The interest payments are currently tax deductible.

For example, a student who takes out a \$7,000 loan may have a loan payment of \$100 per month after graduation. Part of the \$1,200 the student pays in a year is for accumulated interest, which is tax deductible. The new tax code, however, stipulates that loan interest is not tax deductible, making loans more ex-

pensive in the long run.

These changes, Benson says, can create a Catch-22 situation for the

student: Scholarship an may be unavailable, but ly's income is more than \$3 nually, the student may not for a GSL.

Students in this situat options, Benson says. The row from their parents of an off-campus job, someth increasingly difficult in an oversaturated by college st.

Benson is not optimistic "I don't know how son kids are going to stay in st

Grants

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Adams said, the special sessions changed this. Now, the money left over is not re-allocated, but goes back into the State Treasury to feed "The institution will receive the

amount that was allocated to it initially," Adams said, "but there will be no extra money available for re-allo-The financial aid office at A&M

accepts student applications for the ethnic grant program and submits them to Austin. The state money is matched dollar for dollar by A&M, said Taft E. Benson, student financial aid director.

When the \$18,880 for fiscal 1987

was doubled, there was only \$37,600 to distribute to students instead of the planned \$40,000. In addition, A&M was not able to re-apply as in past years to get leftover money.

Benson explained how A&M said the average grant made up for much of the drop in gram is usually about state funds. When funds for one program fall short, he says, financial aid tries to fill in the gaps with funds from other sources. "If we are unable to get money

from one particular program, we will try to meet that student's need with money left over from other programs," he said. "It's just a broad-based approach to meeting the student's need."

Last year, 53 A&M students re-

ceived grants from the ethnic grant

program, but the number to 50 this year. Benson at drop to the fund short that the drop was held do three students by a rec individual grant a

Although losses to A&Ms minimized, the shortfall in the Texas bud soon dry up financial aid's ab "fill in the gaps" in situation

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