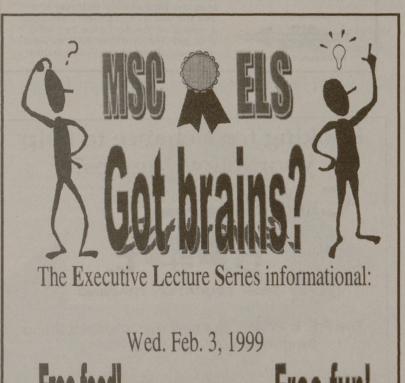
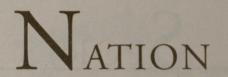
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New gene treatment cures liver cirrhosis in rat

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists wiped out liver cirrhosis in rats by injecting their muscles with a human gene, raising early hopes for a new treat-

The gene made the rats pump out high quantities of a protein that promotes liver regeneration while reducing cell death. That cleared up serious cirrhosis in the animals, researchers reported.

A liver expert called the work exciting and said such treatment might someday be able to prevent cirrhosis in people at risk for it, and possibly reverse the damage in patients who already have it.

Cirrhosis devastates the liver with widespread scar tissue. It is caused most often by alcohol abuse, but chronic viral hepatitis and other diseases can also create it. Severe cases cause liver failure and can require a transplant.

About 25,000 Americans die from cirrhosis

every year, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

The new work is reported in the February issue of the journal Nature Medicine by Dr. Jiro Fujimoto of the Hyogo College of Medicine in Nishinomiya, Japan, and others.

There is no guarantee the treatment would work in people. The researchers are studying it in dogs and hope to get permission for human testing, Fujimoto said.

The treatment was based on a protein called hepatocyte growth factor HGF. Previous work has shown HGF can promote liver regeneration and suppress cell death while blocking a second protein that encourages scar formation.

The researchers created cirrhosis in the rats by injecting them with a drug. Once cirrhosis was established, they injected some of the rats weekly

with the gene for human HGF, end bubbles.

Treated rats showed human H blood, indicating that the gene had set to work and ordered muscle cells to ma

All 13 untreated rats in the experim cirrhosis within 45 days. The nine an got the highest dose of the HGF genewa and free of cirrhosis when removed nnsylvania t

study after 50 days. Dr. George Michalopoulos of the lin vaits to hear Pittsburgh, who did not participate in ring or an ea said he was excited because it is the str idence yet that HGF might be able to ic liver damage. He said he had never extensive cirrhosis reversed in animals

Internet search site offers quick links to digital music

BOSTON (AP) — In a move that could hamper the music industry's efforts to thwart Internet bootleggers, the popular Website Lycos said Monday it is starting a new search service that offers easy access to a half-million high quality

The search service looks up titles on the Internet that use a technology called MP3, a method of encoding music that allows computer users to transfer an entire album from a Website in about two hours and listen it on a Walkman-like

All a person has to do is type in the name of an artist to find links

The proliferation of MP3 files on the Web is a growing headache for the recording industry, as many of the songs are illegal copies made by those who sell or give them away

Lycos is mindful of the situation but decided to offer its new search service anyway, noting that it has no way to determine the copyright status of any site that its search engines discover.

"It's certainly not our goal to support the unauthorized distribution of music," said Brian Kalinowski, the company's product manager for multimedia. "Unfortunately, what we do is index and catalog information.

Illustrating the high demand for digital music, Lycos said the letters "MP3" are among the five most frequent search phrases asked for on the Lycos.com site and on hotbot.com, another search engine operated by the

Some budding musicians use it to market their songs directly to consumers, bypassing agents, record companies and distributors by putting audio files on their own Websites.

Some record companies and established artists offer free samples online to drum up interest in their

But bootleggers also use MP3, and they have flooded the Internet with illegally distributed music, much of it copied directly from CDs.

"It has become associated with piracy because it's a simple and free way to distribute music,' said Nicholas DiGiacomo, a vice president of Scient Corporation, a consulting firm that has worked with the Recording Industry Association of America. "You look out there and there is a generation of people that think wrongly that music is free.'

One killed, several injura in explosion at Ford plaint

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — An ty of Michigan nuary 1992, splosion and fire Monday at a spokesperson Carol Concade-long a was expecting five palicy esident got was expecting five palicy esident got. explosion and fire Monday at a power station for a Ford Motor Co. plant killed one worker and injured several others as crews battled the blaze for hours.

Three workers were unaccounted for, the company said.

"It's awful," Chairman William Clay Ford Jr. said. 'Everyone who works at Ford is an extended member of the famiy. This is the worst day of my

Fire broke out about 1 p.m. at the coal-fired plant at Ford's huge Rouge River Complex.

The plant produces electricity for the entire complex. It generates enough power to serve a city the size of Boston, Ford spokesman Michael Vaughn said. Hours after the fire began, thick smoke and flames were still visible from the building.

patients from the fire and transferred 10 others elsewhere because of the severity of their burns, said Dr. Gary Christopher, director of emergency services at Oakwood. Of those treated at Oakwood, six to eight had severe burns over

Oakwood Hospital treated 11

60 percent to 80 percent of their "Several of these gentlemen were thrown by the blast and suffered various head injuries,"

Christopher said.
Garden City Hospital received one patient, public relations director Terry Carroll said. Universi-

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They will feature a folkloric dance called Dancing Devils for inters and

talent competition.

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"Most people don't know how technological India is," Jayaram said. 'We want to reach out to the American audience and make sure people see past our traditional side.'

The Colombian Student Association will be collecting food, medicine, clothes and toiletries until Feb. 3 for earthquake victims devastated in Armenia. Supplies can be dropped off at 107 Bizzell Hall West, 154 Bizzell Hall East and Saint Mary's Catholic Church in College Station.

Pedro Padilla, president of the Venezuelan Student Association and a junior industrial engineering major, and Emiliano Roman, president of the Costa Rican Student Association and a sophomore business admin- co paper, made of natural fibers to protect trees. Roman said in International Costa Rican Student Association and a sophomore business administration major, said they promise big surprises as far as events go for the of paper, 20 adult trees are saved.

The Costa Rican Student Association will offer free coffee

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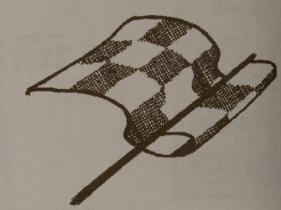
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Ready, Set, GO for **Behavioral Interviewing!**

On-campus interviewing begins in early February - are you ready? Did you know to most employers use behavioral interviewing techniques? Come to this kick-off semilar and find out the winning strategies to get your job search on the right track.

- •Give me an example of a good decision you made recently.
- •Tell me about a time when you were a leader.
- •Describe a situation in which you influenced the actions of others.

These are examples of behavioral interviewing questions. Can you answer them effectively?



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