

Additives may not affect kids

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WASHINGTON — Three recently completed studies have cast doubt on the much-publicized theory that food additives contribute to hyperactivity in children. The studies, however, did not entirely refute the theory. They showed that the problem is more subtle and complex than researchers anticipated.

Two companies refund money extortion case

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GREYTON, La. — Two companies which sold drainage pumps to Jefferson Parish at excessive prices have been asked to refund part of the cost. Parish attorney Harry Lee said Monday he met with company representatives and requested the refunds, amounting to one-half or more of the pumps' cost. Two parish officials and a private engineer were indicted on federal extortion charges in connection with pump purchases. They were accused of arranging for sellers to inflate the pump costs and convincing parish council to buy the pumps on an emergency basis without competitive bidding.

the University of North Carolina, concluded on the basis of the research completed so far that major changes in food manufacture or labeling appear unnecessary and premature.

The theorized link between additives such as food colors and flavors and hyperactivity was first proposed by Dr. Benjamin Feingold, a pediatric allergist at the Kaiser-Permanente Medical Center in San Francisco in 1973.

Feingold, who wrote a book on the subject, developed a diet which eliminated additives. He claimed it effectively treated nearly half the children under his care for hyperactive behavioral problems such as short attention span and impulsive actions.

"These children are in constant motion, going from one thing to another without completing a task," said Dr. Raymond Chun, a neurologist who participated in one of the studies at the University of Wisconsin.

In the Wisconsin study, 46 hyperactive children were observed for eight weeks by their parents, teachers and doctors to see if the Feingold diet or a test diet containing additives caused any changes in behavior. The diets were disguised so neither the children nor the observers knew who was getting what.

The three-year study found very few children for whom the additive-

free diet was helpful and the researchers concluded additives were not to blame for hyperactivity except, possibly, in occasional cases.

The Wisconsin study was financed in part by the Food and Drug Administration and the Nutrition Foundation which receives about half its funds from the food industry.

A study at the University of Pittsburgh, supported by the National Institute of Education and the Nutrition Foundation, found that children receiving a diet containing food additives had brief periods of short attention spans and distractibility while those on additive-free diets did not.

The third study was conducted at the University of Western Ontario with Canadian government support. It studied food additives together with drugs used to treat hyperactive children.

Minimal effects of diets were observed by parents, but teachers who also participated as observers reported the children's behavior was

worse when they ate cookies than when they ate additive-free cookies.

On the basis of all three studies, Lipton and the advisory committee's vice chairman, Dr. Esther Wender of the University of Utah Medical Center said "the evidence available so far generally refutes Dr. Feingold's claim."

"On the other hand, one cannot yet be certain that food additives are utterly devoid of adverse effects in all children of all ages."

Lipton and Dr. Wender said several new studies have been started and their results should help resolve the matter.

Workshop to aid elderly Texans set for July 16

The third in a series of workshops about and for elderly Texans and the people responsible for providing them services is scheduled July 16.

This one-day program concerns factors affecting services designed for the elderly and is aimed at increasing workers' awareness of problems that prevent older persons from using resources.

In that vein, workshopers will review ways to help solve problems and explore the stigma of dependence many of the elderly feel when having to rely on such services.

The workshop is presented by Texas A&M's Psychology Department and the Brazos Valley Development Council Area Agency on Aging under a grant from the Governor's Committee on Aging.

Involved as leaders from Texas A&M are psychologists Dr. Candida Duckley and Dr. Russell Duckley.

"Family, Society and the Older Texan," term for the series, began June 4 and concludes Aug. 20.

In past sessions, participants have discussed myths and realities of aging and aspects of "independence training" for older persons.

Old West cowboys infamous not heroic

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NEW YORK — Some of the most famous "cowboys" of the Old West weren't cowboys at all. They were more infamous than heroic, as portrayed in a new exhibit, "The American Cowboy in Fact and Fiction," on display at the Kodak Photo Gallery in Manhattan through June 4.

Among these were Billy the Kid and Jesse James, a pair of killers on horseback; Wyatt Earp, a barroom bouncer, bush-league gambler and petty politician; Wild Bill Hickok, perhaps the West's most famous lawman, but also a gambler who killed two men in the eight months he was marshal of Abilene, Kan.

The exhibit, organized through the cooperation of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Heritage Center of Oklahoma City and the Amon Carter Museum of Western Art of Fort Worth.

campus activities

Wednesday
Aggie Blood Drive, MSC 225-226, 9 a.m.
Table Tennis Demonstration, MSC Lounge, 11 a.m.
Sailing Club, Rudder Fountain, 12 noon.
Craft Shop, Macrame Owls "B", MSC 140, 7 p.m.
Recreational Bridge, MSC 206, 7 p.m.
Social Dance Club, MSC 226, 7:30 p.m.
Aggie Bass Club, Rudder Tower 404, 7:30 p.m.
TAMU International Folkdancers, MSC 212, 7:30 p.m.
Sports Car Club, MSC 139, 7:30 p.m.
Bryan-College Station Sierra Club, Texas Room of Bryan Building and Loan, 7:30 p.m.
Grove Movie, The Gang That Couldn't Shoot Straight," 8:30 p.m.

Thursday
Aggie Blood Drive, MSC 225-226, 9 a.m.
Karate Demonstration, MSC Lounge, 11 a.m.
Skydiving Film and Talk, MSC Lounge 12 noon.
Aggie Allemanders, MSC 226, 7:30 p.m.
Crafts, Water Color, MSC 137, 7:30 p.m.
Grove Movie, Sons of Katie Elder," 8:30 p.m.

Friday
Degree Application Deadline
Gymnastics Demonstration, MSC Lounge, 11 a.m.
Fencing Demonstrations, MSC Lounge, 12 noon.
Campus Crusade for Christ, MSC 141, 7 p.m.
Grove Movie, The Last Picture Show," 8:30 p.m.

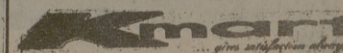
Saturday
Aggie Olympics, Main Drillfield, 10 a.m.
Gromets, Rudder Tower 137, 12 noon.
Grove Movie, Godfather II," 8:30 p.m.

Sunday
Muslim Student Organization, Rudder Tower 510, 1 p.m.
Chess Committee, MSC 140, 6 p.m.
Grove Movie, Twelve O'Clock High," 8:30 p.m.

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