

Pill in snack cake puzzles authorities

United Press International
LEWISVILLE — Authorities Monday investigated how an unidentified yellow pill got into a Little Debbie snack cake, and area merchants took the product off their shelves, a police spokesman said.

Lt. Bill Goodman said an elderly woman in the suburb 25 miles north of Dallas brought the package of 10 chocolate cakes to the police station Saturday night. She had purchased it earlier that day at a Lewisville Piggly Wiggly store.

"She had broken the cake in half and eaten one half and then she broke the second half of the

cake in half and found the pill in the uneaten half," he said.

Goodman said the small round pill was sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory in Dallas for identification.

"We have no idea how it got there," Goodman said. "That's why we're taking the box, the wrapping paper and the pill down there so they can look at it."

"A representative of the company said it was very unlikely that it could have gotten in there in the plant because their ingredients are all liquid, but we're going to investigate all of the

possibilities," he said.

A spokesman at the Dallas drug lab said the tests would take one or two days.

Goodman said although officials could find no evidence the box had been tampered with, Lewisville merchants voluntarily removed all Little Debbie snacks from their shelves.

"We've contacted all the stores in Lewisville and the management of the stores we contacted said they would remove it," he said.

He said the bakery that produced the cakes, McKee Baking Co. of Collegedale, Tenn., had been notified.

Glen Fuller, vice president of McKee Baking, said he company probably will send representatives to Lewisville to help test the pill and the box in which the cakes were packaged.

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ASC/AIA-ASLA (HAUNTED HOUSE PROMOTION):Come to the Haunted House on the first floor of the College of Architecture Building on Oct. 30 from dark to 10 p.m. and on Oct. 31, dark to 11 p.m. Admission is \$1 and open to students and the public. Children under eight not admitted.

IM-REC DEPARTMENT:Entries close today for wallyball and horse singles and doubles. Sign up in 159 E. Kyle.

ULTRALIGHT FLYING ORGANIZATION:The meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower will concern publicity for the upcoming show. Everyone is welcome to attend.

AUDIO ENGINEERING GROUP:If you want to get the most out of your stereo system by learning how your room and stereo interact come to our "Listening Room Acoustics" seminar at 7 p.m. in 119B Zachry.

SURF CLUB:We will discuss contest details at the meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 701 Rudder Tower.

CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION:We will have a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 507 A&B Rudder Tower.

HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION:Order your jackets tonight in 115 Kleberg.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE ORGANIZATION:There is a memorial meeting at 7 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

PSI CHI/PSYCHOLOGY CLUB:Dr. Dobrovolsky is the speaker on hypnosis, starting at 8:30 p.m. in 601 Rudder Tower.

ACM/IEEE-CS:There is an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 119A Zachary to pre-register for the programming contest held on Oct. 29. You may also register Oct. 26-28 in the Computer Science Department.

METHODIST STUDENT MOVEMENT:Join us for a weekly and scripture Bible study at 12:30 p.m. at the Texas Wesleyan Foundation. Bring a sack lunch or \$1 for lunch.

MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE:The Fall Photo Contest will be on Nov. 5. Prints may be entered in the Main Student Center hallway from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Oct. 31 to Nov. 4. The contest is open to all non-professionals in the Bryan-College Station area.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES:If you are the requirements of a minimum GPR of 2.25 and are a student having completed one semester at Texas A&M, you should think about applying for the 1984 Cotton Bowl Representative. Applications will be available in the Student Activities Office Nov. 1.

Dallas schools adopt education suggestions

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The Dallas school district, one of the nation's largest, had already implemented the first five recommendations made by a presidential task force on the crisis in education, the district's head said Monday.

Dallas Independent School District Superintendent Linus Wright told a Republican Education Policy Task Force that he is encouraged by the recent interest in the problems of education and possible solutions.

"Suddenly I don't feel as lonely as I have in recent years," said Wright. "Suddenly — like a refreshing breeze — everyone is talking about education, not

only the problems but the solutions.

"Attention has zoomed in on education, but the mood has shifted from negative criticism to positive action," he said.

Wright said the improvements made in the four years since he took over as head of the 127,000-student school district have been in harmony with recommendations of the commission report — which found the nation's educational system has declined and needs a renewed commitment for excellence.

He told the task force that the DISD has:

—Increased graduation requirements by upping it from 19

to 21 credits;

—Adopted more measurable and higher standards for academic performance by putting an end to social promotion;

—Provided more time for teachers by setting a tougher attendance policy, lengthened the school day for elementary students, refused work permits for school students except in emergencies or necessary for students' attend-school;

—Increased teaching time by adopting a selective plan to reward all employees in the 25 percent of schools showing the greatest improvements.

Rio Airways passengers safe after fire at DFW

United Press International
GRAPEVINE — Passengers on a Rio Airways flight from San

Angelo which had just landed at Dallas-Fort Worth Airport Monday night were evacuated on the

runway because of a fire in the plane's engine.

Paul Hunnicutt, a Rio Airways spokesman, said the turbo-prop motor plane had already been towed to a hangar before the fire started.

"All 10 passengers got out of the plane safely. No one was injured. They were evacuated from the runway and the plane then towed to a hangar," Hunnicutt said.

The plane landed shortly after 7 p.m. Hunnicutt said the cause of the fire had not been determined.

Earlier this month, an American Airlines jet was damaged at D-FW when its engine overheated, causing smoke to get into the cabin. One was hurt in that case, either.

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