



Cindi Tackitt, Battalion staff

An artist in his own right

Mike Stevens, a freshman environmental design major from Irving, captures the

Academic Building on paper Tuesday afternoon.

Milk agreement reached

United Press International
WASHINGTON — House and Senate conferees Tuesday reached agreement on dairy and tobacco legislation that would pay farmers cash to reduce milk output and voted against putting a lid on those cash payments.

However, legislators indicated they still might attempt to attach a payment ceiling to another piece of legislation. Rep. James Jeffords, R-Vt., warned that a California dairy farm with 10,000 cows could receive \$4.5 million for not producing milk under the bill. He said that a few such cases would cause "serious repercussions from the press, from the public and from our brothers and sisters in the House and Senate."

He proposed to put an approximate \$500,000 lid on payments — \$100,000 plus the amount a producer would contribute to financing the program — which would be high enough to include 98 or 99 percent of all dairy farmers.

Since neither the House nor the Senate voted for a payment limitation, adding such a provision would have required special parliamentary consideration. House members of the conference voted down the provision by voice vote and refused to take a roll call vote on the issue that was supported by the Reagan administration.

The measure requires final approval by the House and Senate before it goes to President Reagan for his signature or a veto. It was uncertain if Reagan would sign the bill.

The House and Senate conferees refused to approve sever-

al provisions requested by the administration. The administration had supported a straight cut in the dairy price support rather than paying farmers to cut output.

"I don't think we've had very many victories here," Assistant Agriculture Secretary William Leshner said. "We're going to wait and see" whether officials will recommend that Reagan sign or veto the bill.

Patrick Healy, lobbyist for the milk cooperatives who back the legislation, predicted members of Congress will tell the administration that if Reagan does not sign the bill, there will be no action on dairy legislation until 1985 and dairy problems will continue.

Congressional observers said another factor that might convince Reagan to sign the bill is that its tobacco provisions are important to Senate Agriculture Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who faces a tough re-election battle next year.

Regardless of which approach is favored, all sides want to reduce dairy overproduction that cost taxpayers near-

ly \$3 billion last fiscal year. The bill would pay farmers up to \$10 per 100 pounds of milk not produced up to 30 percent of their output. The 15-month program would begin early next year.

Initially, it would reduce the price support by 50 cents to \$12.60 per 100 pounds, would assess producers 50 cents per 100 pounds to pay part of the cost of the program and would assess then another 15 cents for a national dairy promotion program.

The tobacco provisions of the bill would continue this year's freeze of the tobacco price support for at least another year and would gradually put tobacco allotments owned by absentee owners into the hands of farmers.

The legislation also includes provisions to provide emergency feed at reduced costs for livestock producers adversely affected by the drought.

The dairy bill was opposed by beef and pork producers, who feared that the bill would encourage dairy producers to send cows to slaughter, raising meat supplies and reducing prices.

Couple raise Venus flytraps

United Press International
CANANDAIGUA, N.Y. — Patricia Pietropaolo's first date with her husband-to-be set the theme for their 15-year-old marriage — and it hasn't all been a bed of roses.

"Our first date was a visit to three bogs up near Rochester. Talk about romantic," Mrs. Pietropaolo said, at their Canandaigua home adjoining the greenhouse where she and her husband Jim raise carnivorous plants.

The bog trip was Mrs. Pietropaolo's first exposure to the world of Venus flytraps, bladderworts, cobra lilies and other vicious-sounding varieties.

She quickly became an enthusiastic partner in Peter Paul ("Pietropaolo" translated from the Italian) Nursery.

Pietropaolo began growing such plants as a hobby 25 years ago.

While cartoons and advertisements often portray carnivorous plants as giant, snapping predators — or "man-eaters" — the Pietropaolos, both of them science teachers, say that's inaccurate and unfortunate.

"We even have people calling up to ask exactly how big the traps can get," Mrs. Pietropaolo said, laughing. "You wonder who they have in mind."

The "mouths" of carnivorous plants do not generally grow much bigger than a ladle.

Nor do they "stake out" insects or other living things to attack.

And they are not dependent on bugs to survive.

"For the most part, the plants are green and photosynthetic, and they function as other plants do — they produce their own carbohydrates," Pietropaolo said.

The species is thought to have

developed a mechanism enabling the plants to digest insects to compensate for the poor nutritional value they receive from the soil in which they grow, his wife said. She said some varieties grow in acid sand or peat moss.

The plants have no way of seeking out prey to "catch," she said. Flies, gnats and other insects are attracted by the plants' scents.

"The insect starts crawling down into the trap to get the nectar, and there are all these little hairs that point downward, and when the insect tries to climb back up again, it can't."

As the insect goes deeper into the trap, it begins slipping around on the wax inside. This triggers the "trap," which seals the bug inside.

Venus flytraps are perhaps the best known carnivorous variety. The hinged leaves normally grow about as big as a half dollar.

Gainesville makes plans for annual smokeout

United Press International
GAINESVILLE — Gainesville has big plans for its smokers in celebration of the seventh annual Great American Smokeout — like busting them on the highway, gunning them down in mock shootouts and having their kids put pressure on them at home.

For those who aren't satisfied watching withdrawal agonies during this nation-wide, 24-hour stop-smoking campaign, the festivities begin today in a city-wide carnival.

Mock gunfights between "good guy" non-smokers and "bad guy" smokers will be held in the streets, while a man dressed as Uncle Sam tours schools telling children to encourage their parents to quit.

The day climaxes with the arrest of an out-of-state motorist seen smoking on Interstate 35 who — if he agrees — will be paraded like a prisoner of war in a horse-drawn cage to the town square, where the mayor will

adopt the smoker for a day.

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