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# Jalapeno contest to benefit handicapped education

By WAYNE L. GRABEIN  
Reporter

Question: What has 100 mouths, drinks water by the gallon and eats as many jalapenos as possible in 105 seconds?

Answer: The Hot KKYS Jalapeno Eating Contest.

The Bryan-College Station Jaycees, with help from the Padre Cafe and radio station KKYS, will host a jalapeno-eating contest Thursday to benefit the Texas Jaycee Education Foundation.

The rules are simple. Contestants have 105 seconds to eat as many jalapenos as possible. The person who eats the most peppers will be the winner.

The first-place winner will receive a catered party for 25 people from the Padre Cafe, said Ricky Martinez, manager of the Padre Cafe. At the party, the winner will receive a keg of Miller Lite and a KKYS disc jockey will provide the music. The winner will be announced on KKYS.

The second-place prize is a dinner for four at the Padre Cafe, Martinez said, and third place is a dinner for two.

With the \$5 entry fee, all contestants will receive a free T-shirt, whether or not they compete.

"Our goal is 100 people, but right now we only have 20 signed up," Martinez said Monday afternoon.

Martinez, who also is a Jaycee member, said proceeds from the contest will benefit the Texas Jaycee Campus of Victoria College in Ottine, near Gonzales.

At the college, physically disabled men and women are given the opportunity to earn a two-year Associate of Arts degree.

The contest will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Padre Cafe on Dominik Drive in College Station.

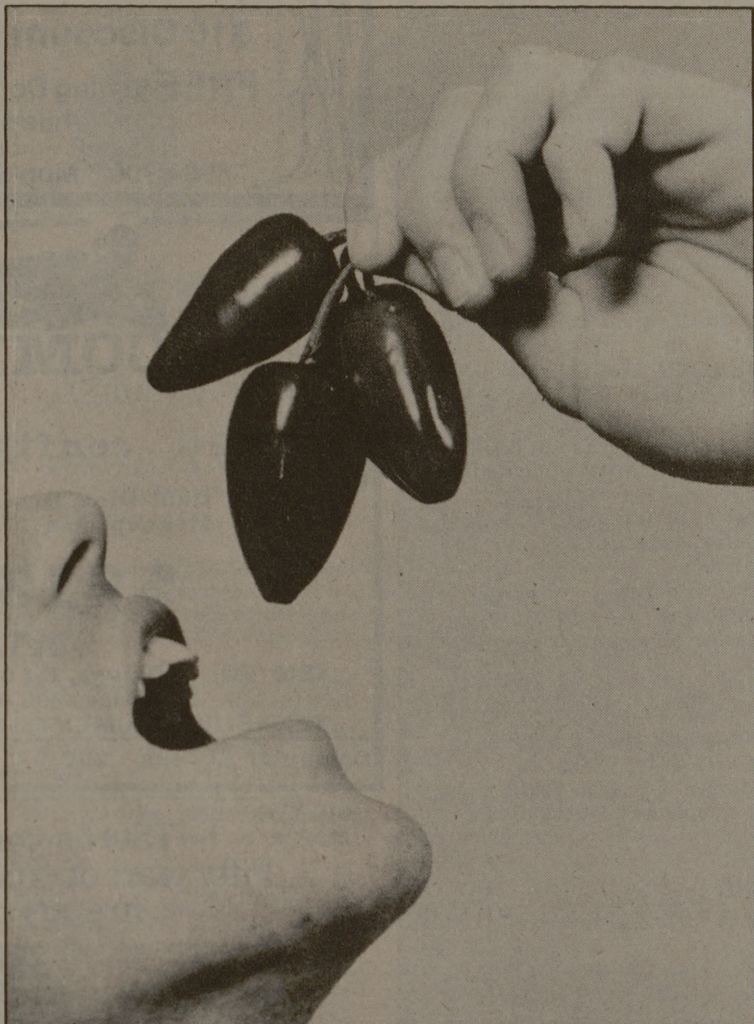


Photo by WAYNE L. GRABEIN

Jalapenos will be the main course at the Padre Cafe Thursday as the restaurant and KKYS FM 105 host a jalapeno-eating contest to benefit the Texas Jaycee Education Foundation.

## Extending functional life span

# 'Aging is not unique'

University News Service

TEMPLE — A Texas A&M medical researcher credited with discovering how the body rids itself of billions of red blood cells each day says her work may ultimately help extend people's "functional" life span.

"This might mean people would be in relatively good health until age 80 or 90 — with less time spent in hospitals or nursing homes due to slow healing, Alzheimer's disease or secondary infections," said Dr. Marguerite Kay of the Teague Veterans Center, which is affiliated with the Texas A&M University College of Medicine.

"If the aging process of the cells could be controlled, you would see a more active and mobile older generation," said Kay, associate chief of staff for research at Teague Center and director of geriatric medicine for Texas A&M.

The studies hold potential for slowing deterioration of blood stored for transfusions if some way is discovered for "turning off" the production of the special antigen that appears on old red blood cells and singles them out for destruction, she said.

Beginning with a landmark paper written 10 years ago for the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Kay has outlined the exact way that old or damaged cells are identified and destroyed by the body.

She also has identified the chemical compound on the surface of such cells that attracts antibodies, and more recently used peptide mapping to pinpoint the source of that compound.

Kay dubbed the chemical "senescent cell antigen." It is not found on young red blood cells, but its presence increases as the cell ages. By the time red blood cells are old enough for destruction, dozens of senescent cell antigen molecules appear on the surface of the cells, she said.

A protein known as Band 3 aging is expected to reveal primary causes of aging at the molecular level and to permit control of the lifespan of cells through manipulation of this antigen and its auto-antibody, she said.

The work has now thrown open the possibility that the same kind of mechanism is used by the body to get rid of all its old cells.

"The molecule from which senescent cell antigen is derived has been observed in platelets, liver cells, cancer cells from the mouth and lung, embryonic kidney cells and even nerve cells," Kay said.

Her findings convince Kay that the work is a worthwhile approach to studying mankind's most common affliction — old age.

"Today, most scientists who investigate aging study an organ or a system with unique aspects," Kay said. "Aging is obviously not unique."

# Second deposition date set for subpoenaed students

By KATIE DICKIE  
Reporter

Texas A&M students subpoenaed to appear in the 85th District Court on March 11 regarding the sheriff's election have yet another chance to give their depositions early so they will not have to remain here or come back during Spring Break.

Howard Hill was defeated by a few votes in November by Ron Miller in the sheriff's race and has since contested the validity of some of the votes cast. The depositions are being taken by Hill's lawyers to enforce their position that some votes were illegal.

Since the court date falls during Spring Break, lawyers for Howard Hill agreed to take depositions from students last Saturday.

However only 69 of about 400 students who have been issued subpoe-

nas showed up Saturday at the Memorial Student Center to give their depositions, Student Legal Adviser Alex Walter said. Some students did not receive their subpoenas until the day after the deposition at the MSC.

Bernard Kelleher is one of those students.

Kelleher said he plans to go out of state for Spring Break. He has talked to authorities and has been told he will be placed under arrest if he does not meet his court date or give an earlier deposition. Following Walter's advice, Kelleher has contacted Hill's lawyer, Houston Attorney Mark Davidson, to see if he will come back to campus to take more depositions.

Davidson has agreed to take depositions on Thursday at 2 p.m., if

enough students are interested, Kelleher said.

Walter said the consequences for not showing up will entail an issuance of a writ of attachment meaning that the person will be brought into court by a constable.

Kelleher said he was allowed to vote only after he signed an affidavit stating he had not voted twice and that he was voting in the right county.

These votes are the ones under scrutiny.

Walter said if Hill and his lawyers can prove that the number of votes by which he lost can be discredited, then he can request a new election.

If students wish to have their depositions taken early they should contact Kelleher before Thursday.

## History today

Associated Press

Today's highlight in history: On March 6, 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege. All of the 187 defenders of the mission compound — including Davy Crockett

and James Bowie — were killed.

On this date:

In 1978, Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt was shot in Lawrenceville, Ga., and left paralyzed.

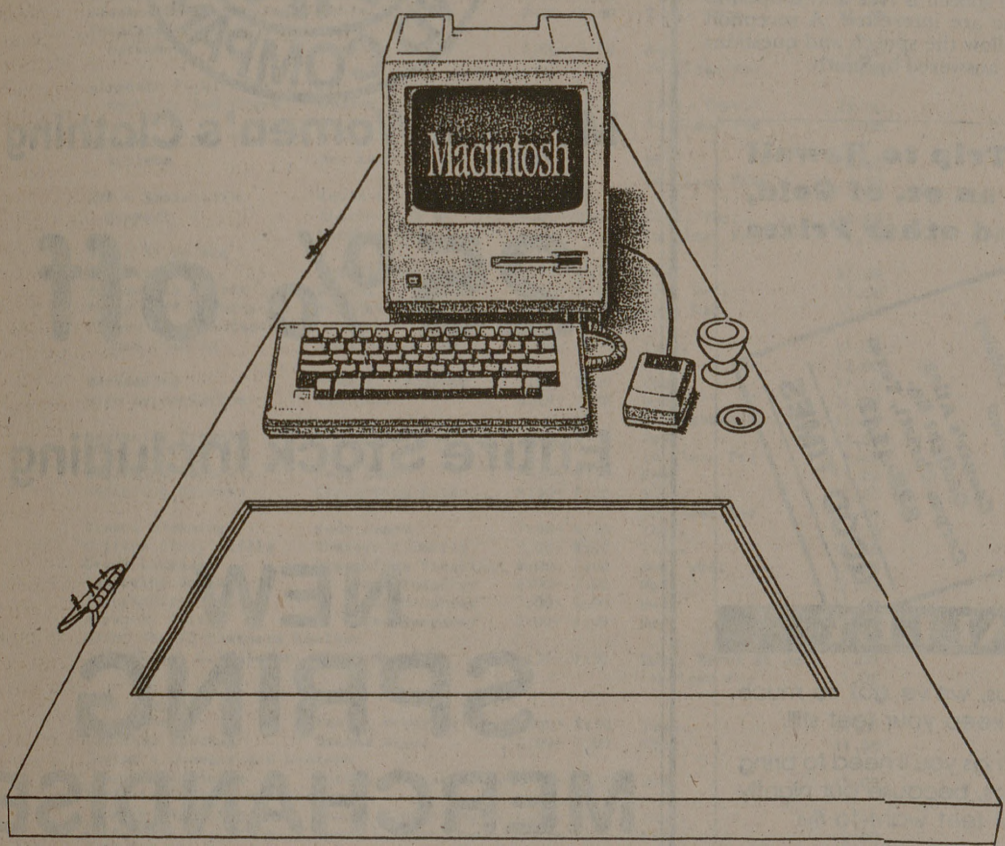
In 1981, Walter Cronkite signed off for the last time as anchor of

"The CBS Evening News."

In 1983, in a case that drew much notoriety, a woman in New Bedford, Mass., charged she had been gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern called Big Dan's. Two men were later convicted of the crime.

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What group will be performing on the Johnny Carson Show March 12 and in Rudder Auditorium March 19?

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