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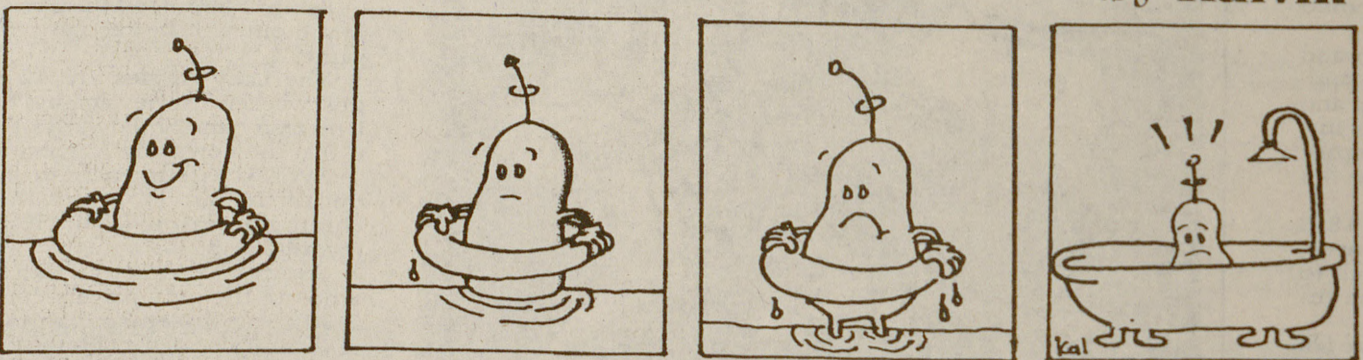
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San Antonio gangs to 'increase the peace,' three-day summit ends with cease-fire pact

The Associated Press
 SAN ANTONIO — Mediators of a cease-fire among four warring street gangs say it's too early to know if members will honor the agreement when they return to their turf.
 "We're not asking them to put down their colors," said mediator Wayne Crooks, director for My Father's House of Ministries in San Antonio. "The colors represent camaraderie and loyalty. We're saying, 'Put down your arms and let's work toward a better community,'" he said.
 A dozen teen-agers representing gangs comprising 100 to 150 members reached the pact Sunday after three days of peacemaking at Grace Lutheran Church.
 "Right now, they're in a cease-fire. They've never been used to that," Crooks said. "We're trying to help them cope with what that means and how to deal with others who will try to test their fortitude."
 More than 100 gang members packed the church to announce their agreement.
 "We're fighting just to die for no reason," said a young man who identified himself as a gang leader. "We want to have a better life."
 Another gang leader said the cease-fire won't work unless community leaders come through with promises of help with jobs and education.
 "We've wanted this for a while," he said.
 Although four other gangs involving 100 youths from other areas of the city failed to reach a truce, police Chief William O. Gibson called the conference a "significant first step."
 But he said it's too early to know whether the cease-fire will help reduce San Antonio's record number of homicides during the past two years.
 "If they mean what they say, obviously the statistics will change. I think we need to wait and see how this plays out," the chief said.

Stopping a deadly disease
Broccoli may block formation of breast tumors, researchers say

The Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Broccoli contains substances that can block or retard formation of breast tumors in rats by promoting anti-cancer enzymes, Johns Hopkins medical researchers report.
 In a study to be published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences on Tuesday, the Hopkins scientists said that doses of compounds that are found in broccoli and in some other vegetables provided cancer protection for a group of rats that had been exposed to powerful cancer-causing chemicals.
 Dr. Paul Talalay, a Hopkins researcher who is co-author of the study, said Monday that sulforaphane and some related compounds are apparently able to amplify the body's own defenses against chemicals that can lead to cancer.
 "Most cancer-causing chemicals are themselves innocuous until they enter cells where they are converted to enzymes which are highly reactive and are capable of initiating tumor formation," said Talalay.
 Sulforaphane and its chemical cousins, he said, cause the body to produce another type of enzyme that blocks the cancer-causing action of the first enzyme.
 In the study, Talalay and his colleagues exposed 145 rats to a powerful cancer-causing chemical called DMBA. Twenty-five of the rats were used as controls and received no drug treatment. The rest received various doses of sulforaphane and related compounds. The drugs were synthetic copies of the compounds found in vegetables.
 At the end of 50 days, 68 percent of the control rats had developed mammary tumors, but only about 26 percent of those receiving high doses of sulforaphane developed cancer. Similar results were found for another substance, called compound 2, that is related to sulforaphane. Other related compounds also were effective, but to a lesser degree.
 Talalay said the studies showed the sulforaphane-type chemicals tended to either prevent or delay tumor formation, and that when cancer did develop, the tumors were smaller and less numerous.
 Talalay emphasized that the vegetable compound seems to work only as a cancer preventer and has no effect on tumors that have already started. As a result, he said, cancer patients should not expect benefit from broccoli binges.
 The experiment, which follows an earlier test-tube study by the Hopkins group that identified sulforaphane as a possible cancer preventer, is the first by the laboratory to prove that the vegetable compound can work in animals. Talalay said a clinical study with human volunteers is planned.
 Sulforaphane and related compounds are found in what are called cruciferous vegetables. These include broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts and cabbage.
 Earlier studies have shown that people who regularly eat these types of vegetables tend to develop less cancer than those who avoid this type of food.

Spamfish anyone?
Fans gather at 19th Spamarama

The Associated Press
 AUSTIN — It was a Spam dream.
 Blackened Spamfish and Spam etouffee were just a couple of dishes created with the famous canned pork product at the 19th annual Spamarama over the weekend in downtown Austin.
 Spam was cooked, chilled, crammed, sculpted, tossed and revered by roughly 2,000 people who gathered to celebrate the luncheon.
 "Spam is in the common consciousness of the American public," said David Arnsberger, the founder of the event and known as "The Potentate of Bested Pork Parties."
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 "It's a malleable meat. Not only can you eat it, you can mold it," said Arnsberger, explaining the appeal of Spamarama.
 Judges wandered through the aroma of the potted pork and sampled such dishes as Spam-madingdong, a bite size Spam sandwich covered by chocolate and packed with whipped cream in the middle.
 "I can't make 'em fast enough. These people are chewing it up," said Kevin Rollins of Austin.
 But not everyone was ready for seconds.
 "It was the worst thing I have ever put in my mouth — absolutely horrible," said Bob Finley of Dallas. "I may hurl in a minute."
 "You pretty much have to have a chaser to kill the taste," said John Hutto of Austin, who peddled Spam chili.
 The event also included the Spam Olympics. There was the Spam throw, the two-person Spam toss, Spam calling and the Spammaram (speed-eating).
 Rich Holmes and Kim Barry came away slippery-handed after hauling in toss-and-catch honors with a 45-foot throw.
 "You have to become one with the Spam," explained Holmes.
 "See the Spam. Feel the Spam. Be the Spam," Barry chimed in.

Christians

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 upon his return as Christ.
 "He would be returning as a victor, not a victim, to restore the Kingdom of Israel," Tyson said.
 A final answer was presented in the prophetic scriptures of the Hebrew Bible.
 "As early Christians began to divert attention from Apocalyptic scriptures to the Hebrew Bible, they found a remarkable correspondence between what the books said and what Jesus did in his life," Tyson said.
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 — Professor Joseph B. Tyson, Southern Methodist University
 Tyson said most apocalyptic Jews couldn't accept the Christian claims.
 "Jews that didn't accept the Christian message concluded fidelity to scriptures and fidelity to God required rejection of Christian claims," Tyson said. "Separation of early Christians from early Jews led to a parting of the ways between these two great religious traditions."
 John Lemmons, a sophomore bioengineering major, did not agree with the view presented.
 "I have never been presented with this idea, and off the top of my head I would have to disagree with him," Lemmons said.
 On the other hand, Lisa Rush, a senior English and journalism major, said the speech was encouraging to her.
 "It makes me want to study religion more as a history and look into the social aspects of it," Rush said.

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