

Crappy Wars Olestra maker awaits verdict

DALLAS (AP) — Cramps, diarrhea and their cause defined the Battle of Olestra on Wednesday as a consumer activist group, Frito-Lay and Procter & Gamble resumed hostilities on the merits of a fat substitute.

At a news conference, the nonprofit Center for Science in the Public Interest renewed its alarm over the stability of Procter & Gamble's fat substitute olestra. The Washington, D.C.-based group announced the results of a survey showing sporadic outbreaks of diarrhea and cramps among consumers of Frito-Lay's new Max Chips in three test markets.

"And they attributed it to the chips," said Michael Jacobson, the activist group's executive director.

The watchdog group has asked the Food and Drug Administration to reverse its January approval of the fat. The FDA requires all olestra products to contain warnings that they may cause diarrhea and abdominal cramping.

Jacobson said the survey of 506 people in the test markets showed that 135 people had tried the chips. Twenty-eight of those experienced at least mild digestive upset, he said, while nine of those characterized their discomfort as severe.

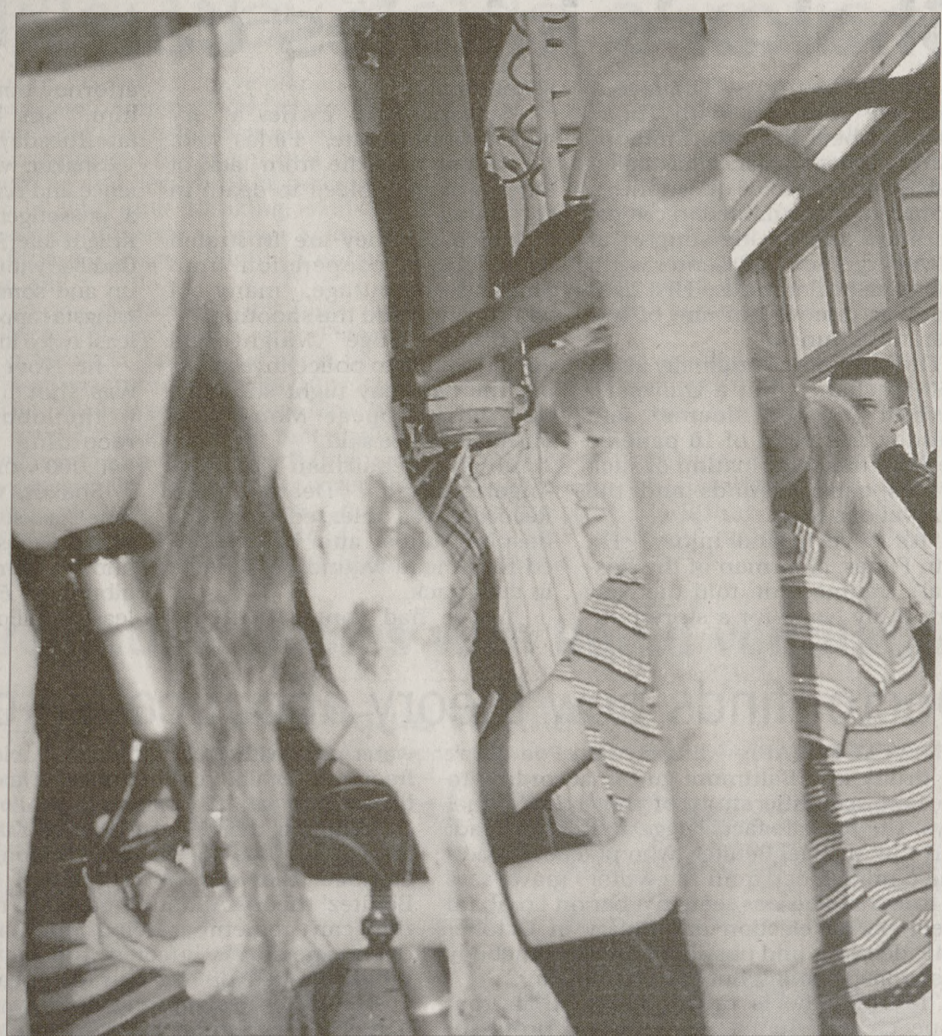
However, Jacobson acknowledged that those questioned were not asked what other food or drink they had consumed, whether they had any chronic digestive conditions nor what food allergies they had.

Furthermore, Procter & Gamble said the sample is far too small to provide a significant picture of the situation.

"A real, scientific survey with over 5,000 people in the U.S. found that ... more than half the people have digestive effects without olestra. And there is no dose and effect established in this survey," said Gregory Allgood, head of P&G's regulatory and clinical development section.

Since test marketing of Max Chips began in April, there has been about one complaint for every 3,000 bags sold, Allgood said, adding that 250,000 bags have been purchased.

Plano-based Frito-Lay has been selling its Max Chips in Eau Claire, Wis.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Grand Junction, Colo. It says problems have been infrequent and that the criticism is unfounded and irresponsible.



Rachel Redington, THE BATTALION

A Dirty Job Stephanie Smith, a senior animal science industry option major, milks a cow at the Dairy Center as part of her 484 Animal Science class.

What's Up?

Thursday

Beta Chi Rush: There will be a meeting from 7-8 p.m. in 410 Rudder to have fun and get acquainted. For details call Nicky at 694-0190.

Native American Student Association: There will be a general meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 146 RSC. We will be discussing plans for Bereft pow-wow. For details call Wendy at 260-1992 or Brent at 589-2726.

Men's Club: A general meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 110 Rudder. For additional information call Ron at 691-2856.

Trap & Skeet Club: The first general meeting of the semester will be held at 7 p.m. in 302 Richardson. New shooters are welcome, and no experience is required. Plan to join us at 7:15 after meeting. For more information call Ellen at 697-7269.

Speleological Society: There will be a newcomer's meeting at 8:30 p.m. in 202 Francis. Everyone is welcome. Call Dennis at 4101 or Tina at 775-7266.

Aggie Literacy Volunteers: There will be a training session and orientation from 7-10 p.m. in 308 Rudder. For details call Andria at 847-2445.

Beta Tau Omega Asian Interest Fraternity: There will be an informational meeting for all those interested in rushing at 8:30 p.m. in 407 Rudder. For information call Thomas Bui at 693-2497.

Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists (MAES): The first general meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. in 601 Rudder. There will be free pizza and leadership positions are available. For more information call Abel at 847-0925 or Carissa at 764-7601.

(KASA) Korean-American Student Association: The first general meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder. For more information call Austin Kim at 694-8053.

Gay, Lesbian & Bisexual Aggies: The first general meeting will be held at 8:30 p.m. in the Governance Room of Koldus. There will be an announcement of social activities, introduction of new officers, and fall schedules will be available. For information contact Tammy Bradley at 847-0321.

A&M Cycling Team: There will be a general session focusing on new members at 8:30 p.m. in 281 at the Recreational Center. For details call Brent at 693-4134.

ATM Roadrunners: A 2-to-4-mile run will begin at G. Rollie White Coliseum at 6 p.m. Different levels of runners are welcome. For more information call Dao at 260-2441.

Catholic Students Association: Fourth day will be held at 6:15 p.m. at the St. Mary's Student Center for those who have made an Aggie Awakening Retreat.

Catholic Students Association: ESCALA (Estudiantes Catolicos Latino Americanos) will be held at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Student Center Library. For details call Octavio at 846-5787.

Men's Lacrosse Club: Practice will be held from 4-6 p.m. at the Zachry Fields. Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary. For details call Todd Hendreks at 764-8561.

'97 program from 3:30-4:15 in 358 Bizzell Hall West.

Puerto Rican Student Association: The first general meeting of the semester will be held at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder Tower. There will be music and refreshments available.

ATM Roadrunners: There will be a 2-to-4-mile run from the Rec Center at 6 a.m. Also, a 3-to-4-mile run will begin at G. Rollie White Coliseum at 6 p.m. Different levels of runners are welcome. For more information call Dao at 260-2441.

Catholic Students Association: Graduate Student's Group will meet at St. Mary's Student Center at 6 p.m. for dinner gathering at local restaurant. For more information contact Bob at 779-6713 or Tim at 822-5248.

What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit student and faculty events and activities. Items should be submitted no later than three days in advance of the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not be run in What's Up. If you have any questions, please call the newsroom at 845-3313.

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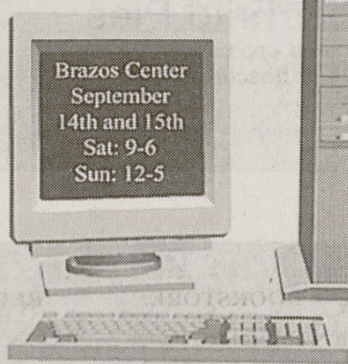
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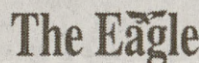
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