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Ryan White is a graduating student in agricultural engineering. Leaving Texas A&M University in July, Ryan will begin his new career for Archer-Daniels Midland Company.



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NATION

Cinco de Mayo, Mexican holiday turns into U.S. fiesta

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Americans will toss tortillas and down shots of tequila Friday in honor of Cinco de Mayo, partying with a fervor that leaves many Mexicans scratching their heads in wonderment.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday, but a minor one. It marks a May 5, 1862, victory by a small army of Mexican patriots and peasants over stronger French forces, but it's not Mexican independence day — a common misconception among Cinco de Mayo partyers in the United States.

In the United States, it's become the Latin version of St. Patrick's Day — largely because makers of beer, chips, salsa and tequila promote it heavily as a reason to party.

"When Mexicans first come to the United States and somebody mentions that they're all excited about some Cinco de Mayo festival, they say, 'What?'" said Carols E. Gracie, president of a marketing firm in Burbank that specializes in Hispanic American consumers.

"It would be like Canadians making a big deal out of the Boston Tea Party," she said. "It's a non-event made into a big deal by marketing."

In Mexico, Cinco de Mayo is marked with sober battle re-enactments and political pronouncements.

Since the 1960s, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a major event in Hispanic-heavy American communities because of a push by Chicano activists who wanted a Mexican cultural event celebrated in schools. But the marketing aspect of the holiday has become undeniable.

Margarita sales will double Friday at an El Tort Mexican restaurant in San Diego, where general manager Jacob Rivera is organizing a corn tortilla toss — a chance to win free meals by lobbing a corn tortilla into a sombrero.

Rivera, who can't recall celebrating Cinco de Mayo during his childhood in Tijuana, is good-natured about the party, seeing it as a chance to tell his mostly non-Mexican patrons a bit about history.

Cinco de Mayo is the biggest day of the year for avocados. Americans will eat 17 million pounds of the stuff, or 34 million avocados, mostly as guacamole, according to the California Avocado Commission. Super Bowl Sunday comes in second.

Sales also will jump for Jose Cuervo, the world's top-selling tequila, said Steve Goldstein of UDV North America, the brand's importers.

The company is dispatching a "Tijuana Taxi" to bars and restaurants in the Los Angeles area; throwing a block party with concerts and a "pub crawl" in Chicago; giving away T-shirts in New York; and dropping a "margarita bar" into the waters off Miami's South Beach in what is being billed as the "Sink-O de Mayo."

While some Hispanics feel Mexican culture warrants a holiday that promotes history more than hangovers, others welcome the merry-making.

Maria Gisela Butler, a Chicano history professor at San Diego State University, said she used to ask students to list five things they knew about Mexico. Common responses were tacos, graffiti, crime or drugs, she said. Cinco de Mayo may promote superficial concepts of Mexico, she said, "but at least it's something positive."

Richard Griswold del Castillo, chairperson of the university's Chicano studies department, added that the day honoring a "minor miracle" in Mexican history has resonance for today's Mexican-Americans.

"It showed valor and courage of the Mexican people fighting against a foreign invader," he said. "For the Chicanos in the United States, the same thing has existed for about 150 years, where the Mexican people have fought to preserve their culture, their language in the face of overwhelming odds."

And besides, he said, "America is famous for commercializing stuff. I guess it's a sign of success when you're being commercialized, too."

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News in Brief

Microsoft to ask judge to intercede

REDMOND, Wash. (AP) — Microsoft Corp. may ask a federal judge to throw out the Justice Department's plan to break up the company, arguing that the government improperly bases its proposal on evidence the wasn't presented at trial, according to people close to the antitrust case.

Microsoft objects to the statements of five outside experts in the plan submitted by U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Field Jackson of Washington, D.C., by the Justice Department and 17 states, according to sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The software company contends those experts address issues that were not brought up in the nearly yearlong trial.

On April 3, Jackson ruled that Microsoft had violated state and federal antitrust laws by using its monopoly power in personal computer operating systems to crush rivals. The government then asked the judge to break Microsoft into two rival companies.

Microsoft must respond by May 10, and the sources said the filing is still being drafted. The company has already said it will then ask for substantial delays in the proceedings before hearings are held. Jackson's plans call for hearings on May 24.

Kovacic added that if Jackson does not honor Microsoft's request to toss the government remedy entirely, he would have allowed Microsoft to have an equal chance at rebutting the claims, possibly including a cross-examination of the government's experts and providing expert testimony of its own.

Student admits to killing landlady

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A 27-year-old college student allegedly told police that he killed his landlady, dismembered her body and discarded the parts throughout the city.

Vadim Mieseges was arrested at a San Francisco-area motel after he tried to hit security guards with a wooden dowel, police said. Later, he "suddenly blurted out" that he had killed the woman with whom he shared an apartment, police Deputy Chief Richard Holder said.

Police said he led investigators to at least three locations, including Golden Gate Park, where a human torso was found Wednesday. Police did not disclose whether other body parts were found.

Forensic tests will determine whether the torso belonged to Ella Wong, 47, from whom Mieseges sublet a room, police said. A family member of Wong reported her missing April 30.

Four students charged for frat death

WATKINSVILLE, Ga. (AP) — Four University of Georgia freshmen who survived a car accident that killed another student during a fraternity prank were indicted Thursday on charges of vehicular homicide and involuntary manslaughter.

A grand jury indicted the driver, David Penn of Marietta, and three surviving passengers in the March 30 death of Ben F. Grantham III of St. Simons Island.

Vehicular homicide carries up to 15 years in prison; involuntary manslaughter can bring up to 10 years.

Penn and the surviving passengers were pledges of Alpha Tau Omega; Grantham, 20, was a full member.

Authorities have said the pledges traveled from Athens into rural Oconee County on March 30 with Grantham handcuffed and perhaps blindfolded in the cargo hold of Penn's sport utility vehicle.

Troopers estimate that Penn reached speeds of 45 mph or more before losing control of the truck and careening off the rural gravel road.

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District Attorney

University officials have said Penn was driving up to 90 mph. Tests of Penn's blood alcohol level were negative.

Also indicted were Stephen Ashley McNally of Richmond, Va.; Gregory Scott Lakas of Lawrenceville, and Robert Walter Dailey of Dalton.

Penn's lawyer did not return messages seeking comment.

It was unclear whether the other students had lawyers who could comment on the case.

District Attorney Harry Gordon said the case was a prank among friends that turned tragic.

"This is based on the boys causing Ben Grantham's death by driving recklessly," Gordon said. "As tragic as it was, it shouldn't have happened."

Since the accident, the fraternity has voted to dissolve its charter. Penn was suspended from the university for a year and 11 other students implicated in the prank but not directly involved in the accident have faced sanctions in university conduct court.

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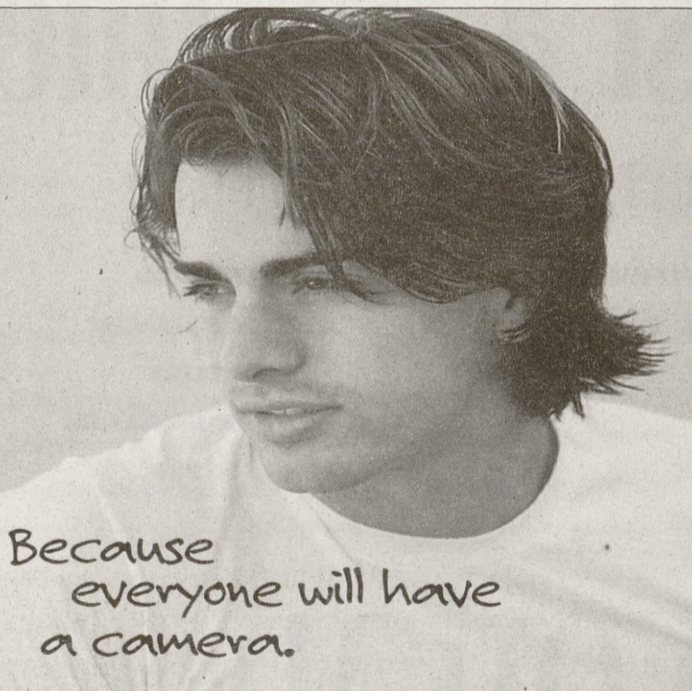
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