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DIGEST

10 killed when van runs into canal in fog

CLEWISTON, Fla. — A farm labor van plunged off a curve and into a rural canal in heavy fog Wednesday, trapping and drowning 10 migrant workers from Mexico, authorities said.

"Some of them had stuck their arms out trying to get out, but they just didn't make it," said sheriff's Lt. Bill Chamness.

Study follows teens who had abortions

BALTIMORE — A federally financed study of unmarried, sexually active teen-age girls has found that those who obtained abortions did better economically and educationally and had fewer subsequent pregnancies than those who chose to bear children.

Those who had abortions even fared better than those who were not pregnant at the start of the research project.

The four-year study was conducted by the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. A total of 334 girls from Baltimore, 17 years old and younger, took part in the study.

Lawyer says Barry will not resign post

WASHINGTON — The lawyer for Mayor Marion Barry rebuffed



speculation Wednesday that his client might resign in a plea bargain with prosecutors. R. Kenneth Mundy added that federal investigators had thus far refused to let him see and hear the video and audio tapes of the mayor's visit to the Washington last Thursday night, when he was charged with purchasing and smoking crack cocaine.

Five officers indicted in separate drug cases

MIAMI — A federal indictment Wednesday charged three police officers and four other men with robbing more than \$1 million in cash, 110 pounds of cocaine and a ton of marijuana from drug dealers.

A separate indictment charged two other officers in a cocaine case.

The cases mark the widest-ranging police corruption indictments since 15 Miami police officers were charged in a drug-ripoff ring in 1984 and 1985.

Georgia high school bans use of book bags

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga. — A high school has banned students from using book bags in an effort to prevent drugs from being brought to school.

Baldwin High School Principal Mike Stanton announced the ban last week after Sheriff Bill Massee told faculty members that many schools have banned book bags. The ban went into effect Monday.

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NEW LOOK AT FAT

Fat chance

So you want to get rid of that nasty cellulite, huh? No problem, it's already done. According to the American Medical Association, the Food and Drug Administration and The New York County Medical Society, to name a few, there is no such thing as the dreaded "cellulite," it simply does not exist.

Medical journals and dictionaries have no listings for cellulite, (though "cellulitis," an inflammation of cellular tissue, appears), and according to medical experts even the make up of "cellulite" and regular fat are identical, showing no cellular differences. This is not to say all fat is created equal, since many



things can influence the metabolic activity of different fat cells. Also, the appearance of fat differs from body to body as men's fat-cell chambers are smaller than women's, and don't readily bulge when filled, while a woman's thinner skin camake dimpling more apparent. However, "cellulite" is still only fat, and needs no special miracle cure to disappear.

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In body shapes, pears healthier, study reports

BOSTON (AP) — It's healthier to be shaped like a pear than an apple, and now experts believe they know why: Cholesterol levels are closely linked with where people carry their fat.

Researchers have long noticed that folks with fat posteriorly tend to have healthier hearts than those with big guts, but the reason for this was unclear.

A new study offers a possible explanation. It shows that people with beefy hips and trim waists have higher levels of a protective form of cholesterol called HDL than do those with potbellies and small behinds.

"When patients come in, we

advise them to lose weight," said Dr. Richard E. Ostlund Jr. "This paper suggests that more important than that is how the fat is distributed."

His study, conducted with healthy elderly people, found that body shape alone could account for a large portion of the differences in people's HDL cholesterol levels.

Ostlund's study, conducted at Washington University School of Medicine, was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

HDL — high density lipoprotein — is the so-called good cholesterol.

Unplanned stop Pump malfunction forces plane to land at airstrip near U.S. 80

By Michael Ramey
Staff Writer

A fuel pump malfunction forced the pilot of a Cessna 206 single-engine plane en route to Belize, Central America, to make an emergency landing Wednesday at Longview's East Side Airport.

However, none of the three people on board the six-seat aircraft were hurt, as the plane made a near-perfect landing on the muddy airstrip near U.S. 80 East around 1:15 p.m.

Longview firefighters were on the scene and prepared for the worst, but only had to wash the mud off the plane after the land-

ing.

"Although the plane's engine did not stop, the flight began getting rough, and the pilot didn't want to fly any further on the electrical back-up fuel pump because it is not dependable," said passenger Ruth Malvern of St. Louis. "Instead of attempting to fly over Longview, he decided to land it at this little airfield on the east side."

She added that she was not scared of the forced landing because the co-pilot, her husband Donald, and pilot Joe Dobronski of

See Plane, 14-A



'Tremors'

'Tremors' is a science fiction/comedy about giant earthworms starring Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, Michael Gross and Reba McEntire. Look for a review in Friday's Entertainment section.

Tatum man dies in wreck

By Dan Hill
Assistant Managing Editor

A Tatum man was killed Wednesday night when the pickup truck he was driving collided with an 18-wheeler, demolishing the front end of the pickup.

Dale Edward Ferguson, 35, of Route 1, Box 273-C, Tatum, was pronounced dead at the scene at 9:20 p.m. by Justice of the Peace Jack Baggett.

The accident occurred on Texas

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House overrides China bill veto

Bush appeals for support from Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House voted overwhelming Wednesday to override President Bush's veto of legislation protecting Chinese students from deportation, while Bush appealed to Republican senators to resist and help him keep open ties to the world's most populous nation.

The House vote of 390-25 sent the matter to the Senate, where both sides said the outcome of today's scheduled vote was in doubt.

"We've got a fighting chance," Bush said Wednesday night at a state dinner for the president of North Yemen.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley declared, "I don't think what's most on the minds of the members of Congress is the sensitivities of the present Chinese leadership. ... This is a leadership that has in our

■ Congressmen Ralph Hall, D-Rockwall and Jim Chapman, D-Sulphur Springs, voted to override President Bush's veto of legislation protecting Chinese students from deportation.

judgment failed to respect the rights of its own citizens."

"On the issue of China, the president has lost his credibility," said Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Asia subcommittee.

Bush pinned his hopes on the Senate, where both Democratic and Republican senators predicted a cliffhanger. The president, National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft and Secretary of State James A. Baker III all were telephoning

senators through the day.

Bush was publicly appealing to GOP senators to support him in the face of what he termed "crass politics" played by some supporters of the override.

But the chief House sponsor of the legislation, California Democrat Nancy Pelosi, said she hoped senators would resist the "full-court press" by the White House.

"Why would he ask a senator to vote against human rights and principles?" she asked after the House vote.

The legislation would affect as many as 32,000 Chinese students now in the United States on "exchange visitor" visas. The bill would waive a legal requirement

See House, 14-A

Man who burned son leaves prison

Disfigured teen says he's terrified

BUENA PARK, Calif. (AP) — David Rothenberg will never forgive his father for setting him on fire, saying Wednesday's release of the man who disfigured him leaves him terrified despite unprecedented measures to keep the felon away.

"I would like them to keep him in jail for the rest of his life," David, 13, told reporters 15 hours after Charles Rothenberg, 49, was released from prison.

David told a news conference at the Buena Park Police Department that he feared Rothenberg may someday harm him. Asked when he thought he would feel safe, he

said, "When Charles dies."

"Obviously, he is very concerned and he has every reason to be," state Department of Corrections spokesman Tipton Kindel said in Sacramento.

Charles Rothenberg, wearing blue jeans, a blue chambray shirt and an electronic leash to monitor his movements during three years' probation, "was escorted out of the prison by motor vehicle" at 12:40 a.m., said Kindel.

"He is out on parole and he has reached his destination," the spokesman said, declining to even

See Man, 14-A



Charles Rothenberg, who set his son on fire in a Buena Park motel room in 1983, was released from prison Wednesday.

Pine Tree ISD boss resigns

By Julie Cannon
Staff Writer

After nine years as superintendent of Pine Tree Schools, Leland Frase asked board members Wednesday night to accept his resignation.

Frase, who assumed his duties in 1981, will retire effective July 1, said school board President James Ray.

"We will miss Mr. Frase both personally and professionally. Mr Frase's leadership and accomplishments will carry over for many years to come," Ray said.

School board officials are faced with filling the position. "We are going to start action immediately to fill the superintendent position. But we really haven't had a chance to look at the situation," he said.

A special meeting has been called for Saturday to discuss the hiring process. Board members will talk to groups and people for advice and will develop a timetable for filling the position during the meeting, Ray said.

With no definite plans, Frase said he wants to find something less stressful to occupy his time and play a lot of golf. "It is a time in my life when I'd like to get involved with other things and this seems to be the right time."

After nine years at Pine Tree, Frase said he would miss the people he worked with. "I have enjoyed my time here. Pine Tree has been very good to me. There are some outstanding people and that is what I will really miss."



By Dale Ruff/chief photographer

Assistant Fire Chief Lee Fort helps Scott Long, left, hose down a plane for pilot Joe Dobronski, right, after Dobronski made an emergency landing Wednesday afternoon at the East Side Airport. Dobronski was forced to land the plane after a mechanical fuel pump failed.



By Dale Ruff/chief photographer

Department of Public Safety troopers and Gregg County Sheriff's deputies investigate the scene of a two-vehicle accident in which a Tatum man was killed Wednesday night on Texas 149 south of the Knox Lee Power Plant.

Tatum man dies in wreck

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149 between Lakeport and Tatum, about a mile east of the Knox Lee Power Plant.

According to Department of Public Safety Troopers Joel McKinney and Jack Webster, Ferguson was southbound on Texas 149 when his vehicle collided with a Silica Sand Transport truck that was traveling northbound on Texas 149.

The driver of the 18-wheeler, Norman Dale Savage, 53, of Cleburne, was not hurt in the accident.

Investigators said the pickup truck struck the left front side of the transport truck, but that the exact cause of the accident was still under investigation.

Officers blocked traffic on Texas 149 in both directions for more than an hour while they cleared away the wreckage.

The Department of Public Safety, Longview Emergency Medical Service Units, the Gregg County Sheriff's Department and the Lakeport/Elderville Fire Department all responded to the accident.

Plane makes sudden landing

From 1-A
St. Louis are both retired from McDonnell Douglas, an aircraft manufacturer.

All three are members of the non-profit group Wings of Hope based in St. Louis. The plane was on its way to Belize and will be used to fly patients needing emergency treatment to medical facilities.

"Most of the places they will fly to are only 30 minutes by plane, but often take more than two days to reach by foot," Mrs. Malvern said. "We were to stop in McAllen (Wednesday night), and fly to San Pedro, Belize, (Thursday) morning."

Belize is a small country south-east of Mexico.

Wings of Hope is supported entirely by donations, she said, and in the organization's 27-year history, they have delivered 86 planes to countries all over the world, including in Latin America, Indonesia and Africa.



David Rothenberg, 13, left, and his stepfather, Dick Hafdahl, talk with the news media in Buena Park, Ca., Wednesday about the release of David's father, Charles Rothenberg, from prison.

Man who burned son leaves prison

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disclose whether Rothenberg was paroled within the United States. "He said he was afraid and upset, but he didn't elaborate."

David, whose face bears severe scars from the burning as well as from repeated skin graft surgery and whose fingers have been amputated to the first joint, wore a Los Angeles Raiders ball cap and sat on a telephone book to see over a bank of microphones at the news conference.

"I want it known nationally that I don't ever want to see my father again. I want to make it clear to him," he said.

"I think he's a sick man. I can't see why he did this to his own son," said the boy, who was 6 years old when his father set him on fire in a Buena Park motel room in 1983.

David expressed fear in an earlier interview, and said he keeps a BB gun by his bed just in case. "I'd shoot his eye out if he ever came over. I'd blind him," he said. "I will never forgive him."

David lives in Orange County with his mother, Marie, and stepfather, Buena Park police Lt. Richard Hafdahl, who helped

investigate the fire. "He has nightmares that his dad is chasing him down the street," Hafdahl said.

Asked what is being done to protect David, Kindel said that if Rothenberg is ever "not where he's supposed to be, then the family, David, will be notified immediately," Hafdahl said he's also taken security measures.

"He's under the most restrictive parole ever for a California parolee," Kindel said. "He will be accompanied by a parole officer 24 hours a day. We want to make sure that he is where he is supposed to be and that he has no opportunity to come into contact with his son."

Rothenberg's parole will cost California taxpayers \$18,000 a month.

Rothenberg set fire to his son after a telephone argument in which his estranged wife said he would not be able to see David again.

Rothenberg had taken the boy on a holiday to Southern California from New York, where the boy was living with his mother.

"If I can't have him, nobody else can," Rothenberg said when arrested six days later.

Alien flu?

Space viruses invading planet, astronomer says

By Jeff NeSmith
News-Journal Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — Killer Flu From Outer Space!

No, you are not standing in a supermarket check-out line.

In what seems like a theory formulated especially for the tabloid weeklies, a famous astronomer suggests this week in a respected scientific journal that recurring worldwide epidemics of influenza are caused by viruses from space.

Sir Fred Hoyle of the University of Wales and a colleague hypothesize that influenza virus is deposited in the stratosphere by comets, then periodically driven to Earth by radiation from the sun.

Influenza experts at the Centers for Disease Control (called the theory "intriguing" but said there are no facts to support it.

The epidemiology and virology of influenza have been studied intensely for many years, and there is no need to turn to "extraterrestrial" theories to explain the epidemics, they say.

Even so, in a letter to the British scientific journal Nature, Dr. Hoyle and fellow astronomer N.C. Wickramasinghe argue that for more than 200 years, influenza

pandemics have visited the planet in cycles that seem to coincide with sunspot cycles.

They suggest that when the sun reaches a "solar maximum" — about every 11 years — the increased number of sunspots generates solar wind, which in turn causes influenza virus that has been floating around in the stratosphere to descend to the Earth and cause illness.

In support of their hypothesis, which Dr. Wickramasinghe admitted has virtually no support among other scientists, the two astronomers pointed out that since 1761 reported flu pandemics and solar activity "appear to have kept in step."

In a telephone interview, Dr. Wickramasinghe said that for a decade he and Dr. Hoyle have argued that earthly life originated in the lukewarm core of comets, rather than on this planet. They say the odds against anything as "innovative" as genetic material developing on Earth are too great to imagine.

Instead, they believe, the 100 billion comets that orbit the sun are more likely settings for the "primordial soup" in which life is supposed to have developed. When

the comets hit the Earth's atmosphere, they release their viral passengers, the two astronomers suggest.

Furthermore, the process might still be bringing in viruses, said Dr. Wickramasinghe.

"At altitudes of 30 miles, influenza virus could be trapped in the stratosphere and when they are electrically charged by solar wind, they would start coming down to the Earth with a vengeance," he said.

Dr. Larry Schonberger, an epidemiologist in the CDC division of viral and rickettsial diseases, said that until scientists developed a way to isolate influenza virus in the 1930s, they had no way to saying with certainty that new strains of influenza have appeared and caused pandemics.

Before that, accounts of epidemics are not definitive enough to say that one occurred prior to — or just before — a solar maximum. Whenever a pandemic preceded a solar maximum, "I guess you'd have the epidemic causing the sunspots, rather than vice versa," Dr. Schonberger said with some sarcasm.

House overrides China bill veto

From 1-A

that those students return home for two years after their visas expire before returning to the United States or going elsewhere.

In addition, the bill would permit any Chinese student whose visa has expired — as many as 8,000 others — to remain in the United States as long as danger exists at home, and would allow Chinese students to work while in this country.

Bush vetoed the measure on Nov. 30 after it had passed unanimously in the House and by a voice vote in the Senate. Chinese student groups have lobbied hard for an override of the veto, saying many of them would face political persecution at home because they supported the pro-democracy demonstrations that brought a violent government

crackdown last June.

A group made up of Chinese students hailed the House vote as "an historic victory for human rights in China."

"We are hopeful that the strong support in the Senate will be enhanced by the House vote," said Haiching Zhao of the Independent Federal of Chinese Students and Scholars, which represents 42,000 Chinese students at more than 200 U.S. colleges and universities.

At the time Bush vetoed the bill, he ordered government agencies to adopt what he contends are essentially the same safeguards. The veto was simply an effort to preserve executive branch foreign policy prerogatives, he said, and to keep open the door for future student and cultural exchanges.

"I will not break faith with the

Chinese students here. ... They were safe then, and they are safe now, and they will be safe in the future," Bush told a White House news conference Wednesday.

To the 37 GOP senators who attended a breakfast at the White House, Bush hit hard on his contention that a veto override would mean a total cutoff of the flow of students to the United States, and he appeared to be winning a few converts.

"The price of the Pelosi bill is lost opportunity for the Chinese scholars of tomorrow," the president told reporters later.

"The bill is totally unnecessary. The long-term policy consequences are potentially great. And Congress, in my view, will have only itself to blame."

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