

# Contraceptive cap approved for U.S. use following trial study

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The cervical cap, a birth control device already in use in Great Britain and several other countries, was approved for prescription in the United States on Monday by the Food and Drug Administration.

The cap is a flexible, cup-like device about an inch and a half in diameter that is to be fitted by a physician to cover the base of the woman's cervix.

After the initial fitting, the natural rubber device is to be inserted and removed by the user.

The FDA approval says it can remain in place for 48 hours, as opposed to a maximum of 12 hours for the diaphragm.

Both devices are to be used with a spermicidal cream or jelly, but the cap does not require additional spermicide before each instance of intercourse, as the diaphragm does, and is much smaller than a diaphragm.

A clinical study sponsored by the National Institute of Health showed that the cap is about 85 percent

effective in preventing pregnancy, comparable to the diaphragm.

Those trials showed about 4 percent of cap wearers experienced conversions of their Pap tests from normal to abnormal after wearing the cap for three months, compared to a 1.7 percent conversion rate for diaphragm wearers. After six months' use, the conversion rates were similar for the two devices.

In announcing the cervical cap approval, FDA Commissioner Frank Young said the action requires the manufacturer to "conduct post-market studies to obtain more data on the Pap smear conversion rate."

The approved labeling to be supplied physicians states the cap is to be prescribed only for women with normal Pap tests and that they are to return for a follow-up Pap test after using the cap for three months.

The labeling also will caution that the cap, like the diaphragm and contraceptive sponge, may slightly increase the risk of toxic shock syndrome.



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## Pit stop

Lechelle Wilson, a rising junior medical technology major from Atlanta, finds the Pit a good

place to curl up with her chemistry notes while preparing for the day's lab work.

# Environmental groups seek federal wildlife refuge

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Two national environmental groups told the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Monday that they supported a proposed federal acquisition of thousands of marshland acres for a northern coastal refuge.

Michael Pratt, a vice president of the N.C. Wildlife Federation, and David Howells, conservation chairman of the state chapter of the Sierra Club, urged commission members to approve the proposal in their final recommendations to the governor.

"To my knowledge this is the first time either group has publicly made known their position," said Harold Benson, assistant regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Their support for the federal waterfowl refuge puts them at odds with hunters, landowners and Martin County officials who are strongly opposed to the federal purchase of 30,000 acres along the Roanoke River touching the three-county area of Martin, Halifax and Bertie.

Almost 27,000 acres of hardwood trees in the acquisition area are owned

by the Georgia Pacific Corp., which has headquarters in Atlanta.

Lynn Klein, public relations manager with Georgia Pacific, said the discussions were "still very much in the preliminary stages." But, Klein said, the decision will be based on financial reasons rather than public opinion.

The Martin County Board of

Commissioners opposed the acquisition in February after two public meetings revealed strong public sentiment against the plan. Henry Winslow, board chairman, said the plan would have a negative effect on his county's tax revenues.

"This refuge has been ill-conceived," said Connell Purvis, spokesman for the Friends of the

Roanoke River Bottomlands, who had spoken at previous meetings and at Monday's hearing. Purvis said groups and others who have tried to negotiate alternative plans with the Fish and Wildlife Service had been unsuccessful.

A revised environmental assessment report is due out within the next few weeks from the service, she said.

# Robertson supporters battle GOP

From Associated Press reports

RALEIGH — Efforts to resolve a bitter feud between supporters of Pat Robertson and Republican regulars collapsed Tuesday as Robertson's North Carolina leadership announced a boycott of the state GOP convention.

Sue Wyatt, chairman of Robert-

son's state organization, said she was urging supporters of the former television evangelist who unsuccessfully sought the Republican presidential nomination not to attend the convention, scheduled for June 3 and 4 in Raleigh.

"We've just chosen at this time to save our fight for another day," Wyatt said at a news conference. "We're just saying to the people that it's not in their best interest to go out and be

abused."

Wyatt accused Jack Hawke, the state GOP chairman, of helping supporters of Vice President George Bush and other traditional Republicans to cheat Robertson supporters of delegate slots to the state and national party conventions.

Hawke denied the charge, saying he had negotiated with Wyatt in good faith and that she rejected all compromise offers.

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