# Food prices slowly going up

lowly, over weeks and months tin pennies that add up to dollars, prices you pay for food are going

The Agriculture Department says od prices as a whole may go 3 to 4 ent higher through June of 1977 on they did in the first half of this

Sugar producers say the price of ir product should go up because President Ford's actions Tuesday pling the tax on sugar grown

e the United States. And the Agriculture Department

crease this year in price supports for manufacturing-grade milk will have some effect on consumers.

The government announced on not changed in the last three to hold down inflation.

Labor Department statistics annual rate of about 6 per cent, in line with administration forecasts.

the presidential campaign, the White House noted that consumer prices have been relatively stable for Tuesday that consumer prices increased by five-tenths of 1 per cent Ron Nessen said President Ford in August. The rate of increase has feels "it is essential to continue steps

And Ford, under pressure from Southern congressmen from areas showed that inflation is running at an he will visit next week, took steps to bolster sagging sugar prices.

Saying he was protecting domestic sugar producers, Ford tripled the The department said a decline in meat prices failed to offset higher costs for most other foods, fuel and per hundred pounds to \$1.87½.

On the eve of the first debate of he presidential campaign, the Sugar producers predicted that the decision by Ford would mean retail prices will increase in the short cates consumers will have to pay up to 50 per cent more for beef by the second half of 1977 and 1978. run by about a penny a pound. Some producers complained that the tariff hike wasn't enough.

At the same time, the Agriculture Department said Americans are eating more red meat than they have in four years, and it said that if the trend continues it will insure stability for beef prices.

But Rep. William R. Cotter, D-Conn., said Tuesday the depart-ment is ignoring the drought and its effect of cattle feed. He said taking the drought into consideration indi-

Some economists say short production of beef next year will push food prices higher than the Agricul-

ture Department predicts.
The department also said Tuesday that the second increase this year in price supports for manufacturinggrade milk will have only a slight affect at most for consumers.

On Oct. 1, the support price for milk used in making butter, cheese, ice cream and other by-products will increase 13 cents a hundredweight,

### Ecological fantasies' cited

# Scientist decries doom warnings

EW YORK - True or false? Lake Erie is dead. DDT causes cancer.

The world's oxygen is being 4. Watermelons falling from planes are a major threat to life.

If you think the first three are e, then you may as well say "yes" No. 4, too, says a New York scienst who believes Americans are der the thrall of what he calls logical fantasies.

Cy Adler, oceanographer and enineer, says messengers of ecological dom often raise alarms about daners almost as remote as airborne

"During the 1960s I began to otice that many of the technical reorts crossing my desk conflicted with stories of environmental disaser then rampant," he said.

For example, technical data indiated air quality improving in cities, out one day his mail brought another

"This pamphlet from the air polwition commissioner said the aver-lage New Yorker was breathing 730

Paul Ehrlich, the Stanford University biologist Adler calls a "stern

ARLINGTON, Tex. — There is

acute need for more health care

rvices at homes for the elderly,

ederal Health, Education and Wel-

The testimony came from most of

ne 23 witnesses who appeared be-

ore a special committee of HEW led

by Stuart H. Clarke, regional direc-

policy aimed at gathering public reaction and information before new

egulations on medicare-medicaid

HEW is currently considering

changes in medicare-medicaid regu-lations that would allow some pa-

exas Senior Citizens Association,

lust decide between remaining in

p are instituted.

The hearing is part of a new HEW cally low.

oy L. Swift, representing the nursing

re officials were told Tuesday.

figured I should at least be gaining weight from it."

As an engineering consultant and former teacher of physics, math and oceanography, Adler says he'd be the country are eating them, and the last to claim pollution is not a problem. But he maintains that much of human progress is marked by acceptance of some undesirable consequences in exchange for tremendous advances.

"Before the era of mass communication, myths propagated slowly from individual to individual," Adler writes in his book "Ecological Fantasies." "But now a lunatic with a microphone and money can spread his version of unreality across the face of the land.

In a recent interview in his journal-cluttered office in downtown Manhattan, Adler said ruefully that

ven't access to large audiences. "The media," he said, "are interested in scare stories: 'Lake Erie dead!' Big TV thing. 'Who killed Lake Erie?

their homes without health or being

kept in nursing homes or hospitals which are really warehouses to wait

HEW officials said that currently

home care costs about \$500 million

annually and includes treatment and

cent of the \$100 billion expenditure

for all health services and is drasti-

faced by elderly seeking home care services under federal programs are

the "ignorance, indifference or outright hostility" of physicians.

The hearing resumed today

He said that some of the problems

Swift said the total is only "one per

in until the hearse comes.

care of patients.

pounds of air pollution a year. Now that's a lot. It's two pounds a day. I obituary of the lake that said: "No one is his right mind would eat a darm that was raised by environmentalists about 10 years ago has done a lot to start it on the road to Lake Erie fish.

"He's wrong," said Adler.
"People in New York and all over they're not lunatics.

Adler depicts the lake water as wretched smelling and evil looking around industrial sites on its south of the planet, you'll see that historishore, but says it otherwise is clean, potable, supports more fish than all the other Great Lakes combined.

Ehrlich, reached by telephone on a field trip, stood by his description of the lake as dead and added: "The life expectancy have improved even

recovery

As for Alder's general view of the environmental movement, Ehrlich commented: "If you understand exponential growth and the data that exist on the assaults mankind is launching on the ecological systems cal experience is no guide whatsoever to the present-day situation, which in fact is unprecedented."

The record shows, Adler coun-

as industrial pollution has mush-

roomed.
"I'm not arguing that pollution is good for people, but rather that it is a relatively minor nuisance compared with other causes of death and unhappiness, such as war, cigarette smoking and alcoholism," he said. "Without question, most air, water, land and noise pollution springs from

our use of internal combustion vehicles," he said.

As for suburban living, he says, compared to an average family in a Manhattan apartment, a neighboring suburban family on Long Island generates more than three times as much air pollution, about 15 per cent more solid waste, considerably more insecticide and pesticide runoff, at least 10 per cent more thermal waste from home heating . . . greater waste of wood and other natural re-

As for depletion of oxygen, Adler says the earth's oxygen level has remained constant for at least the last

Data and experience also have led him to conclude that other concerns DDT, mercury levels in fish, phosphates in detergents, thermal pollution from power plants, oil spills as threats to oceans, etc., —

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Ringleader testifies

defendant of accused drug smuggling ringleader Joe Dee Hicks has testified that he made 40 overseas trips and smuggled cocaine and heroin back into the states 20 to 35 times.

Coleman Ray Bandy, 35, testified in Dallas federal court yesterday that drug-buying trips were made to Bangkok, Thailand; Saigon; Bogota, Colombia; Peru and Eduador in 1973. Bandy pleaded guilty to two counts of cocaine smuggling last months in return for his government

Hicks, his wife Janet and Charles Lidge Bolts are on trial on charges of conspiring to import and distribute drugs in the United States.

Bandy, who is from Argyle, Tex., said he was paid \$2,500 per trip to deliver narcotics to Hicks' Plano, Tex., home. He also testified that he

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drugs into the United States.

Seven other defendants have pleaded guilty in the case and are awaiting sentencing. Four others are

Testimony will continue today.

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# 12-year-old cupcake strong

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Carefully protected from the maraudings of this summer. It was 12 and I turned ants and mice, a 12-year-old cupcake nestles in a special box at the nome of Sara Ogg in Columbus, waiting its next appearance.

The cupcake, with carmel icing slowing losing its color and pecan day bits on top held in place by wax, has tary become a family keepsake, emerging from its box on birthdays, aniversaries and special events.

Its next appearance is scheduled or October, when Mrs. Ogg's second child is due.

That cupcake and I had a milestone

"I intend to pass the cupcake down to my children."

The cupcake first came into Mrs. Ogg's life in 1964 as an 18th birthday present from her father's secre-

"I just stuck it in a drawer," she said. "When I came home at Christmas, I discovered it. I kept it and next year brought it out for my

Mrs. Ogg says she's tried to have "Some people are mortified that I the cupcake bronzed, but local outhave kept it," she said. "Others lets have refused.

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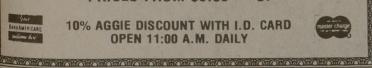
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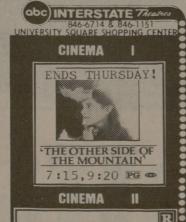
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