

FDA issues pretzel recall

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WASHINGTON — Some 19,000 cases of Pepperidge Farm, Inc., pretzels are being recalled because the product is sprinkled with lye crystals.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ordered the recall yesterday and warned consumers the lye crystals-resembling salt crystals usually found on pretzels-can burn the tongue, mouth and throat.

Brand names recalled included Pepperidge Farm's Thin Sticks, Nugget, Tiny Twist, Dutch style, Cheese Twigs, Plain Gems and Cheese Gems; Billy's Pretzels, Thin Pretzel, Tiny Thin Pretzels, Special Pretzels, Dutch Pretzels, Baldee-Pretzels, Thin Pretzel Stix, Gems and Cheese Flavor Gems; Snyder's of Hanover Guest Quality brand Pretzel Nibblers, Special Pretzel and Pretzel Logs; Cain's brand Tiny Twist Pretzels, Pretzel Stix, Pretzel Twists and Dutch Pretzels; Crouthamel's Prize brand Thin Pretzels, Tiny Thin Pretzels, Stick Pretzels and Dutch Style; and Dutch Valley brand Pretzel Gems.

Lye and water are routinely used to give pretzels their glazed look. The FDA said the process, properly carried out, is safe because pretzels absorb sodium hydroxide and the chemical is converted to sodium carbonate, a harmless substance, when the pretzels are baked.

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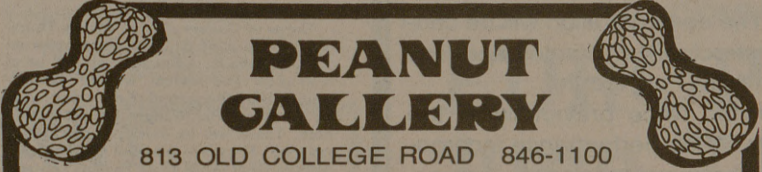
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FOUNDER of the College of Engineering at Prairie View A&M and former vice president of the school, Claude L. Wilson, was presented Houston's 1977 Engineer of the Year Award.

Texas

FINAL approval by the House is expected today involving a bill to give tax breaks to farmers and ranchers. Rep. Bill Sullivan, D-Gainesville, said his plan to tax farm and ranch land according to productivity rather than market value will be sent to the Senate after expected House approval.

AN ORDINANCE eliminating nude and topless masseuses in San Antonio's massage parlors, was found constitutional yesterday, but an injunction issued while the ordinance was being considered in court has delayed the requirement that each masseuse take a course in

anatomy and physiology when she applies for a license. The ordinance also requires a white uniform. Owners of massage parlors are also appealing a requirement that customers register on each visit. Police are already enforcing the outlawing of nudity.

ATTORNEYS defending oil millionaire T. Cullen Davis, have claimed misuse of the grand jury system. Davis is charged with killing his stepdaughter. The attorneys' accusation was a result of new grand jury indictments charging Davis with wounding his wife and family friend. The indictments were handed down a week before his trial. Attorneys claim the new indictments on the eve of the trial were an attempt to prejudice the jurors.

National

THE AVERAGE refund sent to taxpayers who already have filed 1976 returns was \$456.34, said the Internal Revenue Service yesterday. It's the highest

ever and probably will climb even more before all returns are processed. However, this year's error rate is alarming the IRS, for after processing 1.8 million returns at the 10 regional service centers, they found one in every 10 early filers made mistakes.

A DESIRE to establish normal relations between the United States and all nations, especially Angola, Cuba and Vietnam, was expressed by President Carter in one of his fullest discussions of U.S. relations toward hostile nations yesterday. Carter says Cuba's reported willingness to withdraw troops from Angola is a step toward that goal.

MICHIGAN Restaurant Association, a 1,500-member group, announced that a "Truth in Menu" campaign will begin next week to make sure customers get exactly what they see and read on menus, said Association President Henry Montague. For example, menus may mislead by using commonly accepted generic terms like Coca-Cola for any kind of cola, butter for mar-

garine, and cream for coffee whitener or dairy substitute.

ALMOST a third of the food stamps handed out in Florida are fraudulently obtained, then used to buy anything from guns and booze to sex, said investigators yesterday. State Attorney Joseph D'Alessandro said in Fort Myers that investigations in South Florida indicated "fraud is involved in about 5 per cent" of emergency food stamp cases.

World

SECRETARY of State Cyrus Vance goes to Egypt today with an Israeli request to find out whether the Arab world might agree to limited negotiations on the Middle East.

BRITAIN has ordered former CIA agent Philip Agee and Mark Hosenball, an American reporter for a London newspaper, to leave the country for violating national security. Agee is the author of "Inside the Company: A CIA Diary." In it he published the names of CIA agents.



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