

Polish 'link' stolen while on display

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CHICOPEE, Mass. — The world's largest Polish sausage is missing and presumed eaten. Its owner said recently someone stole the 25-foot-long, 107-pound kielbasa after it was displayed at the World Kielbasa Festival in Chicopee. Leon Partyka, manager of Chicopee Provisions Co. Inc., which made the giant sausage, says he hasn't seen it since the festival. "I just hope whoever took it enjoys it. It's fully cooked and ready to eat," Partyka said. Partyka said he wouldn't pay a ransom for the kielbasa and doesn't even want it back. "But if somebody calls and says they have it, I'll send them the

rye bread and horse radish to go with it." Partyka had made some disparaging comments about another giant kielbasa last week, saying residents of Rogers City, Mich., had only made a "giant hot dog" and not a real kielbasa when they cooked a 3,000-pound sausage. He said it was not a collar-shaped link in a single animal casing like traditional kielbasa. "Maybe with all the discussion somebody from Rogers City came down to take a look at it so they'd have both the world's largest hot dog and the world's best tasting kielbasa," he said. "If anybody had to steal it, I hope it was them, just to prove we have the best tasting kielbasa."

Partyka said he didn't see any way his company's giant sausage, which contains pork, beef and veal and a "secret formula of spices," could have been eaten while it was still at the fair, so he thinks it was carted away in one piece. Partyka said he doesn't plan to report the theft to police and will just "write off" the loss of the kielbasa — worth about \$200 on a per pound basis. He had planned to display the large sausage at other fairs after the festival in Chicopee, which claims to be the nation's kielbasa capital. But now he says the company doesn't have the necessary two weeks to produce another sausage the size of the stolen one.

English classes not carnival

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Nevermind what you've heard. The nation's English teachers are keeping student noses in books, eyes on the printed words. The emphasis in today's English teachers is on writing and reading and not on comic books or on the whims of students who "wanna do" what they "wanna do," according to a report in the English Journal. That is put out by the National Council of Teachers of English. The picture of today's typical secondary school English class, as painted by the popular press, depicts a loose, unstructured, even chaotic place where a raggedy

bunch of undisciplined students mill around doing only what they wanna do — which is usually reading popular fiction (trash) and comic books (God help us), listening to loud music and making movies," according to the report. Nearly 500 senior high and 150 junior high English teachers say this simply is not so. Their students, according to the teachers surveyed, study themes in literature. They study spelling and vocabulary. They write many narratives of personal experience and analysis of literature. They spend time in class discussing books they read.

In a tone of "we're okay," teachers pounced on critics of education who say there's a shortage of writing assignments. The teachers said they give the same to help students to improve the ability to communicate clearly. Junior high teachers said there's more emphasis on correct grammar and spelling. Senior high school, the teachers said, stresses critical thinking and logic in English assignments. There are "extras" — field trips, creative dramas and such — but teachers emphasized that it's just that — "extras."

The English teachers said their favorite teaching method was to have students learn writing by doing. But that's not all taught. In the junior high schools, 80 per cent of the teachers also teach spelling and vocabulary, 79 per cent punctuation, 77 per cent, standard usage, 66 per cent, traditional grammar, 71 per cent, organizational materials. In the senior highs, these subjects also are covered on a regular basis by most teachers in literature and writing courses. "The English classroom today is a place where students read and talk informally," but this informality does not mean that students aren't serious about learning. The survey concluded, "or that the teachers aren't serious about teaching."

Increased knowledge of language characteristics and motivation and personal pleasure were the reasons for getting students to read. The reading to improve both understanding and critical thinking. And all that talking that goes on about that? It's simply students taking an active role in the learning situation in the English class. The students share their own and their ideas about literature, helping each other learn.

More cancer agents cause new concern

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WASHINGTON — With more and more chemicals turning up as possible cancer causes, a National Research Council committee says it is important for workers to know what they are working with and what it might do to them. Employees have a fundamental right to know about potential risks in their workplace, a panel said, requiring government agencies and employers to interpret and explain all the hazards.

However, the study, supported by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, said workers should assume all employees are aware of the hazards to which they are subjecting their workers. "It is apparent that many employers — particularly those in chemical products rather than in manufacturing them — are not aware of the hazards," the study reports. "This may result from a lack of appropriate concern, or from a lack of knowledge of the chemicals in the plant."

"If an employer at the end of the distribution system is to be held responsible for informing his employees, it is essential to require the hazardous agent, at each step, to be clearly labeled by its general trade names and further identified as hazardous," the report said.

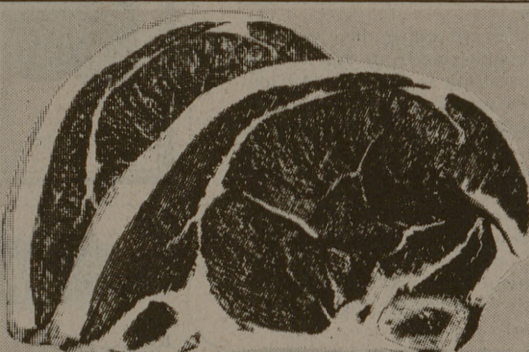


(Serving Suggestion)

Regular Ground Beef

.59 lb.*

*Any size package



Sirloin Steak, Beef Loin, USDA Good,

1.49 lb.



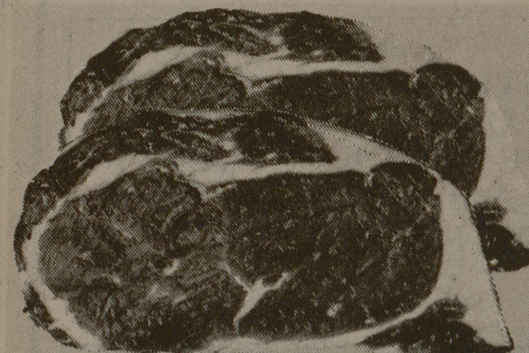
Cantaloupes Medium size,

.49 each



Pineapple, Large size

.69 each



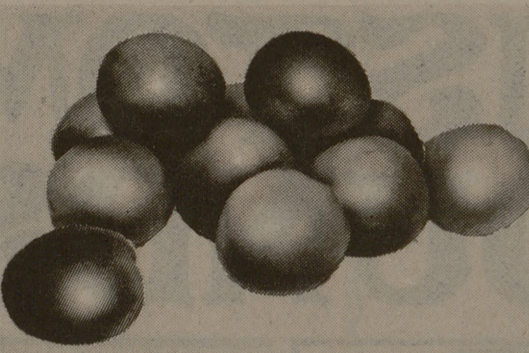
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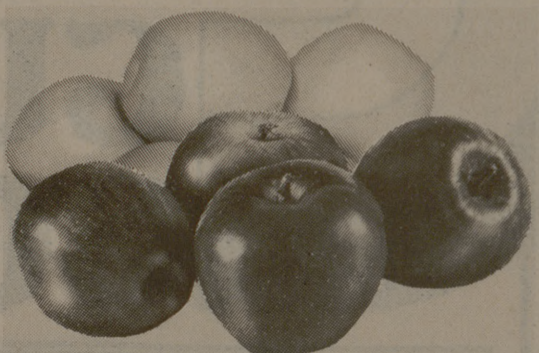
T-Bone Steak, Beef Loin, USDA Good,

1.67 lb.



Nectarines Large,

.33 lb.



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campus activities

Wednesday
Saddle and Siroloin, Initiation, 6 p.m. Parking lot, A.I. building
Omega Phi Alpha, 6:30 p.m., 301 Rudder
MicroComputer Club, 7 p.m., 301 Rudder
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Recreation: Bridge, 7:15 p.m., MSC
Social Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., 281 Rudder
Black Awareness, B.F. Mar., 7:30 p.m., 206 MSC
Student Senate, 7:30 p.m., 204 Rudder
Pre-Law Society, 7:30 p.m., 308 Rudder
Sigma Delta Chi, 7:30 p.m., 229 MSC
Free University, Registration, 8 p.m., MSC second floor
Thursday
Water Ski Club, 7 p.m., 301 Rudder
Cepheid Variable, "Last Man on Earth," 7:30 p.m., Rudder Theater
Great Issues, Abortion Debate, Kate Milhauser v. Nellie Gray, 8 p.m., Rudder Theater
Pasadena Area Hometown Club, p.m., 140 MSC
Outdoor Recreation Committee Backpacking seminar, 7:30 p.m., 301 Rudder
Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, 1st meeting, Fish tickets sold at Nagle Hall, 7 p.m., Quarter Hut B
English Society, "Career Night" English Majors, 7 p.m., 289B Melba
Friday
Learner's Marketplace, Registration, 5-7 p.m., 302 Rudder
Venezuelan Students Association, Annual General Assembly, 6 p.m., 38 Rudder
Aggie Cinema, James Bond Festival, 7:30 p.m., Rudder Auditorium
Saturday
Learner's Marketplace, Registration, 9 a.m. - noon, 302 Rudder
Aggie Cinema, James Bond Festival, 7:30 p.m., Rudder Auditorium
Sunday
Aggie Cinema, "The Family Jewels," p.m., 701 Rudder
Chess Committee, 6 p.m., 302 Rudder