

Cancer Society sells possible carcinogen

WASHINGTON — United Press International — Red lollipops colored with potentially cancer causing dye are being sold by some American Cancer Society chapters to raise money to fight the disease.

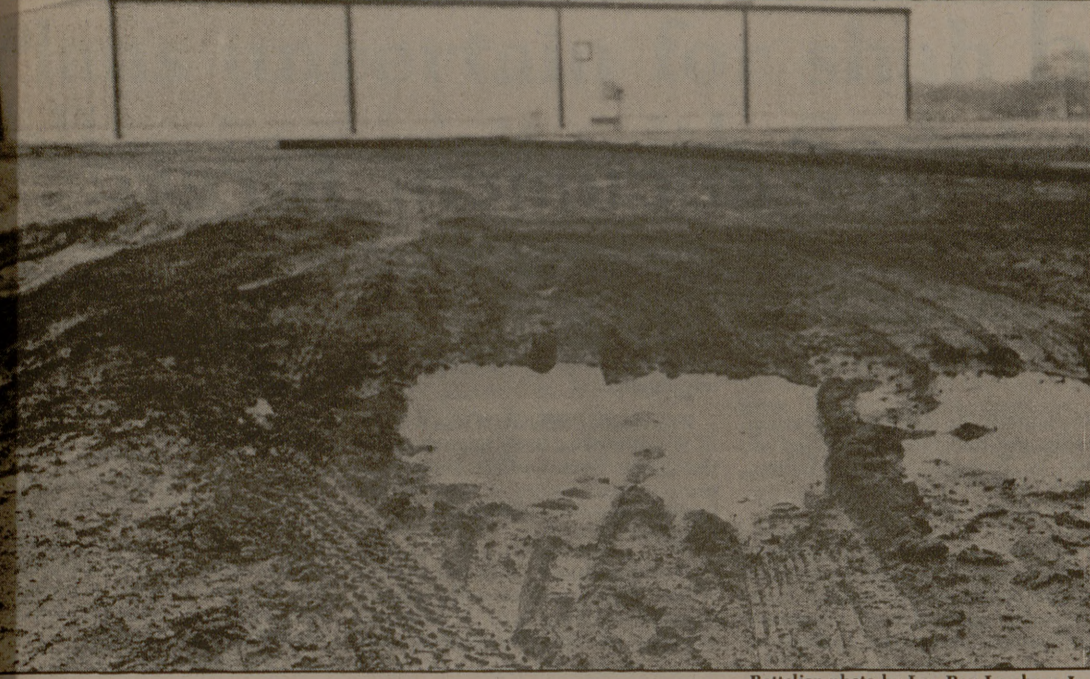
The Center for Science in the Public Interest, which disclosed the situation Tuesday, told the society it should stop the practice until the safety of the dye — Red No. 40 — is determined.

The society disagrees. A spokesman said suckers of various colors have been sold in some areas "by highly motivated people, people dedicated to conquering cancer. Some of them may have had Red 40, some of them may not."

"Until Red 40 is declared by the FDA to be a danger to public health, its continued use in manufactured products is perfectly proper," the spokesman added. Red 40 is the second most widely used food coloring in the United States. It is sanctioned for use by the Food and Drug Administration and is entering the food supply at the rate of about 1 million pounds a year in such things as soda pop, frosting mix, ice cream and candy.

"It is highly irresponsible for the Cancer Society to use a promotional gimmick that contains a dye that is suspected of being carcinogenic," CSPI said in a letter to society executive vice president Lane Adams.

"The ACS should immediately discontinue the distribution of the lollipops and join with others who are urging the Food and Drug Administration to place a total ban on the use of Red No. 40 until its safety is established beyond a doubt," it said.



Battalion photo by Lee Roy Leschper Jr. Muddy field is serving as a parking lot for M&M Consolidated High School's new athletic field house until school district officials decide to provide other parking for the new facility.

Improvement plans in line for Consol High campus

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M&M Consolidated School District should begin work on a comprehensive plan to improve the M&M Consolidated High School campus, said Trustee Bill Fitch at a meeting Wednesday.

"We can get some action on it," Fitch said. He listed overcrowded student parking lots, lack of walkways and the drainage problem at the field house as high priority items. Landscaping and repair of the high school football field were rated somewhat lower. Several local clubs have offered to donate plants and trees to the four campuses for landscaping. Fitch suggested that all necessary construction should be completed before the landscaping is begun. Problems also exist with regular maintenance. Jim Cole, assistant principal at the high school, said a leak in the library roof is preventing contractors from completing the laying of the new carpet. Several books have also been

ruined, he said. A \$120,000 Permanent Maintenance Fund had been established for the school district to pay for such repairs, but school authorities were not sure if they had to contact board members to authorize them. The district must take bids on repairs, but Fitch said the school "doesn't necessarily have to go through the board or the superintendent, although we would like to know about it." He suggested that the money in the fund be allocated to each of the four schools either in equal shares or according to each school's needs. Cole pointed out that schools used for community education classes would need more maintenance money "because of the wear and tear."



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