

Would You Believe

NOVEMBER 3, 1978

Lovers of that smelly lily, garlic, should know that Arleux, France is the place to be -- especially in December.

There are 3,000 garlic-growers around Arleux, and they produce more than two-million pounds of garlic a year. To celebrate all this smelly abundance, they hold a Gralic Festival at the end of each year. There are garlicky dishes of every kind, garlic cheeses and garlic sausages, dried garlic, garlands of braided garlic and garlic bread. There is free garlic soup for all non-French tourists.

There is also a Garlic Queen, of course. In addition to the glory and honor heaped upon her, she wins her own weight in garlic. The reigning Garlic Queen is 18-year-old Nadine Lerous (Lair-ROO) who says she eats garlic twice a day and plans to gobble up all 126 pounds of her winnings. Nadine confesses that she does not have a boyfriend. (Newscrip)

When the U. of Pennsylvania Daily Pennsylvanian scooped the rest of the local media with a story of the university president's resignation, wire service reporters were suspicious. Knowing that hoax newspapers are a tradition among collegians, and particularly in the Ivy League, the wire service contacted the president for clarification.

A was suspected, the issue was bogus. It had been produced by the campus humor magazine and

realistically imitated the style and look of the real student newspaper. Many on campus were fooled until the authentic Daily Pennsylvanian came out uncovering the hoax.

Two weeks later, however, in what was described as an "incredible coincidence," U. of Pennsylvania President Martin Meyerson really did announce that he was planning to resign.

The humor magazine promptly sent a telegram to Meyerson apologizing for "confusing the dates" of the resignation announcement. (C.H.)

Breathing ordinary city air could be giving you Kidney Damage. That's the conclusion drawn by a recent study at the Oak Ridge national Laboratory in Tennessee.

The culprit is Cadmium, a heavy metal used in a variety of industries. According to the Government Lab, concentrations of Cadmium average nearly double the "safe" level in most U.S. cities. In towns with mines, smelters, or other heavy industries, the level of Cadmium in the air can run as high as 20 times the safety limit.

If you work in a plant where Cadmium is used, though, it may really be time to hold your breath. Under current Government regulations, the air you breathe may have up to 4,000 times the amount considered safe by Oak Ridge.

On August 12th, 1976, a San Jose (California) woman named Clrissa Bernhardt predicted that in the spring of 1978, "most likely March 8th," a ten-year period of seismic turmoil would begin.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports that the psychic was triumphantly enthusiastic when an area near Los Angeles was mildly shaken by a temblor -- on March 8th. It's a bit difficult to share her enthusiasm.

Last April Bernhardt predicted that a series of earthquakes would eventually turn San Francisco Bay into an inland sea, and leave Los Angeles and San Diego as off-shore islands of a new continent extending to Hawaii. But earthquake experts discount her predictions, saying such mild earthquakes have occurred every month for 50 years. (Newscrip)

Leave it to the Romans. They've come up with a diet that doesn't require counting calories, starving, jogging, calisthenics or any of the other unpleasant activities that usually go with losing weight.

In fact, all you have to do on the Italian diet is stay in bed and refrain from getting nervous. Instead of getting up in the morning, the Roman diet requires that you slump back on the pillows and "Sip your tea with a biscuit." Then you freshen up in bed, red, phone your friends and do whatever doesn't make you nervous. Lunch is

limited to a small portion of meat, vegetables and water. Dinner consists of cheese, vegetables and milk. And the only activity you're permitted is a mandatory mid-morning walk.

Those fashionable Romans who have tried the new sleep diet say they've lost up to nine pounds a week. Nothing like slumbering your excess poundage away.

America is changing its taste in Bread. A baker's trade publication reports that Americans are eating less white bread and more of the darker loaves. The magazine says that while sales of white bread have dropped more than four percent over the past five years, sales of the so-called "Variety" Breads have risen a whopping sixty-eight percent. The people who have made the switch say they've heard they're better for you.

Believe it or not, there are some people who not only make a living being fat, but are actually paid bonuses by the pound.

Mr. Cholesterol is paid to stay fat. Actor/Comedian Jack Eagle has a requirement in his contract with Fleishmann's margarine saying he must weigh about 210 pounds for three years. For every pound that he drops below 208, Eagle loses a bonus residual.

Distressed white-bread makers say their product is enriched, and doesn't deserve its rotten image. But nutritionists point out that milling removes some 20 nutrients and the bran -- while enrichment replaces only four or five, and leaves the fiber out.

Actor's "Inspirational Words": Spreading of Jack Eagle, he also plays the roly-poly friar in the xerox commercial. And he's had some unusual experiences as a result.

He was at a hotel once, and was standing around in his robes between camera takes. A group of businessmen were having an intense argument nearby, until they saw Eagle, so they paused, and asked this friar for a few inspirational words.

Eagle says he told the, "100 years from now, nobody will give a damn that you even had this meeting." The men stopped arguing immediately.



RED 'N ' BLACK

Revue '78



Some Tickets Still Available
Get Yours Now!

Hurry! While They Last!

\$3.00

You'll Be Happy You Did

music,skits,kicklines,comedy

At The Sub Info Booth

and Playhouse e Box Office

Tuesday-Thursday Nov.7,8,9 Showtime 8:30