



Great pumpkins

'Tis the season for pumpkin mania, as these pictures from across the country clearly show. Above, Pat Naples and son Michael, 2, set up the display of decorative pumpkins at their produce stand in Melrose Park, Ill., just outside Chicago. Meanwhile, the winner of the Half Moon Bay, Calif. vs. Circleville, O., pumpkin weigh-off is shown at right. The 297 pound monster is the product of the winning Half Moon Bay team.



Firestone recall possible

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Government and company negotiators yesterday sought an agreement on a possible recall involving millions of Firestone 500 steel-belted radial tires.

Both the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., said no settlement had been reached, and no announcement was expected yesterday.

"We remain hopeful that this matter can be resolved," a Firestone spokesman said.

The NHTSA and a congressional committee concluded that the tires have had an unusually high number of blowouts, some resulting in deaths and injuries. Last summer, the safety agency issued a preliminary finding that

the tires have a defect.

Consumer groups, meanwhile, kept pressure on the recall negotiators, claiming the government is looking at a cutoff date that would leave millions of later-model tires on the road.

It has been reported that May 1976 is being considered as the cutoff date, with only tires made for perhaps eight months before that date to be recalled.

Sources familiar with the talks have indicated a tentative settlement was reached earlier in the week but that reservations on the company's part have held up a final agreement.

In all, Firestone turned out 23 million of the "500s" from 1972 until early this year when production stopped. Perhaps 13 million still are on the road.

'Go directly to jail' and don't nibble on the way

CANOGA PARK, Calif. (AP) — When David Silverman plays Monopoly and his friends pass "Go" and collect \$200, he has to watch to see they don't also take a bite out of Boardwalk.

Boardwalk — and all of the other 142 pieces of the 13-year-old's new \$600 game — are edible. Most are chocolate; the rest are variously colored bits of the same butter-cream base used in chocolate bars.

The appetizing version of the famous game is on Page 1 of this year's catalogue of Neiman-Marcus, the Texas-

based department store known for advertising unique — and expensive — gifts.

The store has the rights to the tasty version of Monopoly with one exception: the candy store in Silverman's neighborhood in this Los Angeles suburb, where the game is manufactured.

And because the games haven't been shipped to Neiman-Marcus yet for the several hundred customers who the store says have already ordered it, David is the first person to own the dark chocolate board.

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