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This past week, AMC's been an ad for those urging a "yes" vote on Ballot Measure 7 (to cut off state funds for abortion) and for those who argue that sexual liberation is bringing America down.

Oh, looked like it was all set. Deven was to fly to St. Louis and have an abortion. Her father planned to meet her and provide the bucks and everything would be ooo-kay. But an interesting thing happened: Deven's father, and the alternative he offered, became villainous.

Wally was adamantly against the abortion (If you don't want the baby, I'll raise it myself") and was determined to stop it. Deven's mother shared Wally's feelings but was afraid to pressure Deven.

All a friend can say is ain't it a shame. Or wait for a night to pass. The next morning, Deven announced she'd changed her mind. The abortion was off, and she and Wally would be married as soon as they could.

I haven't seen so many smiles of

relief since my brother finally made it through high school. It was as if the devil (slinking in the dark, scalpel in hand) had been turned away and Deven had seen the decision to have an abortion as what it really was: evil.

I mean, everyone knows that carrying an unwanted child to term should be the price one pays for succumbing to the lure of naked flesh.

Anyway, the decision not to abort pleased all, but mainly Wally. He was beside himself. The woman he'd loved since grade school would soon be his wife. Uh-uh. She changed her mind again.

Seems the word is out that Deven is knocked-up and getting married to save her reputation (Jesus, this is 1978) just won't work. The whole town will know Deven was pregnant before she took her vows. It was a nice try, though, Wally. Take up a meaningful hobby — it'll make the time pass easier.

But the show's lecturing didn't stop with the assumption that nice girls don't have abortions; it portrayed the pitfalls of pre-marital sex. Deven's going through mental hell. The fact she's pregnant will make it impossible to walk through the streets of Pine Valley. People would think she's an easy woman (they'd probably just think she was silly not to avail herself of the easy ways that exist to (prevent pregnancy) and she'll be marked as one of "those kind." (It's hard to keep my lunch down.)

Deven's main detractor is Brook English. The rich niece of Phoebe Tyler the town's leading bitch, Brook's been dueling with Deven over one Daniel Kinnicott for about a year. By trickery and deceit, Brook found out about Deven's condition, and in the moral climate of Pine Valley (or Harrisburg or a number of small towns) that knowledge is power.

Sorry Deven, but that's what fun in bed will bring you.

Army probes commune scare

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Army said Thursday it was investigating why a squadron of its helicopter gunships flew low over a southern Tennessee commune for several minutes, frightening

many of its 1,100 residents.

Matthew McClure, a spokesman for the 1,750-acre commune called The Farm, said the olive-green camouflaged Cobra helicopters dropped out of a low

cloud bank at lunchtime Tuesday.

"They came in flying fast and low," he said. "They split into three groups and they flew down lower into the fields and hovered over the fields. And then they went and ... they hovered outside our houses for as long as five minutes."

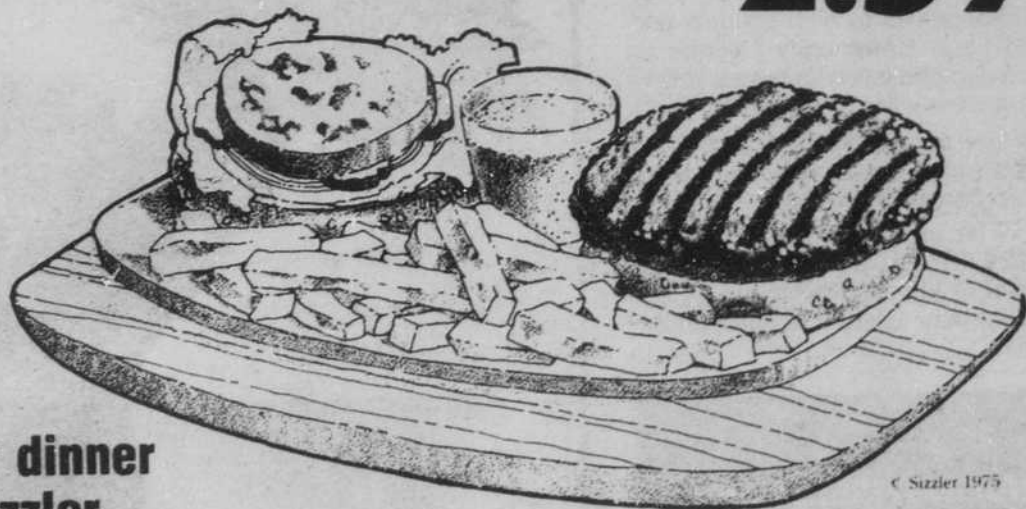
"They were low enough sometimes flying up the ravines to look into the windows of our houses," McClure said. "The vibrations from their propellers knocked a spice shelf off a wall of a house. They covered pretty much the entire populated portion of The Farm. All of this happened with no warning at all ..."

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