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# NRC proposes laws to stop nuclear thefts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has proposed tightening security to protect commercial nuclear fuel processing plants and uranium and plutonium shipments against sabotage, theft and terrorism.

Regulations published in Tuesday's Federal Register would require sharply increased guard forces for high-grade uranium and plutonium, both in storage and in transit.

They also would impose, for the first time, a requirement that private guards hired by commercial nuclear operators and shippers be certified in good mental health, as well as good physical health. Though companies handling nuclear materials presumably would not do so knowingly, they could hire a lunatic to guard nuclear materials without violating present NRC standards, a spokesman confirmed.

The proposed new rules also would increase the requirements for nuclear shipment guards to stay in contact with fixed security bases which could summon help if necessary.

There was no indication when the commission would be able to adopt the new security rules. The NRC is one commissioner short of a quorum and cannot take formal actions.

The proposed regulations do not apply to nuclear power plants. Instead, the rules would apply to a dozen nuclear fuel facilities operated by nine companies licensed by the commission and to three companies licensed for nuclear material transportation.

The NRC and the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), the two agencies created out of the old Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) in 1975, concluded last year that security measures for civilian nuclear activities needed improvement.

The destructive potential of nuclear energy was first revealed during World War II at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

So, the first peaceful nuclear power plants were built with the full knowledge that their uranium and plutonium fuels could also be made into destructive weapons. The materials and plants were guarded, under licensing requirements of the AEC and then the NRC.

But organized terrorism in recent years has focused new attention on the possibility that nuclear fuels could be stolen and fashioned into nuclear bombs or dispersed in crowded areas to expose people to radiation.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group, asked the NRC to tighten security measures on an emergency basis. Last January, the NRC decided to improve security, not immediately but through a speeded-up rulemaking process.

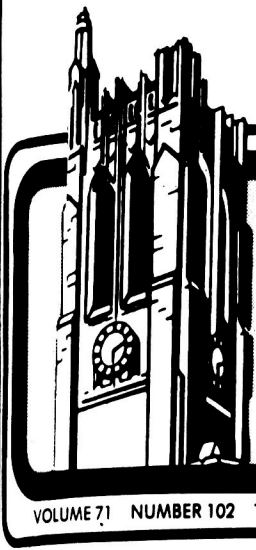
Last March, the NRC proposed that nuclear guards be investigated before they are hired. No such security checks are required now.

Last May, the NRC proposed requiring the companies to prepare contingency plans guards can use to foil terrorist attacks or sabotage; such plans are not required now.

Present rules require the companies to prepare for an attack by "several persons." The proposed rules would require defenses adequate to hold off coordinated, separate attacks by trained, dedicated teams of terrorists armed with semiautomatic weapons and explosives.

One set of proposals would stiffen requirements for guards, adding the mental health standard, improving physical fitness standards and requiring weapons-handling training and annual proficiency tests.

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# PBB compromise talks begin in Senate, House

By JAMES V. HIGGINS  
LANSING (UPI) — Compromise talks on Tuesday on two radically different legislative responses to removing any

lingering traces of PBB from Michigan dairy products.

The Senate on Tuesday approved its answer to the problem — a system for intercepting PBB-tainted meat and milk before it reaches grocery shelves. Estimates of its cost varied between \$17 million and \$40 million.

destroyed and the farmer reimbursed the slaughter price.

"The citizens of Michigan have a right to say, 'I want my food free of PBB,'" Hertel said. Both versions of the bill lower allowable levels of PBB in meat from the federal standard of .3 parts per million to .02 parts per million.

# Rep. urges executions

LANSING (UPI) — Rep. Richard Fessler, R-Union Lake, called Wednesday for a return to the death penalty for first degree murder and resubmitted legislation creating a special commission to fight organized crime and official corruption.

Those two proposals were major parts of a 10-bill, anti-crime package Fessler planned to introduce before the legislature adjourns this week for the summer.

Fessler said he believes that a bill restoring the death penalty cannot pass the legislature, but would be approved overwhelmingly by voters. He said he personally does not consider capital punishment a deterrent to murder, he said, is the "ultimate punishment" calling for the "ultimate punishment."

Several months ago, the House approved a different measure under which dairy animals contaminated with the chemical would be sought out on designated farms and destroyed. That measure would cost about \$28 million.

The Senate's bill was returned to the House on a 25-9 vote, with opponents challenging both the practicality and the necessity of the bill.

On about 155 farms where dairy cattle were previously quarantined, all animals — even newborn calves — that were sold for slaughter or to feedlots would have to be tested or specially marked.

Allen offered what he called his "National Guard amendment" to strike the rigid (continued on page 8)



Some 600 demonstrators, who said they were Iranian students, march near the campus of the University of Southern California Tuesday, protesting the appearance of the wife of the Shah of Iran to accept an honorary degree. More than 100 Los Angeles police joined other officials to guard the Shabanou. Some of the signs called the Shah a "fascist butcher." The Shabanou, Farah Pahlavi, said she wished she could do something to make the students "happier or more understanding."

# COUNCILMEMBERS RECEIVE COMPLAINTS Asphalt company facing lawsuit

By MICHAEL ROUSE  
State News Staff Writer

East Lansing may be getting itself out of a sticky situation.

At the city council meeting Tuesday night, there was some discussion of legal action to be taken against the paving contractor who may have used inferior asphalt to coat some residential streets.

Councilmembers have received numerous complaints about the asphalt not drying on roads and sticking to shoes, cars and lawns.

City Engineer Bob Bruce said the city has had troubles with the contractor — Spartan Asphalt Paving Co. of Holt — in the past.

The original contract to sealcoat East Lansing streets as a maintenance program was awarded to Spartan Asphalt, the low bidder, in July 1976, Bruce said.

When work began last fall, "severe problems" cropped up when the paving material was found to be unburnt asphalt. The company was required to remove the old material

and start over to complete the contract this year.

About two weeks ago, the company began putting down asphalt and gravel on Stoddard, Short, Milford, Collingwood, Orchard and Gunson streets, and again problems surfaced.

"The asphalt did not set up, or dry, for a long period of time," Bruce said.

Samples of the asphalt were sent to testing laboratories and the material was found to be too thin and not in accordance with specifications in the contract.

City Attorney Dennis McGinty said a claim will be made to the bonding company that wrote a performance bond to Spartan Asphalt insuring a satisfactory job. The amount of the claim for damages has not been determined yet.

"If Spartan Asphalt can't fix the problem, the city can withhold payment (\$33,000) and sue for damages or have Spartan Asphalt do the job over again," McGinty said. "There are many options."

Bruce said the paving company is usually reliable, but that the city "learned the hard way" that the low bidder does not always do the best job.

Excess gravel used to soak up the asphalt is being swept up, Bruce said.

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# Hot enough for ya? Temperature hits 90°; weather could overheat more than cars

By TERRY PRZYBYLSKI  
State News Staff Writer

When nature turns up the temperature and humidity, as it is doing this week, suburban car engines and second-half air conditioners are not the only things that get overheated and conk out.

Physicians warn that people may suffer the same fate if they overexert themselves and stay out in the sun too long.

The National Weather Service is predicting continued hot, humid weather through the weekend, with temperatures ranging from the mid-80s to the low 90s.

Simple heat exhaustion, or heat prostration, is the most common heat-related illness among college students, according to Eugene C. Nakfoor, director of the emergency department at St. Lawrence hospital in Lansing.

"Heat exhaustion is caused by overexertion in high temperatures and humidities, when one perspires freely, and too much body fluid and salt is lost," he said.

Nakfoor said that the symptoms of heat exhaustion include profuse sweating, pale, clammy skin and weakness.

Heat stroke, or sunstroke, is a quite different and much more serious phenomenon than heat exhaustion which can be fatal in extreme cases, Nakfoor said.

"Heat stroke occurs when one is overexposed to the direct rays of the sun," he said. "It can result in high fever, delirium, convulsions and even death."

Dr. Thomas B. Hill, staff physician at the St. Lawrence Health Center, said that a heat stroke

victim will be very hot and flushed, and the skin will be hot to the touch, unlike the skin of a heat exhaustion victim.

"In sunstroke, the person's heat-regulating mechanism is affected," Hill said, "and the person's temperature sometimes goes up so high that brain damage results."

If someone comes across a person suffering from heat stroke or heat exhaustion, Nakfoor said, they should try to make them as comfortable as possible and get medical help at once.

"Get the person into the shade, have them rest and get them something to drink, but don't give them too much," he said.

In order to prevent heat stroke or heat exhaustion from happening at all, however, Nakfoor said that people should use common sense and decrease physical activity during hot weather.

"People should try to limit their physical activity and just take it easy," he said, "and they should also avoid excessive exposure to direct sunlight."

Hill said that some people, who are not accustomed to strenuous physical activity, should be especially careful.

"Those who are in excellent physical condition don't have to worry too much as long as they don't overexert themselves," Hill said, "but others should be more cautious."

Hill also stressed the importance of replacing lost body fluids and salts during the heat wave.

"People should drink lots of water and other liquids, and maybe some sugar-salt solutions like Gatorade," he said.

Hill also stressed that it was important to replace body salts. He recommended increasing the salt intake during hot weather. Ideally the salt should be in solution form, and not taken as tablets, he said.

"Tablets really don't dissolve fast enough," he said, "and they could irritate the stomach and intestinal tract."

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Lansing is considering opening out for a week . . . well, sort of. See page 3.

weather

Not only will there be no relief from the heat and humidity, the air may get even wetter: a chance of thunderstorms exists.

With partly cloudy skies, the temperature will again be in the 90s.



# 8,000 EMPLOYEES WALK OUT Strikers hit Detroit

By CHARLES C. CAIN  
DETROIT (AP) — Some 1.3 million Detroit citizens found themselves suddenly without buses, garbage pickup and most other city services Wednesday as more than 8,000 city employees went on strike.

It was 90 degrees, and the sticky heat made it harder to bear cramped carpools, long waits for taxicabs and garbage uncollected on streets. Officials also were considering closing city swimming pools.

Officials estimated 450 emergency calls to police went unanswered overnight, as 77 emergency telephone operators went on strike and uniformed police — who are not striking — stepped in to do the job.

City attorney Roger Craig tried to convince a court to order the operators back to work, saying there were delays in answering calls, and that carried "the area of greatest disaster potential."

"We have to correct the situation," said Robert Pisor, press secretary to Mayor Coleman Young. "There's no doubt we lost some calls and there was a time delay in responding to others."

The walkout was staged by Council 77 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which includes 16 locals in the nation's sixth-largest city and one that has imposed severe spending restrictions in an attempt to recover financial health.

In addition to police, fire fighters and teachers are covered under separate contracts and were unaffected by the strike.

Citizens had no overnight warning because it was not expected talks would break off so suddenly. Workers had remained on the job under contract extensions until 5 a.m. when the negotiations broke down.

The talks resumed Wednesday afternoon, but the workers remained off the job.

Besides those officially on strike, city officials said several thousand other employees refused to cross picket lines.

Among those were bus drivers, who have a contract with the city but decided to honor a strike by mechanics. Later Wednesday, the drivers were sent notices that they should not report to their 879 coaches (continued on page 8)



Tass denounces antidetente 'campaign'

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet news agency Tass, responding to reports that U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon was prevented from speaking on Soviet television, declared Wednesday that the Soviet mass media will not be made available for a "noisy campaign" by antidetente forces.

not explain why the speech was not broadcast. Radio Free Europe-Radio Liberty, the Munich-based U.S. station broadcasting to Eastern Europe, broadcast Toon's address to the Soviet Union Tuesday night.

Tass commentator Yuri Kornilov said it was an "invention" that Toon was barred from giving the U.S. ambassador's annual Fourth of July address on Soviet TV because of Soviet sensitivity to a part of the speech on human rights. But he did

A station spokesperson estimated that three to four million Soviet citizens heard the four-minute speech, which was read in Russian by one of the Radio Liberty announcers. Toon had planned to speak in Russian.

China seeks end to U.S.-Taiwan treaty

TOKYO (AP) — The Chinese government says U.S. military installations as well as troops must be withdrawn from Taiwan and the Formosa Strait before it will consider full diplomatic relations with the United States.

of diplomatic relations between the United States and Taiwan, withdrawal of U.S. troops and abrogation of the U.S.-Taiwan security treaty.

Hsinhua, the official Chinese news agency, said Vice Premier Li Hsien-nien spelled out the Chinese position in a "friendly talk" with Adm. Elmo Zumwalt, former U.S. chief of naval operations, in Peking Monday.

Wednesday Hsinhua transmitted a correction to make Peking's requirements, "Severance of diplomatic relations with the Chiang clique on Taiwan, withdrawal of all U.S. force and military installations from Taiwan and the Taiwan Straits and abrogation of its mutual security treaty with the Chiang clique — and none of the three can be dispensed with."

Korean assembly votes to free dissidents

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The National Assembly in a move presumably approved in advance by President Park Chung-hee urged him Wednesday to free violators of his 1975 decree banning dissent.

assembly seats, and the New Democrats. Political sources reported Park discussed the resolution with his lieutenants in the assembly before it was drafted last week.

The resolution, adopted unanimously by members of Park's Democratic Republican party and the opposition New Democratic party, asked that the prisoners be released so they can "take part in the cause of national development."

The decree Park issued on May 13, 1975, bans virtually all criticism of the president and his authoritarian regime. It has been one of the chief causes of opposition in the United States to the U.S. government's support of South Korea, particularly since President Carter's criticism of human rights violations in Communist countries.

The measure was the product of weeks of negotiations between Park's supporters, who hold more than two-thirds of the



Postmaster asks rate hike for business

WASHINGTON (AP) — Postmaster General Benjamin F. Bailar proposed on Wednesday to boost first-class postage rates to 16 cents for businesses but allow individuals to continue paying 13 cents.

fiscal year.

Bailar made no recommendation on ending Saturday mail deliveries as a cost-cutting measure but said the idea is under serious consideration.

To qualify for the 13-cent "citizen rate," a letter would have to have either the return or delivery address handwritten. Both addresses would have to include zip codes, and the envelope would have to be of a standard shape and size that postal-processing machines could handle a letter would have to have either the return or delivery address handwritten.

He said the dual rate system for first class mail and other increases in rates for services proposed at the same time could almost erase the Postal Service's deficit, projected at \$2.4 billion during the next

A person could use the special 13-cent stamp on an envelope provided by a creditor for paying bills as long as the return address was handwritten.

Carter to ask for tax cut

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Carter Administration plans to ask Congress to cut taxes for families with incomes of \$25,000 and less, Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal said Wednesday.

students, Blumenthal went further than administration spokespersons have before in outlining the administration's plans to cut some taxes as part of its proposed tax reform program.

He also said there may be a new proposal for tax payments for poor Americans, commonly referred to as a negative income tax.

The program is scheduled to be sent to Congress later this summer, probably in September, but Blumenthal said it was unlikely the program would be enacted and take effect for at least another year.



Gynecologist sues NOW representative

PONTIAC (UPI) — A hearing was set for July 13 on a \$10,000 damage suit filed by a Southfield gynecologist against a representative of the National Organization for Women (NOW).

removed as the hospital's chief of obstetrics and gynecology contained false, vicious and malicious accusations against him pertaining to a second-degree criminal sexual conduct charge he was acquitted of in June.

The physician, Dr. Donald Krohn, filed suit in Oakland County Circuit Court on Friday against Ruth Jeffries, a former president of the local chapter of NOW.

Jeffries, who stepped down as president of the NOW group on June 30 after two terms as chapter president, said the letter was sent with the knowledge and backing of local NOW members.

Israeli market ripped by bomb

PETAH TIQVA, Israel (AP) — A pipe bomb planted under a vegetable stand exploded and ripped through a bustling open-air market in this Tel Aviv suburb Wednesday, injuring 21 persons, five of them seriously, in Israel's worst bombing in 14 months.

attack, saying the bomb was its answer "to Begin's policy of creating new settlements in Palestine."

The radical guerrilla group Popular Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the

Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin has said he views the Israeli-occupied West Bank, just five miles from here, as historically Jewish land and that he favors establishment of Israeli settlements there.

was the bloodiest terrorist bombing in Israel since May 1976, when a booby-trapped motor scooter blew up in Jerusalem, killing one person and injuring 29.

Wednesday's attack at the Petah Tiqva vegetable market

Police warned Israelis to be on the alert for new attacks. "We call on the public to watch out for suspicious parcels and people, especially in crowded public places," said police spokesperson Menashe Golan.

A police spokesperson said 50 Arabs were quickly rounded up for questioning in connection with the bombing. Some were escorted out of the area to protect them from the vengeance of enraged Israelis.

blood in the wreckage. "The market was jammed when the bomb went off, hundreds of people and cars blocking the alleyways and produce," said Shmuel Prassberg, who was shopping at the time of the blast.

The bomb resembled other homemade explosives used by Arab guerillas, police said. Officers cordoned off the vegetable market and searched for more bombs.

"The market is full of Arabs," he said. "Anyone who has come in and planted a bomb without being noticed

POLICE ARREST 15 IN CAIRO

Cultists held for murder

CAIRO (AP) — Police held 15 members of a Moslem cult advocating "sacred terror" Wednesday in the assassination of a former Egyptian religious affairs minister who had tried to stamp out their sect.

and the release of 60 jailed sect members.

Police said the decomposing body of Sheik Mohamed Zahabi was found in a shabby house in Cairo's nightclub district near the Giza pyramids with a scarf wrapped around his head and neck. An Interior Ministry spokesperson said he had been shot through the left eye with a pistol.

A witness said Zahabi was found lying on a bed and still wearing the white nightshirt in which he was kidnapped. The witness said the stench of death was overpowering in the small, hot room.

The scarf led to reports that he had been strangled, but the Ministry said determination of

Medical examiners said the 64-year-old Zahabi, minister for 19 months until last November, was killed Monday night, almost 40 hours after he was dragged from his home and shortly after a second deadline set by his captors. They had demanded a half million dollars

The three suspects, all university dropouts under 21, were identified as members of the outlawed "Jamaat al-Takfir wal-Hirja," literally the society for atonement and flight from evil. The society, formed in 1966, advocates "sacred terror" to overthrow secular rule and establish a strict Moslem state.

Audit says checks susceptible to fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Social Security computer system containing personal information on millions of Americans is open to fraud and unauthorized disclosure of confidential data, a government report says.

than 27 million Americans get Social Security checks. Supplemental Security Insurance payments.

"Security procedures and controls for the system were not adequate to prevent fraud and abuse or to assure compliance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974," said the report by the audit agency of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The computer contains information on the amount payments, family income assets, medical histories marital status.

The audit examined the Social Security Administration's computer systems that contain records on the more

Social Security Administration employees use the computer's 2,200 terminals at the country to maintain records on all benefit payments of the various Social Security programs, including Medicare and disability. The system processes the millions of claims for benefits that received each year.

Pakistan reported calm after military takeover

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Portraits of ousted Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto were removed from government offices Wednesday and the country was reported calm the day after a bloodless military takeover.

Martial law authorities ordered a crackdown on hoodlums and criminals and the seizure of all unlicensed weapons, but banks, stores and businesses were open as usual.

The Foreign Office formally informed all diplomatic missions of the change of government and assured them of continuity in Pakistan's foreign policy.

The new military ruler, Gen. Muhammad Zia ul-Haq, called on the Ministry of Law to start making preparations for new national elections in October.

"I am working on a 90-day operation to put the country back on its democratic footing," Zia said in an address to civil servants the day after he took charge of the nation to quell four months of political violence and wrangling.

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SUMMER SHORT COURSES: The Computer Laboratory will offer a series of non-credit short courses in computing during Summer Term. Registration must be made by July 8 in the User Information Center, 313 Computer Center. A \$2 fee covering computer time and handout materials is charged for each short course. For more information, call 353-1800.

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# MSU cutting energy use; money saved

**By ED LION**  
State News Staff Writer

In the face of predictions that the world is threatened by a grave energy shortage, MSU is trying to cut down its energy use. And University officials say it is working.

Howard Wilson, director of MSU building services, said the University has reduced relative energy consumption for the last year more than 30 per cent from 1976 usage.

This represents a \$2 million savings from the MSU fuel bill which would have been this year if it was consuming at 1976's rate.

That is quite a savings, according to Wilson, since MSU earmarked \$5.1 million for fuel last year.

Wilson said the cuts have had the effect of reducing the amount of energy used per student by 21 per cent without causing inconveniences.

Measures to cut MSU fuel bill were begun in 1976 because the University was faced with a 20 per cent increase in fuel costs to quadruple.

Among the measures used to cut energy use:

- Limiting heating levels to guidelines set by the Federal Energy Administration. These call for room temperatures to be set at 68-70 degrees Fahrenheit in the winter and 78-80 degrees in the summer.
- Reducing lighting levels in buildings around campus. Lighting levels are still equal or in excess of federal guidelines, but Wilson, but cuts have enabled the University to shave off .5 million watts from its electrical load.

- Scheduling classes in "concentrations" to avoid buildings staying open for only one class.
- Modifying air conditioning units around campus so they will automatically turn on or off when needed, thus saving energy.
- Cutting heating in buildings during "off hours."
- Establishing a special energy savings unit out of the Physical Plant which constantly seeks new energy savings plans.

In addition to these, Wilson eventually foresees the entire University hooked into a master computer unit to control temperatures. The computer would monitor heating levels and constantly readjust them for maximum energy usage.

Since last September the Clinical Sciences Building has been hooked into a computer regulator with "success," said Wilson. Five more buildings are in the process of being hooked up and eventually Wilson foresees a campus-wide hook-up.

"Changes that were once not economically feasible now are because of the higher costs of energy," he said.

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### EXTRA FEATURES WILL DECIDE FRANCHISE

## Commission suggests cable grant

By JEANNE BARON

The Meridian Township Cable Commission voted 4 to 1 Thursday night to recommend that National Cablevision, Inc. be granted a franchise in the township.

In a lengthy meeting which lasted until after midnight, the commissioners discussed 26 points before deciding against recommending that Continental Cablevision, Inc. receive the franchise.

National Cablevision, Inc. is a subsidiary of United Cable, a national system, which operates a franchise in East Lansing. Continental is also a national cable system and has several franchises in Michigan, including one in Lansing.

During the meeting, the commissioners showed concern over National's financial stability.

Commissioner William Roughing noted that National was barely profitable and said that financially, Continental was by far the stronger company. He cited an upcoming loan repayment and the selling off of several assets by the parent corporation as reasons for worry.

"National may not even be able to survive, let alone build a franchise in Meridian or keep it going once it's built," he said.

But National's representative, Robert Cowley, said the company has already set aside nine million dollars for the franchise.

"You've got to take my word for it, if we get Meridian we're not going to sell it off," he said. "And you can be assured that the franchise will be built," he added, "the money's there."

If the Meridian Township Board accepts the commission's recommendation, the cable system will be completed in one year. The company has promised to lay 25 miles of cable per month.

National has proposed a fee of \$7.45 for standard cable televisions, 50 cents higher than the current rate in East Lansing, and \$7.95 for one with a remote on and off switch.

National's Meridian system will have 36 channel capacity and carry the same programming as the East Lansing affiliate. Six channels, however, will be reserved for public access programs originating in Meridian Township.

Of the channels Meridian viewers will be able to choose from, seven will broadcast ABC, CBS, and NBC network programs, two will be independent, two educational, a total of ten public access and four automated — carrying such items as time and weather.

The six reserved channels, as opposed to four offered by Continental, played a role in National receiving the commission's recommendation.

National's impressive track record in East Lansing was also a factor in the decision, as was the location of the company's headquarters on Trowbridge Road, which is easily accessible.

In addition, National promised to provide a full-time employe for Meridian Township and work with a permanent advisory board.

"I'd hate to work without a cable commission," Cowley said. "We're the establishment and they're the people."

Continental lost some of its early favor, stemming from a solid financial outlook, because it did not support paying a full-time employe or working with a commission. Moreover, its system did not guarantee that all Meridian schools would be served, and a local business office built, as township ordinances stipulate. National, on the other hand, guaranteed both of these features.

Before a cable franchise in Meridian Township can be built, public hearings will be held and the township board will have to approve the commission's recommendations.

## New charter may appear for 3rd time

**By MICHAEL KLOCKE**

After having the proposed Lansing city charter defeated for the second time in two months, the Lansing Charter Commission will take a recess until July 13 before deciding whether to submit the charter to the voters for a third time.

In November 1975 Lansing voters elected a charter commission to draft a new city charter. The current city charter has been in effect since 1955 and many of its provisions carry over from the 1912 charter.

The commission drafted a new charter, but Lansing voters have turned it down two consecutive times.

The major changes that would be made under the proposed charter are: an increase in mayor power, a decrease in the power of the city council, a residency requirement for city employees starting in 1978, and a reduction in the number of city boards.

On June 13 the proposed charter was defeated by a larger margin than it was last November. The charter was turned down by a 64 to 36 per cent vote June 13. It was defeated 54 to 46 per cent last Nov. 2.

Charter Commission chairperson Thomas Walsh said the charter's first rebuff was due to a blanketing out of the issue in the mass media and a lack of understanding of the charter on the part of the public.

The second defeat of the proposed charter is attributed by Walsh to a different source — "inconsistent and dishonest arguments by charter opponents."

Walsh said that arguments against the charter by various councilmembers and a United Auto Workers newsletter contributed to the charter's defeat. The basic argument against the charter was that there should only be revisions and not a new charter.

"The argument by (councilmember) Lou Walsh and the labor publication was that we could get by with just some revisions," Walsh said. "This is a lie. The people of Lansing elected the charter commission to write a new charter, not to make revisions."

Walsh said that he was disturbed by the fact that the people believed these arguments. He said if the charter commission does decide to try again, it will conduct a hard hitting campaign.

"If they (charter opponents) are going to keep telling lies about us, we'll have to start telling the truth about them," Walsh said.

Councilmember William Brenke, one of the charter's main opponents, said he does not think the charter should be voted on again. He said the charter commission has already cost the city a considerable amount of money and the people have made their feelings clear in the two elections.

But Walsh said that he would like to put the proposed charter up for one more vote in November.

"I can't speak for the other commission members, but I'd like to give the charter one more try," he said.

The commission has the power under state law to submit a proposed charter three times.



More than 4,700 people, including several in wheelchairs, participated in a 12.4-mile marathon race in Chicago Sunday. Olympic gold medalist Frank Shorter easily won the event but was closely followed by Randy Wix, another of the wheelchair entrants. Wix came in a mere 40 yards behind the Olympic gold medalist.

## House passes handicapper bill on to governor

**By CHRIS PARKS**  
LANSING (UPI) — Sidestepping last ditch opposition from lawmakers who sought a stronger bill, the state House has sent to Gov. William G. Milliken's desk legislation designed to insure public transportation will be available to the handicapped.

The House voted 52-51 Wednesday not to reconsider its decision on Tuesday to go along with the Senate's compromise version of the transportation measure.

Two of the bill's original sponsors asked that their names be removed from the bill in a protest over what one termed the Senate's "sell-out" version of the measure.

The bill, as it now stands, requires that public transit authorities either make all newly-purchased line-haul buses accessible to wheelchair users or provide alternative dial-a-ride type service for handicappers.

The original House bill flatly required that all new buses be accessible except in special cases.

Public transit authorities claimed it is expensive and impractical to require that all new buses be equipped with devices which make them fully accessible.

These devices cost about \$8,000 per bus, they said.

Special dial-a-ride type systems are not

only less expensive, but more convenient for handicappers who often cannot get from their homes to regular bus stops — particularly in the winter, they said.

Proponents of the original House bill, however, insisted that an important civil rights issue is involved — that handicappers have a right to board any bus which is available to the general public.

"The courts will...rule that you can't segregate the handicapped in separate buses," said Rep. Jelt Sietsema, D-Grand Rapids. Courts in other states have already ruled this way, he said.

Rep. William Ryan, D-Detroit, favored the tougher bill but still urged that the compromise be accepted, noting that the issue is far from closed.

The transit officials, he said, will have to accept that eventually all buses will have to be accessible.

"The federal government is going to mandate that all buses be accessible," he said. "The question is not whether rights will be accorded, but when."

Others noted that the bill must be approved in order to allow transit authorities to resume buying new vehicles.

The legislature imposed a freeze on new purchases last year while the handicapper access issue was being thrashed out.

## City Council approves two art projects for Lansing

**By MICHAEL KLOCKE**

Art was given a boost Tuesday night when Lansing City Council approved two projects that will be created in full public view in downtown Lansing.

One project will be a mural commemorating Lansing's annual ethnic festival and the nation's Bicentennial.

The second annual Lansing ethnic festival was held this past weekend in Riverfront Park.

The commemorative mural will be constructed at Riverfront Park on the wall under the Shiawassee Street Bridge.

The council also approved funding for a \$16,500 sculpture to be done by Lansing resident Marty Eichinger, 927 N. Walnut St. The bronze sculpture Windlord would be placed in Riverfront Park near the corner of Shiawassee Street and Grand Avenue.

Though he acknowledged that there are some details to be worked out before starting the sculpture, Eichinger said, "This is a significant step, city Council is finally recognizing the renaissance of the arts going on in Lansing."

The mural will be painted by the Popular Arts Workshop, 1209 1/2 Turner St., and will be based on a simple artistic style that will allow interested community members to participate in the creation of the mural. The workshop is a non-profit organization working to promote the construction of art in various public places.

"We expect the mural to be completed

with about one month's work and we hope to begin in September," said Gary Andrews, the project leader. "We will wait for public comment on the design we chose before starting."

Andrews said that there will be numerous public meetings where the proposed

mural design will be discussed. The mural, as proposed, would depict a massive Statue of Liberty, the skyline of a capital city, and a winding red, white and blue ribbon along with various other themes.

Andrews also emphasized that the workshop would like to get as many people as

possible involved in this "community-based effort."

There was some controversy over the mural project when Councilmember James Blair, who voted against the mural, said he could not justify spending \$6,100 when there are "other more urgent problems"

facial the city.

But Blair was outnumbered and the resolution supporting the mural passed 7 to 1. Councilmember Lucile Belen said it was about time the city worked to increase the number of public art pieces for the citizenry to enjoy.

## Space mission week now before council

**By DANA FELMLY**

Monday night the Lansing City Council will decide whether or not to recognize a Space Exploration Week for the city.

If it passes, it will be the realization of a small part of a dream which Richard Christmas has had since the manned moon landing in 1969.

"I have never yet seen a person doing something about the space program," the Lansing resident said.

Which is why Christmas, who dreamed of being an astronaut before the word was even invented, decided to take action to get some recognition for the moon landing.

Christmas started writing letters to Richard M. Nixon, Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter about having July 20 become a holiday.

"I also wrote letters to senators and representatives," he said.

In 1974, things started happening, he

said. By then 13 governors signed proclamations for their states to observe Space Exploration Week scheduled for July 16 through July 24. Michigan, however, is the only state that has had both its House and Senate pass the proposal into resolution.

"My challenge is to get the other 49 states to pass it too," Christmas said.

He has taken the idea to nine other Michigan cities, including Jackson, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Saginaw and Detroit in hopes that they too will consider the idea.

Christmas said if Space Exploration Week is passed, it will focus on Roger Chaffee, Ed White and Virgil Grissom, astronauts who died in the Apollo crash of 1967.

One event that the Lansing City Council has already approved is a parade on July 20 to commemorate Space Exploration Day. The parade will be in honor of former President Ford

who signed a proclamation establishing Exploration Day in 1976 to highlight the achievements of the Apollo 11 mission.

Though Ford is unable to participate in the parade, Christmas has gotten Mayor Graves of Lansing to attend and is trying to reach Mayor Griffith of East Lansing for his participation.

Christmas is also hoping for a military parade and has sent letters to the armed forces and the Marine Corp, but has not heard from them yet.

The parade will start on Lapeer at 7:30 p.m. on July 20, proceed to the Capitol Building and finish by marching down Lenawee in Lansing.

In the meantime an exhibit organized by Christmas on space exploration from John Glenn's first orbit and Apollo 11 flights to the present is on display at the Capitol Building and the Lansing Public Library from now to July 30.

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# Not enough reform

The state Senate's meager attempts at internal reform should deceive no one. They are woefully inadequate, and will do relatively little to rectify that institution's glaring inadequacies.

A key provision of the new rules would require senators to make a full public accounting of money spent on out of state travel and

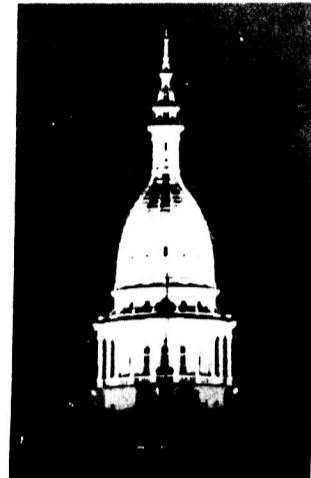
prohibiting members from bombarding their home districts with mail at taxpayer expense on the eve of an election. The political advantages for an incumbent who operates in this manner are obvious.

Taxpayers should not be expected to subsidize what might charitably be described as mail box sloganeering, and, less charitably, deceptive advertising.

Of course, no amount of institutional reform can bolster a legislative body that is constantly bogged down in petty backbiting, personality clashes and political powerplays. The Democratic majority in the Senate has been extremely sluggish in passing needed legislation, possibly because of an inordinate preoccupation with wresting the governor's chair from the Republicans. The Senate chamber crawls with lobbyists for special interest groups, and it is common knowledge among statehouse observers that the Senate is the deathbed of most progressive reforms, especially those dealing with the environ-

ment. Typifying senatorial arrogance is Joseph S. Mack of Ironwood, who shot off his mouth again the other day, suggesting, none too facetiously, that reporters be kicked off the senate floor. Mack really ought to stop wasting the Senate's time with such frivolous nonsense.

All in all, the "reforms" adopted by the Senate this week portend a continuation of business as usual. And, as usual, the people of Michigan will be the losers.



office renovations. This sounds worthwhile on the surface, since many senators, fearing scrutiny and exposure of outlandish expenses, might be motivated to scrup and save a little. However, a senate truly concerned about ethics and propriety would have banned unnecessary junketing altogether, and would have imposed stringent limits on the amount of money its members could spend on fixing up already overly-plush offices.

It is also infuriating that the Senate failed to pass legislation



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# Mourning the death of an immortal writer

Celebrated lepidopterist, noted chess buff, playful eccentric, literary genius . . . Vladimir Nabokov, who died in Montreux, Switzerland last Friday night, was all these things.

Perhaps best known in the United States for his controversial 1958 novel *Lolita*, Nabokov was regarded as one of the greatest of modern writers, and was widely considered to be the most original English stylist since Joyce. His other major works included *Pale Fire*, *The Gift*, *Invitation to a Beheading*, *Invitation to a Confession*, and a brilliant autobiography, *Invitation to a Confession*.

Truly an international artist, Nabokov was born in Leningrad in 1899. His family fled Russia upon the advent of the Bolshevik Revolution, and the writer studied at Cambridge in the 1920s. Nabokov settled in Berlin for a time, fleeing in 1937 and eventually emigrating to the United States, where he became a citizen in 1945. In his later years, the author was fond of describing himself as "an American writer, born in Russia and educated in England where I studied French literature before spending 15 years in Berlin." Following his great success with *Lolita*, Nabokov moved to Montreux in 1961, retaining his U.S. citizenship to the end of his life.

understanding of American culture that often transcends efforts of many native-born authors, taught at Wellesley and Cornell in the 1940s and 50s, including among his students author Thomas Mann.

In the last years of his life Nabokov concentrated on prose, and with his son, Dmitri, collaborated on the translation of nine Russian novels for English publication. His last major work



was *Invitation to a Confession*, published in 1969. Nabokov will be remembered as a great writer and prose stylist. He will be missed.

# Letters

## Student aid

The purpose of this letter is to interest readers in assisting the education of young Filipino students here at Central Mindanao University in the Philippines. In common with most university students in the Third World, they do not have access to as many reference books as they need.

The campus is located in a remote area. The students come from all parts of the Philippines to study agriculture, arts and sciences, home economics, engineering, education, forestry and veterinary science. Gaining an education here will change their entire lives. It is difficult for them financially to attend the university. It requires almost 1,500 pesos a year (\$200) for their university fees, hospital and laboratory fees and to buy food. Many students cook their rice, "bago-ong" (salted fish) vegetables, plantains, cassava, or cam-

ote (sweet potatoes) over a wood fire and manage very well.

Though this is a tropical paradise, with coconuts, cane, cattle, carabao, corn, citrus, rubber and tropical fruits abounding, there is not enough money for most parents to afford to send their children through the university. It is a bitter struggle, but the rewards are worth it. In common with young American men and women, they want to marry, raise children, be leaders and help their country. An education is almost their only hope to better themselves.

Should there be individuals, clubs, fraternities, sororities, or others who wish to send used books to Central Mindanao University they can easily send them by U.S. Mail (surface mail) in sacks of not more than 66 lbs. each. The books (any good books, especially texts, references, novels,

books on hobbies, mechanics, history, math, etc.) should first be wrapped in paper and bundled up to 22 lbs. (bundle) and addressed to Attention Kermit Hanford Adams, Central Mindanao University, Musuan, Bukidnon, 8213, Republic of the Philippines, then placed in a stout sack. The Post Office will show how to tag them. The cost? About \$15 per 66 lb. bag. When the donations arrive, I will write to let you know of their arrival.

Should any readers ever come to this tropical Shangri-La, I am certain you will receive a cordial welcome from these Filipino islanders. They are one of the warmest, most hospitable people on earth.

**Kermit Hanford Adams**  
Institutional Development Consultant  
Central Mindanao University  
Republic of the Philippines

### Trustees hit

Open letter to the MSU Board of Trustees:

I find it deplorable that the board has not only allowed the perpetuation of purposely

deceitful propaganda about Iran with Michigan taxpayers' money — (under the guise of protecting academic freedom) — but that you members of the board have also attacked the rights of students to voice their opinions and to educate the public. It seems that protection of academic freedom only applies to protection of your interests, since you are clearly not protecting the academic freedom of the students who are against the MSU-Iran Film Project. Several were jailed for the "atrocities" of using a bull horn and questioning the Department of Public Safety's rough treatment of a fellow demonstrator. Does freedom of speech apply only when students are good and do not question values or authorities?

Concerned citizens of the East Lansing-Lansing area are now watching what our elected "representatives" are doing, and we demand that they start protecting students' rights instead of immorally-earned profits. You can begin by dropping the disgusting charges against those students who have conscientiously spoken out against your own obvious lack of conscience.

**Rebecca Wolf**  
Lansing

## MICHAEL CROFOOT Ecoeconomics

This is the third in a series of columns intended to persuade disbelievers the revolutionary transition of U.S. lifestyles and values is not only inevitable, but has already begun. Beginning July 18, this space will be reserved for a public discussion of the relevant issues. Concerned faculty, students, businessmen, politicians, workers and others are invited to write in and make their views known.

Any reader who is interested in participating in this dialogue should contact the State News opinion desk at 355-8252, or write a position paper on some relevant issue. Papers should be written on a 65-space line, triple spaced, and between 50 and 80 lines in length. Send papers to "Slices," the State News, 345 Student Services Building.

**Slices . . .**

Ecology and economy come from the same Greek word, the household. Ecology is the study of the household. Economy is the management of the household. Ecology is the earth and its atmosphere and the universal forces that impact upon them. In general, economy is a household or domain based on the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services for humans. Presently, economists have more credibility than ecologists in the public eye.

Modern economic thought really didn't get going until the end of mercantilism and the advent of the industrial revolution. It is not yet a science because economists have made a thorough study of their household. Ecologic thought has been evolving since Greeks first dialogued it out but it didn't become science until biology was strong enough to round out its perspective.

There is so much happening in economics these days that it is hard to keep up to date. But nearly everybody I've read seems to agree that a world-wide economic transition is inevitable. Do you?

Here is what some people are saying—in no particular order: The former head of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Russell Train, wrote in *Science* magazine, "Our standard of living has continued to rise at the same time that we have become increasingly less satisfied with the quality and character of our lives." The Timber group in the Club of Rome's third book, *Escaping The International Order: The bankruptcy of illusory national sovereignty, domestically as well as internationally particularly dramatized today by the unsustainable levels of unemployment, inflation and insecurity in every country, the vast disequilibrium in international payments, and collapse of the international order.*

Hazel and Carter Henderson of the Center for Alternative Futures: "We must face the fact that business cycles in the mature industrial economies are now created by economists and governments rather than by market forces and therefore market forces can no longer be relied on to right things."

Barry Commoner says it is time the United States entered into a National Socialism/Capitalism Debate. Hazel says, "There is now hope that the fruitless dialogue between capitalism and communism will be exposed as irrelevant, since both systems are based on materialism, technique and narrow rationalism."

Herbert Giersch writes in the *Center's World Issues*: "The proposed New International Economic Order (NIEO) presupposes a strong central (world) government."

But Denton Morrison writes in *Scarcity and Society* that "internal and international redistribution of economic growth must replace overall growth as a first priority international stability is to be obtained in the long-term. The inequity claims of underdevelopment cannot be met by expanding the pie."

While two staff members of the Swedish Government's Secretariat for Future Studies have touched off a national dialogue with their proposals for economic change which include: setting maximum consumption levels on meat; placing a ceiling on consumption; institutionalizing multifamily living space; increasing the durability of consumer goods; renting a car; instead of owning one; "A good first step," they say "would be to take all ownership of automobiles out of the hands of individuals."

At the Energy Alternatives Conference of Michigan's joint committee on energy, Tom Edens said in regard to our state's energy supply: "During the transitional period — the next 15 to 30 years — we are in effect operating in an 'Age of Nonsubstitutability.'" Hazel Henderson concluded her statement before the Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress of the U.S. on November 18, 1976 with this statement: "Perhaps now is the time to recognize that the real factors of production are energy, matter and knowledge, and that the output is human beings."

And finally, Sam Dix, the Grand Rapids management consultant, wrote in his Energy Report to Presidents Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter: "The limitations of the economic discipline must be faced. The economists must return to the earth."

Can you put all of these perspectives together? I can't. Anybody want to expand on any of these quotes or other quotes in this column space two weeks from now? Write or call

# Art fesses up - he's a closet heterosexual

WASHINGTON-I believe I got myself into a lot of trouble the other day. I wrote a column about Anita Bryant, homosexuals and orange juice. I pointed out that, as noble as Miss Bryant's crusade seemed to her, it wasn't doing

anything for Florida orange juice, which she is paid to push.

I suggested that the Florida orange juice people, who were concerned about their product, have two sets of TV commercials — one featuring Miss Bryant and the other starring a homosexual spokesperson who would keep the gay side drinking orange juice.

The last line of the column was, "I would do it myself, but unfortunately I can't carry a tune."

The day the article appeared, I was besieged with telephone calls wanting to

know in essence "whether I was coming out of the closet."

The first call came at nine in the morning and was from a television station in New York. I heard my secretary Jeannie Alyer's end of the conversation. Jeannie is British, which may have had something to do with her responses.

"Oh, yes, Mr. Buchwald is very gay. He laughs all the time . . . You weren't talking about that kind of gay? What kind of gay were you talking about? Oh, that kind of gay . . . Well, I really can't say . . . He never acts too gay . . . He's more of a male chauvinist-type person, if you know what I mean . . ."

"I really don't know what he meant in the last sentence of his article. I'm sure he didn't mean it in the way you're taking it . . . No, I don't know what he does after work . . . He's married and has three children—is that of any help? . . . It doesn't mean anything? . . . It could mean he's a closet homosexual, you say? . . . Well, we don't have a closet in the office, so I'm sure you must be wrong . . . I would suspect he was just pulling your leg . . . I don't mean your leg . . . No, you can't speak to him . . . Why? Because he isn't gay now — he's in a very foul mood. Thank you."

A few minutes later the phone rang again. Jeannie answered, "No, I'm terribly sorry, Mr. Buchwald will be unable to address your Gay Liberation Rally . . . He'll be away all summer."

The rest of the calls were more or less in

the same vein, asking whether I was declaring myself publicly for the first time and, if not, why I offered to be the spokesperson for the gays if I wasn't one?

So, to set the record straight and to stop the telephone calls, I shall have to explain what I have always considered a very private matter.

I am in fact a closet heterosexual — that is to say, I sit in a closet a lot and think about the joy of heterosexual activity. I more or less follow the philosophy of President Carter as explained in his interview in *Playboy*

magazine. For reasons which I can only blame on an unhappy childhood, I lust in my heart after the opposite sex. I've always been this way, and I can't help it. It's not much fun being a closet heterosexual because you always live in deathly fear that someone is going to find out about you. The only trouble with coming out of the closet and admitting your true sexual preference these days is that women will start calling you terrible names.

While I have nothing against gays, it's impossible for me to be one. I hate men.

They have hair on their faces, knobby knees, and they're full of themselves. Unlike Will Rogers, I've never met a man I really liked.

Some people may accuse me of protesting too much. This is not the case. I just hate to confuse readers and have them spend all their time wondering what I do in my closet.

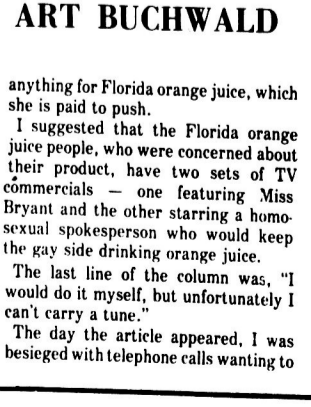
I have to admit, by offering to be the gay spokesperson for Florida orange juice, I'm responsible for some of the confusion. The reason I did it was that I was so worried about the Florida orange juice industry, and the effect Miss

Bryant's recent campaign was having on it, that I volunteered my services without thinking through what it meant.

I didn't realize that so many people would start wondering about what I did with my evenings. I'm sorry to disappoint the gay people, and I'm ashamed I kept my heterosexual past to myself all these years.

Now that it's out in the open, I feel much better about it. My secretary Jeannie does, too.

*Los Angeles Times*



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# Sports

## Late school start may hurt slumping grid sales

By TOM SHANAHAN  
State News Sports Writer  
Beginning with the 1973-74 school year, MSU began a policy of planning the academic calendar so that the first day of class in September does not conflict with Yom Kippur, the holiest Jewish holiday, observed by fasting and prayer

for atonement of sins.

This fall Yom Kippur falls on Sept. 22, which was MSU's first choice of beginning the 1977-78 school year.

To avoid the conflict, Kermit Smith, assistant to the provost, who is in charge of making up MSU's academic calendar, moved the starting date back to

Sept. 29. Smith said it could not be shifted ahead a week to Sept. 15 because that would result in the first day of finals week coming on the Monday

following Thanksgiving break. Smith added that the 1969 Code for Teaching Responsibilities, which requires professors to outline courses, puts more emphasis on the first day of classes.

But this year the MSU football team has three home games scheduled for Saturdays before students will be on campus, which may cost the athletic department thousands of dollars. Football produces over half of the MSU athletic budget of \$3.3 million.

The conflict has created one more problem for Bill Beardsley, Assistant athletic director in charge of business at MSU, who is already faced with overcoming slumping ticket sales from the poor 1976 4-6-1 season and the stigma of the second year of the NCAA probation. Usually only two home games are played before the first day of classes.

"It will hurt the most because we won't get the sale at the gate," Beardsley said. "So much depends on our students and without them, it will pull down attendance because the first two crowds will be small no matter what we do. We're endeavoring to bring it up with promotions."

And it is a bad year for MSU to be heading into a season of slow ticket sales since last year MSU fell to 12th in the nation in total attendance. It was the first time MSU was not among the country's top ten since 1955.

Though it is too early to predict student sales, Beardsley said season ticket sales to faculty-staff have dropped off.

Pointing out that the faculty-staff members may return to school a week later, Beardsley said, "A faculty-staff member wouldn't have to come back until the third or fourth week of September."

However, Beardsley added that sales to the general public have picked up a modest 3 or 4 per cent.

"The fact that we're promoting will help sales," Beardsley explained as a possible reason for the general public increase.

Part of MSU's promotional plans have been to advertise for (continued on page 8)

**TOM SHANAHAN**  
*Split series is justified*

While Bill Beardsley, assistant Athletic Director in charge of business at MSU, has the problem of not being able to sell football tickets, he and the rest of the ticket office also have the opposite problem of not having enough basketball seats to sell.

A complete turning of the tables from previous years. Though Beardsley cannot predict sellouts for a season that is six weeks away, tickets are sure to be in high demand at the ancient 10 seat Jenison Fieldhouse.

Tickets are in high enough demand that the athletic department elected to split 12 of the 13 home games into two series of six games each. This will double the number of students to see MSU basketball this winter as there will be 9,000 seats of 4,500 seats that are allotted to the students. The 13th game will be during the Christmas break and will not be included in either series.

The remaining 5,300 seats will be divided up among the faculty-staff, the general public and the visiting team. In addition, faculty-staff will also have its tickets divided into two series. The general public will be limited to two season tickets, unless they are retaining season tickets from previous years.

But what still bothered people when tickets were split into two series was the raising of tickets to \$2 apiece. That's also turning the table since basketball tickets have always been cheap at MSU and last year reached the low price of \$1 for 14 home games. That's incredibly cheap when you remember it included games with Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, North Carolina and North Carolina State.

That's what MSU coach Jud Heathcote thought when he came to MSU from the little University of Montana. He was used to this as a Big Ten school and it couldn't even sell tickets at that dirt cheap price. Especially on a campus of 44,000.

But from last year's cheap price, tickets weren't really raised, they were just brought up from last year's low cost. After all, basketball is a business in big time college athletics today. Like it or not, if MSU fans want to see the type of basketball that brings the Spartans to be competitive.

Also, the \$2 student ticket only makes the price 50 per cent of the \$4 general public price. Just as the \$4 student football ticket is half of the \$8 general public price and the \$2 student hockey ticket is half of the \$4 that the general public pays.

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Jack Nicklaus blasts out of a sand trap in the opening round of the British Open at Turnberry, Scotland, Wednesday. Nicklaus trails leader John Schroeder's 66 by two strokes.

### Nite Owls

The Men's outdoor pool will be open for the Nite Owl swim from 9:30 p.m. until 1 or 2 a.m. Cost is 50 cents and you must have an MSU ID.

### IM Notes

The Men's IM outdoor pool is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. It is also open from 7 to 8:50 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The Saturday hours are noon to 4:50 p.m.

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JOE CAMP'S 'FOR THE LOVE OF BENJI'

## Sometimes dog should bite director

What follows is the first of a two-part series on children's movies showing in the Lansing area.

By **BYRON BAKER** and **KATHY ESSELMAN**  
State News Reviewers

Most major film entertainment of the last 10 years primarily geared to adult tastes and sensibilities and younger people — part of what the industry labels the "family trade" — have been extremely limited in their choice of motion picture fare. The family audience has primarily been under the jurisdiction of the Walt Disney studios, with several rustic independents making forays into the field with various nature documentaries, woody romances and pseudo-scientific speculations.

Lately, the trend seems to be drifting in the other direction, as demonstrated by the tremendous popularity and broad audience appeal of such recent releases as *Rocky* and *Star Wars*. But feature films especially designed for the family market will continue to be produced, as exemplified by two kiddie flicks currently in release, *For the Love of Benji*, from Dallas-based Mulberry Square Productions, which gave us *Benji* and last year's *Hawmps* and *The Rescuers*, the first animated feature to come from the Walt Disney studios in four years.

In *For the Love of Benji*, the film industry's current *Ursa Major* finds himself separated from his loved ones and involved in a complicated spy melodrama in the ruins of the Parthenon, no less. It is a superspy plot which ensnares *Benji* in a morass of mistaken identities, microdots and murderous chase scenes. The poor, fluffy mutt is pursued at breakneck pace through the streets of Athens. *Benji* is menaced by a

huge Doberman, harried by humans, and harassed by endless helicopter tracking shots. Joe Camp has immersed his canine star in an overproduced melodrama that obscures *Benji's* very real charm, and needlessly frightens small moviegoers who tend to empathize

with the dog and fear for his survival when he is cold, hungry and separated from his family in a foreign land. This is the stuff to wring terror from the hearts of people dependent for their very survival on the whims of fortune, since they are too young to fend for themselves. A number of chil-

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secrets on *Benji's* paw with a reverence inappropriate to the premise. The film suffers from a case of the rampant cutes as well as from almost terminal overproduction. The individual segments have been constructed with blithe disregard for cinematic convention and common sense.

The only sequence which works perfectly is also the most traditional. In it, a hungry *Benji* swipes a string of sausages from a butcher, and outruns his out-of-breath pursuers. It is charming, realistic and wholly conventional in style and substance. Camp is only making his

or candy stand at regular intervals, but maybe that is the point. Perhaps Joe Camp should apply himself to a study of the Disney films, which are meticulously paced to accommodate short attention spans. He should take into consideration the need for tight pacing, and worry less about panoramic vistas.

In *For the Love of Benji*, he interprets Athens as a pastel poster replete with classical antiquities and an exotic foreign tongue. His next film will also be filmed in a foreign locale, *MC and the Legend of Forever Snow*, will be filmed in Bavaria — only this time the title animal is a feline — in a father-daughter-cat story, which Camp characterizes as a "contemporary fairy tale."

The actors support the dog. The children look properly concerned but the villains overact with unnecessary zeal. Ed Nelson turns in his first mediocre performance in years as chief rat.



Benji poses affectionately with his "father," trainer Frank Inn.

third film, and at this point displays neither a knowledge of, or an instinct for, the tight, sharp editing and pacing necessary in a kiddie flick to prevent the audience from going to the Coke machine and the popcorn

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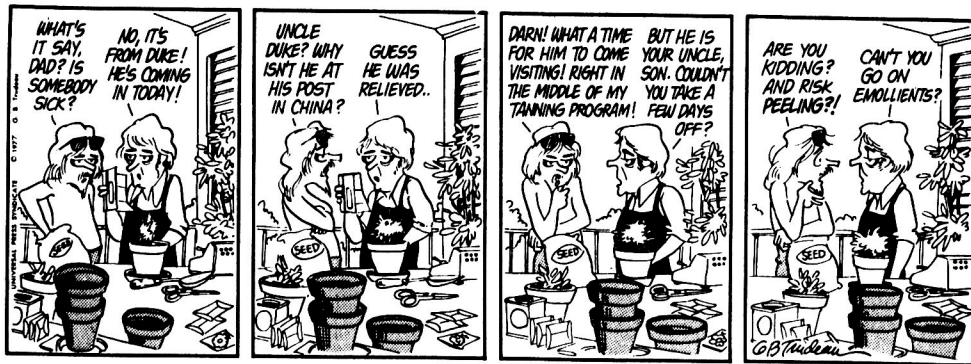
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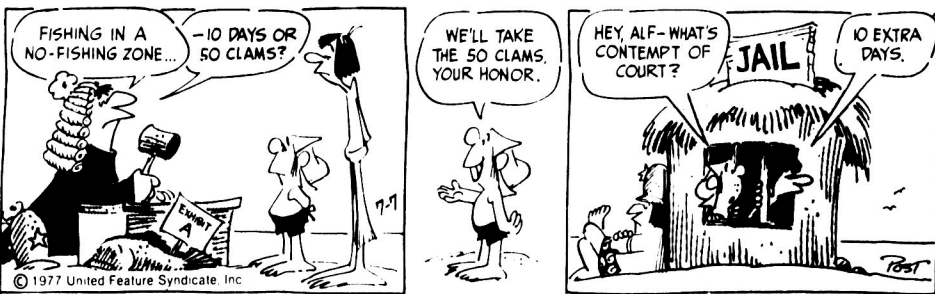
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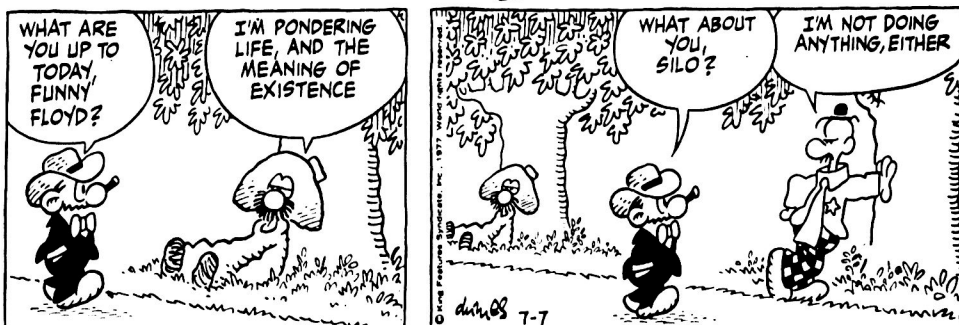


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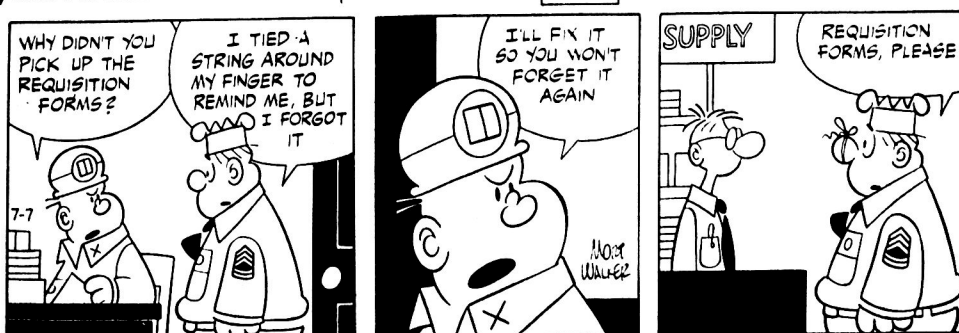
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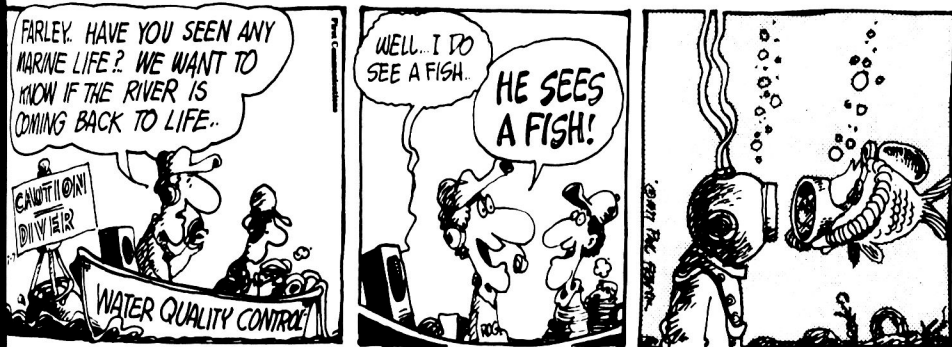


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# Feds claim 'kick from cocaine' may kill

**By JOE PIZZO**  
State News Staff Writer  
Cocaine may kill.  
Cocaine use was linked to at least 27 deaths in an 11-month period nationally a major study sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). It was "the only drug" found in the bodies of the 27 persons, Mary Carol Kelly, NIDA press officer, said late Wednesday afternoon.  
The sample used by NIDA, she added, was a hefty 30 percent of the national population. That was the only conclusion the \$4 million study disclosed that had been unknown to experts in drug abuse and addiction.  
To link death to cocaine use is not as simple as establishing cause and effect, according to Kenneth E. Moore, MSU pharmacology professor and nationally known authority on the use and abuse of stimulant drugs. Cocaine is considered a stimulant, because both its actions and dangers are similar to

those of the amphetamines, (speed) and related drugs such as Ritalin and Preludin, Moore said.  
Death could follow the use of cocaine in two ways:  
• Massive cardiovascular collapse following the intravenous injection of a large quantity could kill an otherwise healthy person.  
• Actions committed under the influence of a cocaine-induced psychotic state caused by either a single large dose or chronic high-level use. These conditions usually involve paranoid delusions which can lead to violence — even death — if acted upon.  
The possibility of fatal after effects to a coke high "depends largely on how it was administered," Moore said.  
Most cocaine users literally "take it through the nose," by inhaling or snorting" carefully cut lines of cocaine through dollar bills, plastic straws, or the ever-popular "coke spoon." "Chances of death through

intra-nasal use (snorting) would markedly be reduced," he added.  
Moore considers the drug — like all stimulants — dangerous and opposed decriminalization of even small amounts.  
He said chronic high-doses users are as unpopular as "speed freaks" because of constant aggressiveness, and chemical psychosis.  
"They're not the kind of individual who tends to have many friends," Moore maintains.  
Cocaine may be legally sold to all holders of state and federal Controlled Substance registration numbers, such as physicians and pharmacists. Coke is classified by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in Schedule II, which includes drugs of accepted medical value, but which are highly abused.  
The form of the drug most coveted by nonmedical users is officially known as **Cocaine Hydrochloride U.S.P. Flaky**

Crystals and is marketed by only one U.S. based drug company — Mallinckrodt Chemical Works of St. Louis. A one ounce jar wholesales to pharmacists for \$35, and would bring at least 3,000 on the street, according to local sources.  
The local street product is far from pure, and usually cut with drugs used medically as local anaesthetics, according to Bill Oberlin, director of public education for the Drug Education Center (DEC) in East Lansing. Lidocaine, benzocaine, and procaine — better known to dental patients as Novocain — are among cutting agents used.  
Oberlin said prices for "cocaine" in the East Lansing area can vary greatly — and are presently between \$1000 and \$3000 an ounce.  
He agreed with Moore and the federal study that cocaine can be a dangerous drug.  
"People can get into trouble, but they have to be wealthy," he said.

"The only reason problems (with cocaine) are low is because the damned thing is so expensive compared to other compounds," echoed Moore.  
The drug is still used medically as a local anaesthetic and held in somewhat special favor, Moore said, by some otorhinolaryngologists (ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialists).  
Using cocaine in this manner provides anaesthesia that would not last nearly as long without adding another drug to other local agents.  
Moore said some ENT specialists have told him the potent vasoconstrictive — blood-vessel tightening-properties — provide an especially dry area on which to perform surgery, an advantage in the eyes of some physicians.  
While cocaine — or whatever you get on the street — is a hot item, legitimately produced cocaine usually languishes on the shelf on the rare pharmacy that stocks it.  
It is not widely prescribed. One pharmacist said the bottle of Mallinckrodt Cocaine Hydrochloride U.S.P. Flaky Crystals kept under lock-and-key, and not been used to fill a prescription since the early 70's.



A 1-oz. jar of pharmaceutical cocaine, wholesaling for \$35, when cut with related drugs which pass the taste test could bring at least \$3,000 on the street, according to local dope sources.

## 'SCOTTSBORO' FILM LIBELOUS, WOMAN SAYS Jury hears evidence in TV suit

WINCHESTER, Tenn. (AP) — A 1930s drama was telecast into a darkened federal courtroom Wednesday as a jury of six heard evidence in a \$6 million libel suit against NBC and its film "Judge Horton and the Scottsboro Boys."  
Among the most attentive in the audience was Victoria Price Street, 70, a principal in the drama then and now. She flinched, slightly, as she heard an actor call her a whore.  
Street, who lives on a tobacco farm near Winchester in east Tennessee, says the network libeled her, slandered her and invaded her privacy with the made-for-television movie by portraying her as a woman of questionable character and a perjurer during the famed rape case of 1931 which became a symbol of racial injustice in the South.  
Street is one of two white women who said they were raped by nine black men on March 25, 1931, as they rode a freight train between Chattanooga and Huntsville, Ala.  
The so-called "Scottsboro Boys" were tried three times and all eventually served prison terms. All eventually were paroled or pardoned.  
One of the defendants, Clarence Norris, is known to survive. Norris violated parole, was imprisoned a second time in Alabama and after his release fled the state. He was found recently in New York City, still a fugitive, returned to Alabama and was pardoned.  
The second woman involved in the case died recently.  
Street is portrayed as an attractive brunette with a strong Southern accent. An actor playing a defense attorney in the movie, says, "The defense in this case made one thing perfectly clear — that Victoria Price was a whore."

Street's lawyer, Raymond W. Fraley of Fayetteville, Tenn., turned off the videotape at the point and demanded the courtroom lights be turned on.  
"Our proof will show," he said, "that the scriptwriter, Mr. John McGreevy, made that up and that never occurred, especially in regard to calling Victoria Price a whore."  
Street had been expected to testify Wednesday afternoon but Judge C.G. Neese granted her lawyers' request to adjourn early to permit her to take the stand fresh Thursday morning.  
At one point, the movie showed a witness being shown a photograph of the other woman on the train. Price turned to her attorney and said, "That's a lie."  
Later in the film a doctor was shown confronting Judge James E. Horton and saying his examination of the two women convinced him they were lying.  
Street's attorneys stood up to say, "Plaintiff contends this never occurred and was not part of any record."  
Her attorneys read large portions of the 1931 trial transcript in an attempt to show error in the film and omission of significant testimony.  
NBC showed the two-hour program in April 1976. It said the two women died in 1961. Though both women, then alive, filed libel suits, the network broadcast the program again Jan. 3, 1977.  
"NBC, in this production has accurately portrayed this case," defense lawyer Bob Campbell said. "We are not here to retry the 'Scottsboro Boys' or the credibility of Victoria Price."  
"And any inaccuracies were not defamatory," he said. "Yes, we did report that Virginia Price was deceased, based upon reliable information."

### Rocks thwart speedy drivers

DETROIT (AP) — A resident of a northeast Detroit neighborhood, understandably reticent about giving her name for publication, says she has found a way to discourage cars from speeding past her house. She throws rocks at them.  
"It's been the only way to get their attention," said the woman.

### Vicious rabbit, obscene mynah stay home

NEW YORK (AP) — If Harvey the attack rabbit doesn't scare prowlers away from the Manhattan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Jo Jo the mynah bird will drive them out with his language.  
The local ASPCA has taken in another unplaceable creature — Jo Jo, a talking mynah whose vocabulary is exclusively obscene.  
So obscene is Jo Jo, says ASPCA director Duncan Wright, that "he's talked himself out of several happy homes."  
No one knows where he got the words, and Wright says there is no way to "deprogram" the bird.  
So Jo Jo joins Harvey, a four-pound rabbit with a disturbing habit of chomping on anyone who comes within ing distance, as a permanent resident of the ASPCA here.  
The ASPCA has refused to adopt out Harvey, and has appointed him the "attack rabbit."

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