

Evil deeds can have a boomerang effect

Recently, I received a letter from a woman whom I shall call Leslie. Leslie believed that an evil spell had been cast upon her years ago by a woman. In a way, she was right—a woman had cast a spell upon her. But that woman was not the one she suspected. She herself was both victim of the spell and the one who cast it.

Twenty years ago, Leslie became involved with a married man who finally left his wife and married Leslie. However, their marriage was not a happy one, and although they continued to live together, it got worse as time went on.

HE BEGAN drinking heavily and spending a lot of time in bars. When he was home, he was very uncommunicative. Leslie became a whiny, complaining woman, and over the years, she suffered from many different physical ailments. She seemed to be in constant poor health. All of this naturally began to show in her face. One day she looked in the mirror

and realized that she had changed from the pretty young woman she once was to a middle-aged frump with a constant frown. Scott wrinkles deeply etched in her face made her look much older than her 35 years, and she suddenly felt that her life was hardly worth living.

Instead of realizing that she had done these things to herself, and taking steps to begin changing them, Leslie blamed her husband's first wife. She felt as if she had cast a spell upon her, years ago to keep her from ever being happy and to make her sick, old and ugly.

LESLIE WROTE to me, seeking a way to break the spell. This is not to say that spells do not exist. They do. When we let down our defenses, allowing ourselves to pick up pessimistic attitudes and think negative thoughts, we are susceptible to other people's bad vibes, whether or not they are intentionally aimed at us.

But more often than taking victim to the



curse of our fellow beings, we bring these miseries upon ourselves in one way or another.

IT IS not wrong to want good things for oneself, but it is wrong to steal these things from others. Whenever we cause others to suffer in any way emotionally or physically, we must expect to experience the boomerang effect of having similar pain visited upon us.

Live each day to the fullest. Do your best to make this a better place for you and all those around you. Open your eyes to the beauty of life and fill your heart with love for all creatures.

Joy and happiness come from within. No one else can rob you of them. Only you can close up the source and stop the flow.

You may write GARDEN at Box 34, Garden City 61135. For a personal reply, please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

China is topic of seminar

The US-China Peoples Friendship Association of Detroit will sponsor a seminar on the topic of "Current Political Struggles in China: Criticism of Teng Hsiao-ping." The seminar will be at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14, at Trinity Methodist Church, 13100 Woodward, Highland Park. Admission is free.

The seminar will feature reports by recent visitors to the People's Republic of China, including Betsy Austin, Susan Chandler and Dennis Cox. All members of the USOPFA steering committee who visited China in July.

They will report on their discussions and observations regarding the current criticism campaign in China directed at Teng Hsiao-ping, who was recently removed from leading posts in the government and in the Chinese Communist Party.

The seminar will be followed at 9:30 p.m. by a "Rent Party and Welcome Home Celebration," sponsored by the USOPFA. Suggested donation for the party is \$5 and proceeds will go toward rent for the US-China Friendship at 12933 Woodward.

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Top students get state aid

One thousand college scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded by the state to the top 1,000 scorers on a national examination designated by the Michigan Higher Education Authority.

The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic achievement irrespective of financial need.

Because of the financial needs test, the existing programs do not recognize the hard-working student from middle-income families," Gov. William Milliken said when he signed the new law.

While we have existing programs to extend the opportunity for higher education to students of low-income families, I believe there are cases where the state should recognize and encourage scholarship by not penalizing students because their families' incomes failed to meet a particular standard.

Records show that of approximately 30,000 freshmen who qualified for scholarships based on examination scores this year, only 6,000 actually received financial aid.

Once the new program is fully funded, it will represent a four per cent increase in state scholarships and tuition grants programs.

The existing state competitive scholarship program will award \$31 million this year, and state tuition grants to those attending private colleges and institutions will make an additional \$13 million available. This year, the two previously existing programs will provide financial aid to 77,500 Michigan students.

ACLU elects Grossman chief

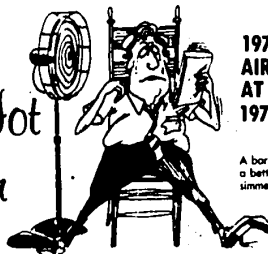
Leonard Grossman, president of the West Bloomfield Board of Education, has been elected chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan.

Grossman has been on the Michigan ACLU board for 14 years and has served as treasurer of the ACLU Metropolitan Detroit branch.

He is an observer on the Detroit Police Commission Task Force on Political Surveillance. Grossman also has been active in a number of civic and governmental organizations in West Bloomfield Township and the City of Orchard Lake Village. He has been a West Bloomfield school board member since 1965.

Others elected to ACLU office are: Varda Pelt of Lansing, secretary; Ross Jordan of Detroit, treasurer; and Burdette V. Holzman of Detroit, general counsel.

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