

consumer mallbag

An anti-inflation guide available

Thank you for the information on food co-ops. Is there other information that consumers can use to help with the budget pinch?

—A.C., Troy

The U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs has an anti-inflation guide, "People Power." It features success stories of group projects that cut costs and/or provide needed services in the areas of food, housing, energy and health care. The more than 400-page book explores project origins and funding sources and provides advice on organizing such inflation-fighting projects. For a free copy, write People Power, Consumer Information Center, Department 652-H, Pueblo, Colo., 81009.

I ride my bike to work every day. I think this method of commuting should be promoted. Is anything being done to help make the bike a viable transportation alternative?

—F.T., Detroit

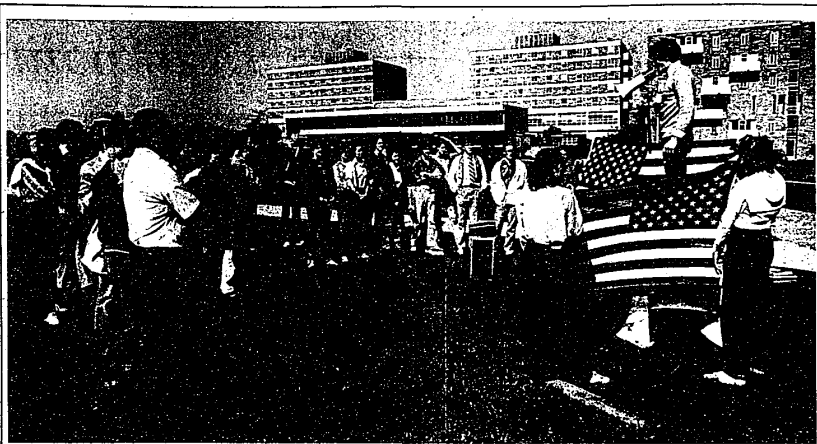
Many states have organizations actively involved in promoting bicycling

as a commuting option. Group activities vary, but most have newsletters, can tell you about legislation status and planning efforts affecting bicycling. They can also help you find people who can share their tried-and-true commuting routes. For more information write to League of Michigan Bicyclists, P.O. Box 13001, Lansing 48901.

"USE IT, USE IT UP" is just one of several films and programs Concern has to offer the community. Make your request at least 30 days in advance of your planned program. Simply call or write to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068, 879-1333.

Eco-Tip: If only half of the 52 million Americans who now drive to work alone would double up, the country would save 14.7 million gallons of gasoline each day.

This column answers your questions on consumer and environmental issues. Write to Grace Glaskin, Concern Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.



'Give me an A!'

Greg Harrington, a 20-year-old pre-med major at Oakland University, led 35 fellow students in a pro-American march and rally on the 11,000-student Rochester area campus Friday. The purpose, Harrington said, was to show America that its youth are proud to be here. He contends the nation needs patriotic people if it is to solve future problems. The rally included a silent prayer for the American hostages in Iran, the Pledge of Allegiance and patriotic and religious songs.

Young artists called to vie in competition

Haigazian College founding honored

The 25th anniversary of the founding of Haigazian College in Beirut, Lebanon, will be celebrated at a banquet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, in the social hall of the Armenian Congregational Church of Greater Detroit, 26210 12 Mile, Southfield.

The college is university level institution emphasizing programs in arts and sciences, teacher education, Armenian monological studies and business administration. Church related, it has its roots in the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the Armenian Evangelical Union of the Near East.

To be honored at the event will be Alex Mangian, benefactor of the college and Armenian philanthropist. College president Dr. John Markarian will speak.

Applications are available now for pianists and vocalists who wish to enter Oakway Symphony Young Artist Competition. A total of \$3,000, made possible by grants, will be given to the first, second, third and fourth prize winners. The competition will be held in February, 1981, in Madonna College, Livonia, and the winners will appear as soloists with the symphony in concert, in April.

Contestants must be a resident or student in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw or Wayne counties.

Piano contestants must be under 25 years of age to qualify and voice contestants under 30 years at the time of the awards presentation in April.

Contestants must not now be generally recognized as a seasoned solo performer but qualified to move in that direction. This does not exclude those who have already appeared with a symphony orchestra.

Contestants must select a composition associated with a symphonic program, not to exceed 15 minutes, and they must supply their own accompanists.

THIS IS THE third year the symphony is sponsoring its competition for musicians interested in solo performance.

Previous competitions have been limited to residents and students of Oakland and Wayne counties, but has been expanded to include five other counties at the request of Michigan Council for the Arts.

The contest has already been arranged for the 1981-82 season, when orchestral instrumentalists will compete.

Last season, the first prize went to violinist Sara Parkar of Birmingham. Other area winners were viola player Scott Woolweaver from Garden City, flutist Cindy Koleda and French horn player David Everson, both from Livonia.

Rules of the competition and application forms will be sent by writing, Oakway Symphony, P. O. Box 171, Farmington, 48024. Calls will be accepted by telephoning 476-6544.

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