

# 'I'm A Witch,' Says Happy Mother of 4

## Love Potions Top Gundella's List Of Requests

By TIM RICHARD

Blacks would say she has "soul."

The Kennedy clan would call her "beautiful people."

An educator would call her a fine elementary teacher who has a gift for story-telling.

The silent majority would consider her a happy, middle-class housewife and mother who works a lot of hours to support the family.

"I'M A WITCH," says Mrs. Marion Kuclo, 32409 Warren Garden City, and she bills herself on her business card as "The Great Witch Gundella."

Mrs. Kuclo is a witch by religion, and she also made a three-pronged career of it.

- She has a collection of folklore and tells stories to groups of children.
- She lectures to women's clubs, college groups and other adult gatherings of an intellectually curious nature.
- And she handles "private parties"—groups of a dozen to 16.

"I'm not a fortune teller. I do readings for people. I go to a party as an entertainer, and tell people about themselves what's happened, what will happen. I do candlewax readings, and I can read tea leaves."

"WANT TO KNOW what I get the most requests for? Love potions!"

Are people trying to win others? "Yes, and to regain love. And I get as many requests from men as from women, although men aren't supposed to be as romantic."

She greeted me at the door—a hefty woman, barefoot, short-cropped hair that she rats for professional appearances, a short-sleeved gown in psychedelic colors, blue eyes you can't avoid looking into, smiling, grinning, laughing.

The two-hour interview was interrupted several times by the ring of the phone. "Yes, this is Gundella. . . . Is this for a private party. . . . Let me check my datebook. . . . I'm busy every weekend until the 14th of March. . . ."

SHE'S AN exuberant, boisterous witch, not a scary one, and her winning way is due as much to excellent psychology as to charms and potions. "I'm a ham. . . . I'm having a ball in life."

She raises her arms to show off her robe. "Many witches do go naked, but one can wear a loose robe—no underclothing, no elastic, no belts, nothing to hinder. . . . And witches never, never, never wear shoes while working a spell."



THE GREAT WITCH Gundella talks with her hands as well as her voice. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Elastic, belts, straps and shoes bring out the conscious mind. It seems, whereas a witch wants to unloose the subconscious mind and the power of the psyche.

Gaily she launches into the history and meaning of witchcraft.

"WITCHES BELIEVE in the old religion. This really is much older than Christianity. It's not anti-Christian; simply non-Christian. There's nothing in the Christian Bible that conflicts with witchcraft."

She uses her active hands to wave down talk about black vs. white magic.

"There's no such thing as black or white magic. Magic is magic. It's power. It can be used in a good way or a bad way."

"It's like a knife. A knife can be used by a surgeon to perform an operation, or it can be used by a criminal to kill."

"Witches could very well have blighted neighbors' crops and made cows go dry."

BUT THE JOLLY Mrs. Kuclo wants only to be good. "If I put a curse on you and kill you in another life, I might have my leg cut short. If I had your leg broken, in another life I might be born with a deformed leg."

She quizzes witchcraft, the old religion that Christians now call "pagan," from Satan-

ism, which is a post-Christian defiling of Christianity.

Satanism, on the other hand, is devoted to reversing Christianity in every way. Its ritual is the black mass, an obscene, backwards parody of the Catholic mass, with a nude woman on the altar instead of a saint's relict. In Satanism, female practitioners consort with the devil, producing either no offspring at all or else deformed and evil creatures like Caliban in Shakespeare's "The Tempest."

Mrs. Kuclo has no more liking for Satanism than do Pope Paul or Billy Graham.

ONE BASIC tenet of witchcraft is a belief in rebirth or reincarnation.

Mrs. Kuclo herself is conscious of two previous lives.

"I know what they were, but I don't want to discuss them. And I can't remember it all, any more than I can remember everything in this life."

One life occurred in 15th century England. The other in the pre-Civil War south.

THE OTHER BASIC tenet is that "all things are natural." Nothing is supernatural," she said, quoting an old axiom: "Faith can move mountains."

Witches don't believe in the anthropomorphic God of the Christians and Jews, but they do believe in a great spirit. "God is electricity. This table

is electricity. I'm electricity, and so are you. God is a spirit rather than being."

By understanding the world of the spirit, one can use psychic powers to control things around him. The witch may use potions and spells and things, but a lot of it is just plain psychology.

"I can get on this table and cast spells (during a lecture), but they'd say it's a trick. I try to get people to use the powers they have. I teach them stunts and exercises to improve their clairvoyance."

"I TELL THEM about their eyes and how to use them to gain control of other people. I tell them about the use of the emotions, the importance of believing in themselves."

She paused, then: "Norman Vincent Peale must be a witch. He believes, like I do, in the power of positive thinking."

"Do you want a love potion?" I hesitated. "Oh, you're married," she said looking at the "old hand."

Instead she offered a seven-knob black candle. It takes a week of hard work to use, though. "One must burn one knob per night, beginning at midnight; stand nude or in a loose robe and stare at the flame while repeating the wish; abstain from food for seven hours before the ceremony; and be a celibate for the entire week."

pose of raising a cone of power.

"We sing, dance and work up a high emotion — a blissful state. It's a renewing, a rejuvenation of the spirit, like a Catholic taking communion."

"MY HUSBAND is a Catholic, by the way. I've visited his church and practically every other church. I find his church an excellent place to meditate."

She never "knecks" another religion. Her attitude toward people, is always gracious, always exuberantly polite. She never offends Judeo-Christian beliefs.

Her only unfavorable comments are about some other witches, especially a few who have gone "public" since England repealed its witchcraft laws. She will have nothing to do with the Satanism of the kind depicted in "Rosemary's Baby."

THE KUCLO household is

indistinguishable from any other suburban middle-class home with four kids. Only some of the volumes on the living room bookshelf betray the cult of the happy witch.

"You know, all witches are happy. All witches are healthy, all witches are prosperous. Our family is not rich," she says, gesturing at the slightly worn couch. "but we don't need a lot of money."

"I'm 40. I'm fat. I'm not physically attractive. But a lot of people tell me I'm beautiful." She bounced. "Anybody can be beautiful if they think beautiful."

Mrs. Kuclo looks all of 40. She is rather fat. She is not physically attractive. But she is very beautiful indeed.

"I'll give you the witch's blessing," she said at the end of the interview.

"Blessed be!" said Gundella, beaming broadly.

"Godspeed!" I replied, grinning merrily.

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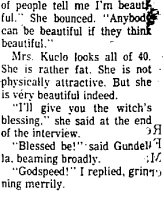
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### READERS' FORUM

#### '2 Out of 3' Or '5 Out Of 5'?

EDITOR: Re: Comment on the "Sense and Nonsense" article of Jan. 28.

The article implies that my personal private unlisted phone number was to be used for public contact when I am elected to council. THIS IS NOT SO. My original statement merely said that I could be reached by phone, by mail, or in person.

It did not state any particular phone number because when elected to council a special phone will be installed for this purpose. My private UNLISTED number will remain as it is; EVEN IF ELECTED!

The "omission" of a phone number was deliberate insofar as the phone has not yet been installed because I have not yet been elected. This should up the "score" that "someone" is keeping to 2 out of 3.

Just in case this "someone" cares to go a little farther on campaign promises...how about the one I made about NO BILLBOARDS OR SIGNS ON THE VACANT LOTS. This one has also been kept. That's 4 out of 4!!!

Now let's try for 5 out of 5. I also stated that I'm just a plain workingman...yet my wife drives a Lincoln! That sounds about as bad as the UNLISTED PHONE. UNTIL YOU HEAR THE REST OF THE STORY. It's a 1964 Lincoln that she drives to work to help me meet while trying to feed and clothe a family of 7. How's that for 5 out of 5????

I do hope that this sets the record straight. No "sour grapes"...just a plea for the facts as they are. I just hope that this "someone" will stop and think, and then tell it like it is, in the future! I'll sure

funny when you stop and think about how some people will "grab" at anything to try and "cut down" someone else by distorting the facts "just a little!"

THOMAS J. TRYGIER  
 1970 City Council Candidate  
 Livonia Council

EDITOR'S NOTE: The City Council election in Livonia will be held in April, by which time the new telephone directory will already have been published. If elected, Mr. Trygier will be unable to have his name in the directory until 1971. So it's still "two out of three."

#### Earns Thanks

EDITOR: Today (Feb. 3) I was going to Northville and my car just stopped. About 15 cars passed me up. It was about seven degrees above zero and I was not dressed for this type of weather.

This gentleman in a panel truck stopped. He told me to get in my car to keep warm while he tried to start my car.

It wouldn't start so he towed me to a Chevy dealer and would not take any money for his time and work.

This happened on Six Mile near Northville Road, so you know I was really alone. All I know is that I had "Lerman Electric Wiring," written on it. God love and bless this man. He is a very kind man. Please publish this letter so I can publicly thank him.

MRS. ELMER ADAMOWITZ  
 Livonia

EDITOR'S NOTE: A modest Sidney Lerman of Lerman Electric Co., 2665 Grand River, admitted he gave the lady in distress a hand but insists "it's normal procedure for our company."

### Hart Dinner Set At Oakland Feb. 28

Farmington and Southfield boosters of U.S. Sen. Philip A. Hart (D-Michigan) are selling advance tickets to a "Victory for Hart" dinner.

Sen. Hart will be the featured speaker at the dinner in the new dining hall of Oakland Center, Oakland University, on Saturday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m.

IN FARMINGTON Ruth Julian of 22527 Gill and Allen Saitan of 28837 Millbrook have tickets.

In Southfield, Gloria Krause, 2745 Bradford Lake and Morley Winograd of 3374 Newgate, Troy, are selling tickets in their area.

Mrs. Krause and Winograd are co-chairmen of the dinner, which is sponsored by the Oakland County Democratic Central Committee. Tickets are \$7.50 a plate and are also available from committee headquarters, 1700 S. Telegraph, Pontiac.

Sen. Hart is best known for legislation he has sponsored in the fields of consumer protection, civil rights, conservation and anti-trust. More recently, he led the attack against deployment of the anti-ballistic missile system.

Hart was elected to the Senate in 1958, after serving two terms as Michigan's lieutenant governor. He won election to a second term in 1964 by a 900,000-vote margin.



PHILIP HART U.S. Senator

#### Their Fraternity Becomes Official

A Livonia man and a Farmington man were among 51 persons installed as members of the Lambda Chi Alpha national college fraternity Saturday as their Lambda Omega Zeta chapter at Central Michigan University was chartered.

Dr. William Joyner, 3221 Indiana, Livonia, and Floyd G. Webb, 28439 Kirkside, Farmington, joined festivities on the CMU campus at Mt. Pleasant.

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