



Strychnine Now Called A Poison

Q. You have mentioned strychnine as being an ingredient in some street drugs. Is strychnine a psychedelic drug? Can you get high from it? What does it do to you?

A. Strychnine has been used in the past as a stimulant. Today it is best classed as a poison. It is a good, but inhumane, drug to destroy pests such as rats.

The basic action of the drug is to produce convulsions. Every muscle in the body tightens. Death is due to the tightening of the muscles around the chest - which stops breathing. The body may be bent into an arc in which only the head and the feet touch the floor. It is an effective means of suicide - but not the best; the victim is exquisitely aware of every agony right up to the time of death.

It's available around here as a five-piece country-plus grass group. Also entertaining will be Uncle Vinty, a comedian who plays piano and is a quick-change artist.

Q. What is "hog" and what does it do? What is PCP? Is it like LSD? Does anybody know anything about phenycyclidine? Is it really harmful?

A. Our column is in response to these questions and to other similar ones which have to do with the same drug: phenycyclidine - also known as "hog" and PCP. This drug, trademarked as Sernyl, was developed for legitimate medical use. It has been around on the underground or "street" scene since at least 1968. It had been researched for legit-

imate medical use at least 10 years before that. The research was done on this drug, not as a hallucinogen but as an anesthetic. However, the side-effects were numerous and severe enough to make marketing of it for human use inadvisable. Its use since then has been restricted to animals. There are those who feel that it is less than ideal even for veterinary use, but animals have developed very little for themselves in the way of consumer groups so we have yet to "hear it" from the zoo population.

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The dinner will be served from 5 until 7:30 p.m. On the menu are chicken, mashed potatoes, corn, cole slaw rolls, cake and beverages.

It will be followed by entertainment by Home Cookin' a five-piece country-plus grass group. Also entertaining will be Uncle Vinty, a comedian who plays piano and is a quick-change artist.

Tickets are \$2.50 for Schoolcraft students with identification and \$3 for guest. Reservations can be made through the student activities office and tickets will be sold at the door. The campus is at 1800 Haggerty at Six Mile, Livonia.

4 Earn CPA Title

Four Observerland men have been granted CPA certificates by the Michigan State Board of Accountancy. The new CPAs are George E. Endreszl of 38775 Grandon, Livonia; Michael J. Ferrell of 26775 Vassar, Redford; Daniel G. Lockwood of 24776 Gramercy Ct., Farmington; and James P. McAulliffe of 15635 Northville Forest, Plymouth.

They have all met the educational and experience qualifications of the Michigan Accountancy Law and passed the CPA examination.

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The U.S. Postal Service has set deadlines for mailing Christmas packages in order to guarantee prompt delivery before the holidays.

October deadlines for mailing are Oct. 15, for international surface parcels to the Far East; Oct. 25 for international surface greeting cards to the Far East; and Oct. 27 for surface mail to armed forces in Antarctica, Australia, Burma, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Okinawa, Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

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