



Energy pill may be hard to swallow

With all this talk of an energy crisis, why can't we turn to nuclear energy to fill our needs?

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On television recently, Dr. Paul Ehrlich, professor of biology at Stanford University, related this conversation.

Patient: Doctor, I'm always tired. How can I get more energy?

Doctor: Try this pill. It will give you all the energy you need. We don't know the side effects, but don't worry about that, we'll come up with an antidote any time now.

Patient: Will you have it soon enough? What if you don't? Will it kill me?

Doctor: Take a chance. You need energy. And we prescribe so many of these pills we'll just have to discover an antidote.

The pills Dr. Ehrlich was talking about were, in fact, nuclear power plants and to date we have no antidote for these pills being prescribed by government and industry as interim answers to our country's energy needs.

THE ENERGY mini-crisis of the winter of 1973 gave our high-energy technological society its first major early warning that man was pressing the earth's supply of natural resources to its very limits. Long lines at filling stations and heating oil shortages brought home to Americans the realization that the time had come to look at these symptoms (the need for more energy) which hit us hardest in the wallet. Our energy ills needed a pep pill.

From the earliest beginnings of our

industrialized society, the need for energy has played a major role, and all known forms of energy use have presented mankind with environmental problems.

Horsepower, from the four-legged kind to the four-wheeled kind, cause pollution. Technology, thus far, has kept pace with these forms of pollution. Technology to deal with nuclear pollution is not available, even after 30 years of use, and the implications to society are staggering.

At one time nuclear energy was considered the hope of the future, promising an inexhaustible supply of safe, clean and economical energy. In recent years, however, serious questions have been raised about the dangers inherent in the growing reliance on nuclear fission power as energy, itself an exhaustible commodity providing

only short-term solutions with an ominous legacy.

THE ENTIRE nuclear fuel cycle, from mine to power plant, poses serious health, safety and environmental threats. High-level radioactive waste from nuclear power plants accumulates from all stages of the fuel cycle and no acceptable disposal system has been developed to deal with this nuclear garbage.

These wastes, including deadly plutonium, will be lethal virtually forever. They must be kept isolated from living things much farther into the future than we go back in our past. Nuclear reactors produce the stuff atomic bombs are made of and a single speck of plutonium the size of a dust particle can cause lung cancer.

Many solutions to this nuclear garbage disposal problem have been pro-

posed. They run the gamut from underground resting places, vulnerable to earthquakes and changing bedrock structure, to rocketing them into outer space (what of a launch pad failure?) Taking into consideration such things as human error and mechanical failure, could a truly "fail-safe" system be devised to protect mankind from this deadly waste forever?

Nuclear power plants now supply only about nine per cent of our nation's total energy needs. This means that we still have time to stop and look more closely at this energy prescription. We need time to discover the antidote before this "energy pill" threatens our very existence.

Energy conservation seems like a more sensible solution to our short-term energy problems.

Grace R. Gluskin

Expectant parents' class set

A series of expectant parents' classes will be offered by the Oakland County Health Department beginning Monday, March 14.

The free classes will be held 7:30-9:30 p.m. for eight weeks in the South Oakland Health Center, 27725 Greenfield, Southfield. Registrations are being accepted by the health department education office, 557-1400.

The classes, taught by public health nurses, are co-sponsored by the Oakland County Medical Society and various adult education departments throughout the county. They are limited to 13 couples.

Topics include the mental health of the family unit, growth and development of the baby before and immediately after birth, labor and delivery, and care and feeding of the infant.

Films and other audio-visual aids are used to illustrate some of the topics and each class is taken on a tour of a hospital.

Goodwill group to hear talk

Mrs. June Shada, director of women's planning for adult education in the Detroit public schools will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, March 9 meeting of the Women's Association of Goodwill Industries. Her subject will be "Today's Woman."

The meeting will be held in the Goodwill Building, Brush at East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, and will have a noon donation luncheon.

Membership in the women's association and attendance at its meetings are open to all persons interested in providing job readiness evaluation, job training and employment for handicapped people.

Supervised parking is available in the Goodwill lot on Milwaukee between John R and Brush Streets.

Gifted plans to be topic

Professional educators from five school districts will meet at Oakland schools Wednesday for a staff development program on gifted and talented students.

Administrators and staff members from Birmingham, Southfield, Berkley, Oak Park and Royal Oak school districts will participate in the day-long program on "Education of Gifted and Talented Students."

Principal speaker will be Dr. Irving S. Sato, director of the National State Leadership Training Institute in Los Angeles, Calif. Daniel Nesbitt, deputy superintendent for instruction in the Birmingham schools, will chair a question and answer session.

Three concurrent programs will be offered morning and afternoon on characteristics of gifted and talented students, curriculum and teaching strategies and program for gifted and talented students.



THE CHATHAM CONSUMER FOOD COUNCIL ASKED 3 KEY QUESTIONS ABOUT SUPERMARKETS!

HERE ARE CHATHAM'S ANSWERS;

QUESTION Advertisements: Some of us have found that supermarkets do not always have the items they advertise or limit the amount of the advertised special you can buy. We don't think this is fair. Food shoppers should always be able to find advertised specials and buy the quantities they need.

ANSWER At Chatham you never have to make a minimum purchase or present a store coupon to buy our advertised specials. And unlike some other stores with quantity limits we let you buy as much as you like, within reason, of any special. Chatham doesn't believe in coupons that limit customers to the number of advertised items you can buy. In the event of a temporary shortage we, of course, issue rain checks.

QUESTION Check-Out Lines: Waiting in check-out lines is frustrating and wastes time. One of the things that holds up check-out lines is check cashing. We suggest either setting up separate lines for people paying by check or finding some other way to speed up all the lines.

ANSWER Chatham is the first of Detroit's supermarket chains to install Michigan Money, a machine that electronically guarantees your check before you present it for payment at the checkout counter. This eliminates time-consuming proof of identity, courtesy cards or the manager's approval. Michigan Money is in many Chatham stores now and will be in all of them before June 1. Also, Chatham was the first to install, as a test, electronic scanning check-out that's designed to speed check-out operations.

QUESTION Cleanliness: We've seen some supermarkets that aren't always kept as clean as they should be and others with meat departments that sometimes have unpleasant odors. We think a real effort to keep stores cleaner would be better for shoppers, and the supermarkets too.

ANSWER Chatham is the only one of the 5 major chains with a mobile laboratory, that is continually checking our stores to help insure that Chatham's high quality and sanitation standards are maintained. Special crews clean floor area daily by machine. And food processing rooms are also thoroughly sanitized.

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Chatham A Better Place To Shop At. We
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