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Dear Mrs. Green,

Writing is a task. I must really concentrate. However, printing is a breeze. I can complete a letter in a short time without strain. Can you tell me why?

Sincerely,
O.H., Garden City

Dear O.H.,

A propensity toward printing (if it is not job related) usually suggests a subconscious desire or need to be understood.

The spacing of your writing (far to the left) especially on the envelope, tells me there is some withdrawal or

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And most of your loops are sticks rather than completed loops. These say you need time by yourself.

New fashions to be shown

Metropolitan area high school students will get expert advice on business apparel April 7 at the Dorsey Schools' fashion show.

"Dressing for Success" is the theme of the sixth annual show, 10 a.m. at the Allen Park Civic Auditorium, 16850 Southfield Road.

"The idea," said Dennis Stockemer, Dorsey Schools vice president, "is to help develop professionalism in young women who are preparing for the task of finding employment."

"This is a new era. Young people have to be aware of the tough competition for jobs and of the importance of dressing properly both to seek employment and on the job itself."

"The fashion show is a learning experience. It illustrates how working women can mix and match their ward-

robes to get the best looks and variety without spending a great deal of money on apparel."

Models and clothing will be provided by B. Siegel, and Mary Morgan, of radio and television, will moderate.

Last year, more than 800 students from every region of metropolitan Detroit attended the fashion show sponsored by the school.

Reservations for the fashion show may be made by calling the school at 382-3991. Dorsey officials recommend that individual schools make group reservations for students who wish to attend. The show is open to the public, at 50 cents for both adults and students.

Class Reunions

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER 1967

The 1976 graduating class from Bloomfield Hills Andover High School, formerly known as Bloomfield Hills High School, will hold a dinner dance reunion at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in the Main Event restaurant, Pontiac Silverdome.

Reservations should be telephoned to Cele McGuigan, 644-7318.

OAK PARK 1958

The class of 1958 at Oak Park High School will hold its 20-year reunion at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, June 10, in the Ramada Inn, Telegraph near 1496, Southfield.

Class members who have not heard from the reunion committee and are interested in attending are asked to telephone Barbara Kay Saltz, 661-1956, or Marcia Morris Miller, 626-8494.

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Consumer Mailbag

Some time ago I sent for your list of kitchen cosmetics. It was so helpful and economical that I literally used it to shreds. Is this list still available?

Mrs. C.M., Westland

Yes, our kitchen cosmetics list is available. To receive a fresh copy of ideas and recipes to create cosmetics in your own kitchen, send 10 cents and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

Last Easter I used several ideas from your column to make decorations out of L'eggs eggs I had saved. The same story had an address to send for "The L'eggs Idea Book." Would you repeat that please?

Mrs. Michael A., Plymouth

Several teachers have asked for this address in the last few weeks. The book is available in area bookstores for those of you who do not have the time to write for a copy. The address

is: L'eggs Idea Book, P.O. Box 2495, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The price is \$1.

Through the 30 years I've been married and a mother, I have developed lots of good ideas that save me time, money and madness. Many of these fit right in with your consumer and environmental ideas. Would it help at all if I shared them with you?

Mrs. John M., Livonia

Absolutely! We publish a pamphlet which is a collection of ideas that come directly from the community. Every time we have a reprinting, which is about once a year, we incorporate these new ideas which have been sent to us by our friends and readers.

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GRACE R. GLUSKIN

The lively needle

Those coverlets are very historic

By MARY KAY DAVIS

America's woven coverlets were unlike the rest of her textiles, for they were usually produced by men. It took strong muscles to weave on the heavy, home-made looms of the frontier. The men farmed when they could, and wove during the winter and "odd spells and rainy seasons."

Before the Revolutionary War, wandering weavers traveled around the countryside. They had lost their weaving jobs at home in Europe and hundreds emigrated to America. They earned their keep by weaving homespun yarns on each family's primitive loom.

Such weavers were very welcome in isolated farmhouses. Not only did they make cloth, they carried in gossip and news from the outside world.

We call the coverlets that they wove "overshot." Looms were no wider than the reach of a man's arms. Bed covers had to be woven half a width at the outer, with one side following the other in a long strip. Then the two halves were cut apart, hemmed, and sewn together down the middle.

OVERSHOT designs may appear curving, but if you look carefully, they are absolutely geometric. The patterns were determined by what could be accomplished on these primitive looms. Indigo blue was the most popular color because it was inexpensive and colorfast.

The names of the old overshot patterns are delightful. I particularly like

Rattlesnake, Hail Storm and Hen Scratch.

After the Revolution and as the 18th century began, coverlet weavers settled down. By 1810, most women brought their yarns to the weaver at his home and he stopped visiting theirs.

About this time, a new gadget revolutionized the look of coverlets. A Frenchman named Jacquard invented the first punch card system to regulate a loom. It was the grandfather of today's computers, and allowed any pattern to be woven, no matter how complicated. The attachment could be added to most simple looms and wondrous coverlets soon began to appear.

PROFESSIONAL weavers now produced intricate patterns to satisfy the whims of their customers. George Washington on horseback, the Capitol Building and American eagles were favorite designs. The old overshot patterns were still woven occasionally, but they were hopelessly out of style.

A Jacquard coverlet cost \$5 and took two days to weave. At the same time an acre of undeveloped land sold for \$250 and a skilled blacksmith could earn \$1.50 a day. The weaving trade was well paid and respectable.

Coverlets were acceptable presents for newlywed sons and daughters.

So if you have an American Jacquard coverlet, it probably dates from the period between 1810 and 1861. Cherish it—you have a find.

Multicultural group to meet

Latika Mangrulkar, a native of India, will be the first speaker for the newly-organized Multicultural Association of Michigan, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, in the lower level auditorium of the Somerset Mall in Troy.

The group, brought together in response to

requests following several metropolitan area events with ethnic emphasis, expects to sponsor discussions, slide presentations and art exhibitions and plans to cooperate with schools in preparing children for cultural diversity.

Ms. Mangrulkar, a resident of Garden City

and lecturer at Schoolcraft College and Wayne State University, will discuss the situation of the immigrant woman, with special focus on India and the Middle East.

A brief organizational meeting will precede her talk, and all interested are invited to attend.

Workshop set on living tips for elderly

Helping the elderly manage for themselves is the topic of a workshop to be offered by the Birmingham extension of Wayne State University's College of Lifelong Learning beginning April 6.

Sessions will be held 5:30-9 p.m. Thursdays in the Birmingham Center for Continuing Education at the corner of Frank and Purdy.

Registrations are being accepted by the WSU offices in Birmingham, 642-2661, and Southfield, 558-2104.

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