

Concern over pollution rises

Has public support for environmental protection increased or decreased in recent years?

Arthur F. Bloomfield Hills
Numerous polls taken over the years, dealing directly with environmental issues and tradeoffs, have shown that the environment has joined education and health as an enduring public concern.

This was true of almost six out of 10 people interviewed in the latest Harris poll on this topic. When asked directly about environmental matters a strong and even increasing level of public concern for the environment was revealed.

According to Louis Harris, air and water pollution are key components of the quality of life issue which will become major sources of public discontent in the next few years.

In 1976, when he asked his respondents to evaluate 12 issues as to their importance in making the quality of life better in the United States, curbing air and water pollution ranked second and seventh in importance.

However, when the respondents were asked to name the two or three of these items which were "most important to them personally," air and water pollution jumped up to first and third place, respectively, with quality education for children in second place.

The FBI cattle disposal landfills has got me thinking about landfill pollution in general. Can landfills cause pollution problems?

T.R. Bloomfield Township
Yes, the potential for leachate pollution exists at every landfill solid waste disposal site.

The problem begins when last week's household garbage is lumped together with a vast array of other wastes which may include industrial wastes, septic tank pumpings, and potent industrial sludges. When deposited in landfills the unsavory mixture begins to undergo biological and chemical changes.

Depending on the types of waste present, the local environmental impact may range from a slight tainting of

natural ground water quality to the concentration of high amounts of potent chemicals, heavy metals, and radioactive wastes.

And that's only part of the story. Because of the slow rate at which ground water moves—often less than two feet a day—it may take years or even decades for the befouled water to inch its way from the landfill to a drinking water supply.

Since almost every known incident of ground water pollution was discovered only after the pollutants had infiltrated an actively-used drinking water supply, we can expect many more

such reports in the future as the impact of decades of careless waste disposal catches up with us.

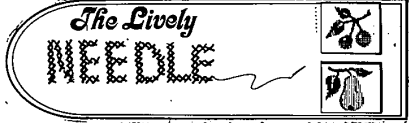
The residents of Michigan have the opportunity to vastly upgrade the state of solid waste program. H.B. 6314 is the result of work completed by The Special Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives chaired by Rep. Tom Mathison.

This comprehensive bill has now been forwarded to the House Public Health Committee with legislative action expected in the next few weeks. Among other things, this bill will protect Michigan residents from landfill

pollution by requiring well planned facilities that meet tough design, monitoring, and enforcement standards.

To support this legislation send a letter or post card to: Representative Ray Hood, Chairman, House Public Health Committee, Room 320-G, Capitol Building, Lansing 48909. If you would like a copy of the bill contact: Legislative Service Bureau, Capitol Building, Lansing 48909, phone (517) 373-0170. Send your questions on consumer and environmental issues to: Concern, Inc., 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, 48068.

Grace R. Gluskin, Exec. Dir.



Dear Mary Kay:

I've just bought a quilt to hang on my living room wall behind the couch. But now that I have it, I don't know how to get it hung. Can you help me?

The first decision to make is how you want the quilt exhibited. You can hang it softly like a tapestry, or stretched like a painting. Here are directions for both processes.

To achieve a tapestry look, hand stitch twill tape along a long edge of the quilt so that it forms a casing. Insert a curtain rod or wooden dowel through the casing and hang it from either end. Use curtain rod hangers appropriate to the rod itself. Be sure that the rod or dowel is strong enough to support the weight of the quilt without sagging in the middle.

Try to keep the couch from touching the quilt. You won't want people leaning their heads back against it like an antimacassar.

For the stretched, picture look, more materials are required. Cut quarter-inch plywood into a rectangle half an inch less than the quilt's dimensions in length and breadth. Cover it with an old sheet, miter the corners, and staple the sheet taut to the back.

Cut two strips of Velcro tape slightly shorter than the length of the plywood.

Separate tapes into their halves. Staple one half along the top of the plywood and the other half along the bottom. Hand stitch the corresponding halves to the quilt, positioning them so that they exactly match the strips on the plywood. Then all you have to do is fasten the Velcro halves together, and the quilt is stretched and ready for hanging.

Hang the plywood on your wall's studs as you would any heavy picture.

Dear Mary Kay:

I'm half way through a needlepoint kit and I don't like the colors. It seems to be greener than the picture I saw in the shop. I haven't started the background yet. Is there anything I can do to kill the green look?

Yarns are dyed, and pictures are printed with inks, so it's no wonder that the two don't always match. But since you haven't undertaken the background, there's one trick that you might try. You'll have to buy more yarn.

If you want to emphasize blue rather than green, make your background a brownish-beige, and substitute orange for any red in the stitchery. If yellow is what you want, the background should be pale violet or a purplish-grey, bright yellow should be substituted for any red. In either case,



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eliminate reds and pinks. They emphasize the green that you want to avoid.

The trick here is colors and their complements—red and green, blue and orange, and yellow and purple. In each pair, one brightens the other and green looks its greenest in the presence of red. Since green is composed of blue and yellow, you can edge the color away from its green quality by emphasizing either the blue or yellow characteristics. And you do that by introducing orange or purple.

Dear Mary Kay:

A long, hot summer is ahead of me and I'm thinking of ways to keep my seven year old busy. Can you give me any ideas?

Get him or her going on making Christmas presents. December comes all too soon and then there isn't time. You might try my children's Christmas Tree (send 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for a reprint), or go to your library for Jacqueline Enthoven's "Stitchery for Children". It has many wonderful ideas.

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Levy to head Round Table

Mrs. Marvin B. Levy of Southfield will be installed as president of the Greater Detroit Round Table, National Conference of Christians and Jews, in a special reception at noon Friday, June 23, in the Manogian Mansion, Detroit.

Detroit Councilwoman Maryann Mahaffey will preside at the installation.

Hon. Coleman A. Young, Mayor of the City of Detroit, has made available to the Women's Division the Manogian Mansion, official residence.

Rosa L. Gragg, retiring president, praised highly the work of her predecessors in office, beginning with Mrs. Cyril Lundy, first president, in 1956, when the special women's program division was organized to promote interreligious and interracial understanding in the city and its suburbs.

Mrs. Levy is a past president of the League of Jewish Women's Organization of Greater Detroit, the Maimonides Medical Auxiliary, and Pisgah Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women. She has served as a vice-president to the Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Synagogue and the Women of United Foundation.

Symposium on kidney disease set

A symposium on kidney disease for the general medical community will be held June 16-17 in the Detroit Plaza Hotel.

The program will feature nationally and internationally known experts in the field of kidney disease from the United States and abroad. It is being cosponsored by the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, a United Way agency, and Wayne State University.

Registration information can be obtained by contacting the Kidney Foundation of Michigan, State Office in Ann Arbor at (313) 971-2800.

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