

Graphologically Speaking

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Dear Loren,
I love reading your column and I think it's fascinating what you can tell from people's handwriting. I feel that handwriting is helpful in determining personality. I like my handwriting and I'm interested in learning what you can see about my personality.

*Dear Lorene,
I love reading your column and I think it's fascinating what you can tell from people's handwriting.*

S.G.-Livonia
Dear S.G.,
It is not difficult to understand why you like your handwriting as it is very neat and legible. I like it too. This legibility and the open-tops on your circle letters tell me that you communicate in a straightforward manner. To take this a step further, I think your moral and ethical values are well defined (high pointed upper loops). The next thing I can tell you about your personality is that you probably came from a female-dominated home. Influence from the male authority figure is just not in evidence here (study of your personal pronoun I). Being objective you are ruled more

by your head than your heart. In fact you find it important to keep your emotions in check at all times. You are not impulsive. When faced with a decision or choice you are able to first consider how it will affect you. Upright slant and small size of your handwriting are the main determinants here. You are a cerebral person with good imagination and ideas at your disposal. The abstract world appears to hold more interest than the material. The well integrated person strives for good balance between the mental and the physical. For some inexplicable

reason, your physical activity is not keeping pace with your mental activity (gestalt picture of your handwriting tells me this). If you have a question about your personality please write to Mrs. Lorene Green in care of this newspaper. Write on a full sheet of paper in the first person singular. Interested in learning more about your personality? Graphology classes are now forming in Livonia Adult Education, Schoolcraft College and Plymouth Adult Education. Sign up for a fall class and find out what a nice person you are.

Diving reflex can stall drowning

Two-year old Melvin had been missing for nearly 20 minutes when a rescuer in a rowboat finally found him. Melvin was floating, face down, 30 feet from shore in the icy waters of a lake near his home in Ann Arbor, his body blue and lifeless. But Melvin's mother could not and would not believe that her son was dead. She instantly began mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and massaged the child's chest. By the time Melvin arrived at the University of Michigan hospital 12 miles away, he was fully conscious; he fussed and fidgeted throughout a series of chest x-rays, brain scans and other tests. Next morning, bright-eyed and bounding, Melvin went home. Dr. Marin J. Nemiroff, a noted specialist on diving at U-M, decided Melvin was alive not only because of his mother's prompt action, but also because of the so-called diving reflex. Nemiroff defined the reflex as an "involuntary neural response (it is commonly found in all vertebrates) that delays suffocation by shunting oxygen from the arteries to the heart, brain and lungs." When a person's face is immersed in cold water, the specialist explained, a reflex is activated that immediately slows the heartbeat and constricts the peripheral arteries. Through Melvin's survival, and other noted cases, the hospital has decided that the diving reflex may enable many people to survive sub-

mersion in cold water for long periods. Although humans soon become unconscious after involuntary submersion, the diving reflex allows the heart to maintain a feeble but constant supply of blood to the brain. We actually know very little about the human diving reflex. Scientists do know that diving mammals like whales, porpoises and seals, depend on a similar mechanism to survive long periods underwater. The key factors for surviving submersion without permanent injury appear to be the length of time spent underwater, the temperature of the water, the age of the individual and the promptness of resuscitation efforts. Since the protective effect of the diving reflex is lost as soon as the individual is taken out of the water, resuscitation should be started immediately at the water's edge. What should a person do if confronted with such an emergency? First, begin resuscitation immediately. Next, wrap the victim's body with a blanket to prevent him from losing additional body heat. Get the victim to a hospital as soon as possible. Above all, continue resuscitation. Drowning victims appear lifeless. However, if the water was cold enough, there is still a good chance for survival. Children are the most frequent drowning victims. However, due to their age, they are much easier to

revive. The colder the water and the younger the victim, the better the chances for survival. Anyone wishing additional information about the diving reflex may contact a district marine agent through the local cooperative extension service or the United States Coast Guard.

New test fights uterine cancer

Doctors now have two tests to protect women against uterine cancer. One is the well-known Pap test which detects cancer of the cervix, the narrow part of the lower uterus. The new one, called the Kendall Isaacs test, locates endometrial cancer, which starts in the lining of the uterus. "Uterine cancers can be cured if detected before they start to spread," said Jim Bloodworth, who represents the Kendall Co., which makes for Curity Co., the device used to detect cancer. "In many cases precancerous conditions can be detected and treated before cancer has an opportunity to develop," said Bloodworth, of Redford Township. Uterine cancer usually progresses in stages. The earliest stages are not actually cancer at all, but warnings that cancer is likely to develop. These precancerous conditions can be detected and treated by a doctor. Even after the cancer has begun it can still be detected and treated by a doctor, according to the Kendall representative. Fortunately uterine cancer usually develops slowly over a period of years, so regular check-ups can

detect it in the early stages when survival chances are excellent. Women older than 40 have a greater chance of getting uterine cancer than younger women. Other high risk women are those on estrogen therapy, and those who are obese, hypertensive, diabetic and have a past history of endometrial cancer. He suggested that women request the new test from their doctors. Those wishing more information about it may write the Kendall Co., 1 Federal, Boston 02101. **4-H to offer bike class** A bike instructor leadership course, sponsored by the Oakland County 4-H, will be offered Oct. 12, 19 and 26 in locations not yet determined. Based on John Forester's effective cycling concept, the course prepares anyone to teach cycling. It will be taught by a certified effective cycling instructor, and there is no charge. Participants must bring their own bicycles. Enrollment is limited to 10. For information, contact Daryl Cook at 867-8121.

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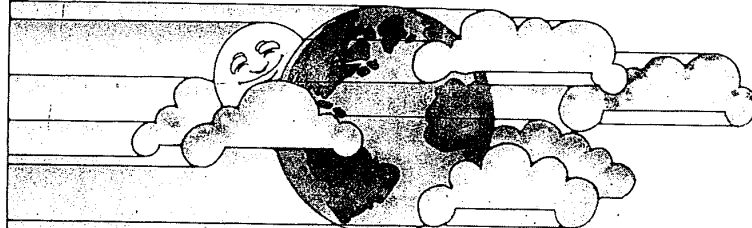
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