

Shopping game plan will save headaches

Now that the holiday shopping season has started, it may be a good time to figure out a shopping game plan which will save both time and money. The Better Business Bureau suggests that in order to avoid the last minute crush of hurried shoppers, it's a good idea to do some planning and shop early.

Always do business with merchants which have an established record of reliability. Keep in mind that street-corner vendors or salespersons operating out of hotel rooms may not be around to handle any possible problems after the Christmas rush. Before buying, find out the return policies of the store, keeping in mind that some gifts may have to be returned.

Don't wait until the product purchased for Christmas fails to work or needs repair to find out how good the warranty is. The time to check the terms of a warranty is before the item is purchased.

A warranty is a statement that the manufacturer or seller stands behind the product or service, and will make good if it does not live up to the claims made for it. Remember, however, that warranties on products or service frequently have limitations or conditions. When comparison shopping, be sure to check on what they do and do not cover. If you don't see the actual war-

ranty printed on or near the product, ask to see the store's warranty binder or catalog which contains all product warranties on products sold in the store.

If the item or service to be purchased involves signing a contract, be prepared. Remember to read and thoroughly understand the agreement before signing. Make sure that everything the seller is to do is covered, in writing, by the contract.

Also, the price, type and model number of every item, and the quality and condition of the materials to be used, service obligations and the time of delivery or completion should be stated precisely. If the contract is the installment payment kind, be sure it discloses all finance charges and the interest rate is expressed as an annual percentage rate.

Never sign a blank contract. Think of it as signing a blank check. The Christmas shopping rush attracts the share of rip-offs. Keep in mind that pick-pockets do a booming business during the holiday season, especially in crowded stores. Try not to carry around large sums of cash. Be sure, too, to put packages in the trunk of the car; never leave them on the seat to tempt would-be thieves. Similarly, don't leave a purse or packages on the counter of a store, even for a second.

Graphologically Speaking

By
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Dear Lorene,

Your weekly items appearing in the local paper are always fascinating to read, as I am constantly amazed at how handwriting reveals certain personality traits or characteristics. As a matter of personal interest, I am curious as to what, if any, my handwriting would indicate are clues as to my particular personality. Your comments and analysis would be appreciated.

H.L.M.
Southfield

Dear H.L.M., The first thing that comes to mind when I look at your handwriting is the discipline. You exert self-disciplining of a high order and like a structured life (extremely straight baseline). Early in life someone made you feel that you did not count unless you were perfect.

*Dear Mrs. Greene,
Your weekly items appear in the local paper and are always fascinating to read, as I am constantly amazed as to how handwriting reveals certain personality traits or characteristics.*

Today you are still striving for perfection in all things. You are very detail-minded. Every little detail is important and noted by you (precise i dotting). You are neat and orderly (gestalt picture of the writing). You like things to have a place and everything in that

place, but you are probably having a little difficulty managing that because you are so overly involved at the time of this writing. Busy, busy may well describe you. Restlessness is very apparent in your long y's and g's. Your lines of writing entangle with each other suggesting difficulty in

keeping things sorted out in your mind and in your actions. Very traditional, you exercise a great deal of dignity. The customs and mores of society are extremely important to you (lead in strokes on the beginning of words and retraced t's). Your behavior is always such that it will fit into the mold of what a lady should be.

You wax very enthusiastic at times, and this can be quite contagious to others. Your Greek e's reveal your cultural leanings.

Graphology tip: The pleasant person can be seen in word endings that slant out and upward.

If you have a question about your personality, please write to Lorene C. Green in care of this newspaper. Please use a full sheet of unlined paper and write in the first person singular.

Toys needed for Yule party

Toys are needed for an annual party to be sponsored Sunday, Dec. 3, by the Children's Leukemia Foundation for children suffering from serious blood diseases and members of their immediate families.

New toys donated will make possible gifts for all the children who attend. Cash donations earmarked for the Children's Party also are welcome. Send gifts or donations to the Chil-

dren's Leukemia Foundation, 1902 W. 10 Mile, Southfield. If necessary, the Foundation also will make arrangements to pick up toys. Call 333-8222 if pickup is needed.

The Children's Leukemia Foundation is a Torch Drive service which provides assistance free of charge to all adults and children living in Michigan who are afflicted with leukemia or any serious blood disease.

School musicians

The music department of Catholic Central High School, now located in Redford Township, is raising money for special projects through a sale of Christmas fruitcakes.

Shipped from Manor, Texas, the cakes are priced at \$3.25 for the one-

selling fruitcakes

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