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Why not a color (trash bags) for all seasons?

They're making a lot of fancy trash bags these days.

Next time you motor through a suburban community on curb-side trash pick-up day, count the different colors of plastic refuse bags.

You'll see the old standbys of black, white and deep green. But there could very well be orange, yellow, green, blue, and violet. Those are the hues I spied last Thursday, pick-up day in Livonia, as I drove down three blocks of Sunset Avenue.

Frankly, I'd never realized the wide color choices we have.

THE HUMIDITY THAT DAY was registering about 98 percent and my brain seemed to slip into fantasy. There I was, wondering if maybe someone might tackle the job of conceiving a seasonal schedule for the orderly use by color of trash bags.

Maybe some sort of commission could be formed, made up of respected experts on life and the world around us. Folks like Cardinal John F. Dearden, Gundella the Witch, Lee Iacocca, Henry Ford II, Jackie Gordon, Al Ackerman and Harry Niederlander.

Look, they're meeting now. Let's eavesdrop.

Cardinal Dearden: "First off, it's my opinion that we advocate violet trash bags for the season of Lent, then white for 40 days after Easter. I can get a lot of support for those."

Gundella: "Whatever pleases you, your eminence. But I'm most interested in autumn, you know the time of the people from the other world. I'll go along with you, Cardinal, if you'll back orange for the weeks around Halloween."

Cardinal: "No problem."

Ackerman: "Now isn't that nice. Immediate agreement between the clergy and the world of witches. How come you two can't get together so quickly on stuff like abortion? But that's not important now. What's important is when we call for black trash bags. I have a couple of ideas on that. How about November as the National Football League season collapses around Billy Ford's Lions? Or should I be plugging for September now that they don't have a quarterback?"

Henry Ford II: "Now wait a minute, soft-spoken Al. I resent the way you lip off about my brother's fall diversion. Besides I wanted black to honor my

grandfather's credo — you can have any color as long as it's black. Now there was a tiger."

Ackerman: "Sorry about that, Deuce, I didn't realize you were so touchy. But speaking of tigers, how about black for July? That's when Mr. Fetz's Tigers have clinched a fifth-place finish? Golly, I'm just full of it today."

Niederlander: "Today? Al, you devil, you're cranked up all the time. I just might agree with your black for August. We can vote on that later. What I'd like us to get going on is the Christmas and New Year's season. As a showman, naturally I think that's the time for a splash of color. So how about both green and red, one-for-one, on every suburban curb in December and January?"

Cardinal: "Check. I like that, Harry. Count me in."

Lee Iacocca (tapping ashes off a giant Rigoletto cigar): "Hold on, you guys, I have been keeping my eyes on the green. I don't want to see it diluted. As I was telling Jimmy last week..."

Ford: "Cut the small talk, Iacocca, you always were a bit of a name dropper."

Gundella: "Gentlemen, gentlemen, please remember why we're here. We have been commis-

sioned to put some rhyme and reason into use of colors in trash bags. Nothing more. We haven't heard from Jackie Gordon. What are your thoughts, Jackie?"

Ms. Gordon: "Well, thank goodness. I didn't think I'd get a word in at all. Reminds me of living with Lou, God rest his soul. But I do have an idea, about blue and yellow. Some call it maize."

Ackerman: "Don't ever put them together, honey, they make a lousy combination, especially around the first of the year. Right. Bo, if you're listening. Heh."

Ford: "Ackerman, do you ever stop talking?"

Ms. Gordon (ignoring the two men): "I'd like to propose blue for May, June and July. Remember, blue is the color of water and we are the Great Lake State."

Cardinal: "Brilliant, Mrs. Gordon."

Ms. Gordon: "As for yellow, I think February is our month. Winter still hammers away at us. There isn't much sun then, so how about dealing up a vision of ground-level sunshine?"

Niederlander: "Well, how about that. Great, super, smashing, Jackie. Say, have you ever thought about going into show business?"

Facial neuralgia: Brief, sudden and painful

Dear Dr. DeFrancesco: I was told that my pain is derived from a disease called facial neuralgia (Tic Douloureux). Can you elaborate on this condition?

R.H.

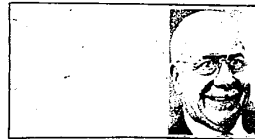
This disease is not often confused With any other painful condition about the head and face. All painful conditions about the face, including its cavities, are due to irritations of the trigeminal nerve, but they are not all indicative of true, or major, facial neuralgia.

In diagnosing trigeminal neuralgia, one should remember the following characteristic features:

- Suddenness of attack.
- Severity of the pain.
- Brevity of the attack.

Apparently without cause, the pain starts. The patient is startled by the lightning-like pain, and the muscles of the face are contracted in a grimace as a result of the severe pain. This contraction may be voluntary or involuntary.

Some patients try by all means to immobilize the muscles of the face in an attempt to stop the pain, or to allay the fear of a prolonged attack. The pain lasts a few seconds and then disappears completely, leaving no trace of its passage except vasomotor

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disturbances, as an expression of the affinity that the sympathetic system has for the trigeminal nerve.

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Dear Dr. DeFrancesco: I have repeated attacks of canker sores. What causes them and what can I do?
H.G.M.

Canker sores are small ulcers, usually in groups,

having a yellow reddish center and surrounded by inflammation.

Little or nothing is known of the cause of this condition. It is thought to be due to some form of nerve irritation.

It may occur in persons in a run-down, nervous condition. In women, it is usually seen during the menstrual period.

The inflammatory condition produces intense burning sensation. Chewing and swallowing become very painful and at times impossible, especially if the sores are on the tongue and at an angle of the mouth opposite the third molar.

The sores usually occur in groups. The most general locations are the frenum or at the tip, or sides, of the tongue.

See your dentist for home treatment.


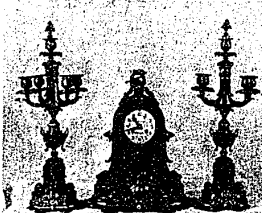

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