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What is acid rain?

WILLIAM F., Garden City

In the most simple terms, acid rain is an environmental term referring to pollutants in the air returning to the earth in rain. Acid precipitation is the more exact term, because snow as well as rain carries pollutants from the atmosphere.

This condition results, basically, when sulfur and nitrogen oxides are chemically changed into acids in the atmosphere. As sulfuric and nitric acids, they are carried wherever wind currents blow before they are brought back to earth in rain or snow. Fish kills, diminished agriculture production, and damage to buildings are just some of the associated effects.

Is bottled drinking water better than tap water?

M.R. Birmingham

Bottled water is not always safer or better to use than tap water. Because it is considered to be a food, the Food and Drug Administration is responsible for seeing that bottled water standards be at least as stringent as the tap water standards set by the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974.

There is, however, no regular national sampling of bottled water. Contamination during packaging and deterioration on the shelf are two major problems of bottled water.

Eco-Tip: Support environmental education by attending Concern, Inc. Detroit seventh Benefit Garage Sale. Items including furniture, sporting goods, clothes, books and more will be available for purchase from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 28-29, at 415 Baldwin, Birmingham, north of Maple and west of Southfield roads.

GRACE R. GLUSKIN
Executive Director

Graphologically speaking

Writing shows efficiency

Dear Mrs. Green,

I am a secretary for Michigan Bell Telephone Co., where I have been employed for 14 years.

I am 33 years old and right-handed. I receive the Southfield Eccentric at work and will be anxiously awaiting to read my analysis in the paper.

S.M. — Royal Oak

Dear S.M.,

Your handwriting suggests many valuable traits for an efficient secretary. The gestalt picture tells me that you are well organized. You are neat and orderly in carrying out your assignments. You handle details well. Blessed with good concentration, you are able to give your undivided attention to a priority assignment. You are not easily distracted by the remainder of the office force.

Your nature is caring and sensitive. You like to get along smoothly with others, and this would be such an asset on the job. Results of a recent survey indicate that 80 percent of the people who lose their jobs do so, not from a lack of skills, but from an inability to get along with co-workers.

You do not like friction and arguing and you often give in to others to avoid this (rounded tops on your small p's and s's). A seeming paradox here is your strong desire to have your own way. Hope the boss is willing. Those short, looped d stems tell me that while you are somewhat vulnerable to criticism of your personal appearance, you are doing a pretty fair job of convincing yourself that others opinions really do not matter that much.

Your signature suggests that in some areas you feel you may have exceeded your husband.

Someone is trying to tell you something, but you are choosing not to receive the message. I do not know just what this is, but I think you do shape of your capital letter E). I also see you were a little unhappy when you wrote this letter to me. However, I don't think this is your basic nature.

If you have a question about your handwriting, write to this newspaper. Lorene C. Green, certified graphologist, will answer your letter through the column. Please write on a full sheet of unlined, white paper in the first per-

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son singular. Age and handedness are also helpful.

Graphology classes are being offered in the Livonia community education program. Call 422-1222 for details.

Diabetics' classes begin

A series of six classes for public health nurses. Topics that will be discussed include the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with every-day problems.

A written statement from the diabetic's physician is required and a registered dietitian and a

Old world market ready for 50th birthday festival

Detroit's first ethnic festival, the 50-year-old Old World Market, will take place Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 4-7, at the International Institute, 111 E. Kirby.

The four-day gala will feature the demonstration and sale of Old-World crafts that Detroit's many immigrant communities have brought with them to the New World over the last 50 years.

Also available during the four days of festivities will be ethnic foods, national music, an outdoor German beer tent which also will feature wine and sandwiches and join-in folk dancing in the street.

Hazel Boltwood, of Southfield, market chairperson, recommends the festival for Christmas shopping.

"The ethnic communities of Detroit join in for this event to show off the finest practitioners of their lost arts and to import the finest handicrafts from the old country," she said.

This year, Mrs. Boltwood said, there will be a "For Children Only" booth where children can buy inexpensive gifts from around the world for their

own Christmas gift giving.

Food is also a key to the four-day event. A visitor might assemble the thick and hearty Bulgarian Meat Ball Soup or Greek Lemon Soup, Greek or French bread, Norwegian sausage with red cabbage or a Danish anebleskiver, which is a round ball type of crepe. Other countries who will offer specialties are Rumania, Mexico, Turkey, the Philippines and the Arab world.

For dessert, The International Pastry Shop at the market features 50 different international baked pastries. The International Institute's first cookbook, "Cuisine International," a 300-page volume offering ethnic recipes gathered from kitchens in ethnic communities throughout metropolitan Detroit, will be on sale.

A traveling American dulcimer player and Ukrainian bandurist player will circulate through the market. Continuous music and dance performances of the following nationalities are scheduled: Hungarian, Italian, Ukrainian, Armenian, Polish, Filipino, African, Estonian, Greek, Russian and an Aikido judo exhibit.

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