

Consumer mailbag

Nature has its own pesticides

I plan to increase the size of our vegetable garden this year to try and beat off rising food prices. I want to use plants for insect control so that I can keep my use of pesticides to a minimum. Do you have suggestions to get me started in this direction?

WILLIAM C., Birmingham

One of the most esthetically appealing, effective and safe means of controlling pests in the garden is the use of plants that actually repel them.

For instance, the marigold (Tagetes) has a pungent odor, which

acts as a pest repellent. African marigolds (Tagetes erecta) keep bean and Japanese beetles away from roses. They also repel nematodes and other pests, as well as providing color in the garden.

Spent marigolds used as winter mulch around chrysanthemums and clematis will hold off root nematodes which often are a problem with these plants. Mexican marigolds (Tagetes minuta) repel slugs and wireworms.

All of these varieties can be grown from seed.

For more information on planting

for pest control and other environmental gardening tips send \$2 for the "Concerned Gardener" to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy, 48068.

Where can I get more information on practical uses for solar energy? Are any classes offered on the subject?
Martin P., Detroit

Seminars on the practical applications of alternate energy are offered regularly by Jordan College at different locations around the state. They

cover such topics as how to plan, operate and evaluate your own solar heating system, how to obtain blueprints, how to construct a solar greenhouse, and updates on solar tax credits. For information write to Jordan College 360 W. Pine St., Cedar Springs, 49319.

Consumer Mailbag answers your questions on consumer and environmental issues. Address letters to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48068.

GRACE R. GLUSKIN
Executive Director

Graphologically speaking

Busy and social nature revealed

Dear Mrs. Green,

I would appreciate having you evaluate my handwriting. I've been told that one's handwriting reveals much about one.

Thank you.

R.W., Livonia

Dear R.W.,

You have been correctly informed. A person's handwriting does indeed reveal a great deal about that person.

You are a social person and you involve yourself in many different activities (right slant with long lower loops). In fact I think you are probably a little on the restless side.


There is a cheerfulness to this sample of handwriting (word endings that reach right up and lines of writing that tend to run uphill).

Empathy is shown by the smooth connections between the letters of your words.

I am wondering if perhaps you are in a supervisory capacity where you are directing others. The overall picture of your writing tells me that you have an extremely dominant personality. Having your own way is most important to you.

You are often quite aggressive in dealing with others. Frustration is further revealed by the displaced pressure in your writing. I cannot say just what it is that you have resigned yourself to, but I find something you have learned you cannot change so you are accepting it. In another area you are turning a deaf ear to something that

By LORENE GREEN



Dear Mrs. Green,

I would appreciate having you evaluate my handwriting.

See how one's handwriting

someone is attempting to tell you. This is shown by the shape of your capital E.

At times you have feelings that you have been taken advantage of, so you often have your guard up. Some of these resentful feelings have been with you for a long time (inflexible lead in strokes on some of your words).

Your signature when contrasted to the balance of your writing suggests ambitiousness and a feeling that in some areas you have exceeded your husband.

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

Testing scheduled for Oakland course

Personal assessment inventory, prerequisite to entering the Legal Assistant Program at Oakland University, will be offered Monday, April 2, through the Division of Continuing Education at Oakland University.

The inventory will be conducted from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Gold Room of the Oakland Center on campus in Rochester. Advance registration and payment of a \$10 fee are required.

Evening non-degree courses in the program begin the week of April 9. The Oakland University legal assistant pro-

gram, which can be completed in 18 months, consists of 10-week foundation and concentration courses and an 80-hour job internship.

A total of 120 persons have graduated to date, and nearly half are working as legal assistants in the metropolitan area.

For information about the personal assessment inventory and for a brochure detailing the legal assistant program, call the Continuing Education office, 377-3120.

Law careers seminar focus

A seminar entitled "Women and Legal Careers," sponsored by the University of Michigan Law School and the Women Law Students Association, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 24, in Room 100, Hutchins Hall in Ann Arbor.

Speakers include Dean Susan Eckland of the University of Michigan Law School; Erica Weiss, assistant attorney general for Michigan; Mary Bolida, research attorney; Michigan Court of Appeals; and Susan Westerman, attorney with the Detroit law firm of Dykema, Gosselt, Spencer, Goodnow and Trigg.



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