

# Witch Watch

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## Telling character from bumps, faces

Everyone has heard of palmistry, and many of you have had your palms read, I'm sure.

But I wonder how many of my readers are familiar with physiognomy, the art of character analysis from the face, and phrenology, the reading of the bumps on one's head.

Those who believe in phrenology consider the formation of the skull as indicative of the mental process. This was once the most popular of all psychic sciences.

PHRENOLOGY WAS founded by Franz Joseph Gall, who was born in Austria in 1758 and studied and practiced in Vienna. In 1796 he made public his theories on phrenology, which he based on his extensive research.

Gall divided the skull into three main regions. These regions were subdivided into many more.

Gall listed 26 subdivisions and compared the characteristics of persons having notable bumps in the various areas.

Later studies showed that Gall, as a doctor, was mistaken about certain functions of the brain. However, that does not nullify the correlation between the shape of the skull and certain personality traits.

Recently, phrenology seems to be gaining some of its old popularity, and more and more phrenologists are earning a good living by reading the bumps on their customers' heads.

PHYSIOGNOMY, OR FACE reading, is quite another thing. Many people practice this art without even realizing they are doing so.

The basic shape of the face, the shape and position of the eyes, nose, mouth, etc., are important. But more can be learned about a person's character traits by the lines that have formed on his face by years of laughing, crying, frowning or studying.

I suppose you can compare it to the art of palmistry in a way, because your palms show the characteristics you were born with, and your facial lines show how you have developed or used them.

Those who are most familiar with physiognomy say the shape of your facial features shows your potential, the inherited traits. How you have developed, enlarged upon or overcome them is revealed by the lines that are formed as you live day by day.

## Capital punishment has support locally

Lifting Michigan's ban on the death penalty was favored by 75 percent of the respondents to a recent poll conducted by State Sen. Donald Bishop in his 8th senate district.

The Republican legislator's district includes Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Orchard Lake, Rochester, West Bloomfield and part of Troy.

More than 12 percent responded to the 15 questions sent to nearly 100,000 residents in April. An aide to Bishop said the response was 3 percent higher than normal for the annual poll.

The death penalty question asked if judges should have the option of imposing capital punishment for serious crimes. A petition drive to put a death penalty question on last fall's state ballot failed to achieve the required number of signatures.

The Bishop aide said the death penalty question is regularly included in the survey. Support of capital punishment has run as high as 78 percent in the district, he said, acknowledging the basis for "wide error" in the non-scientific poll.

BISHOP'S OFFICE said hundreds listed implementation of the Headlee tax limitation amendment, narrowly passed by state voters last fall, as their top concern, even though the poll didn't include a question on the issue.

Legislation to implement the property tax controls of the new law passed the state senate two weeks ago. Bishop was excused from the May 31 session where the senate approved reducing the authorized millage levy when property assessments in a taxing unit, such

as a city, exceed the inflation rate.

Legislation regarding the amendment's effect on state funding of new programs is also before the legislature.

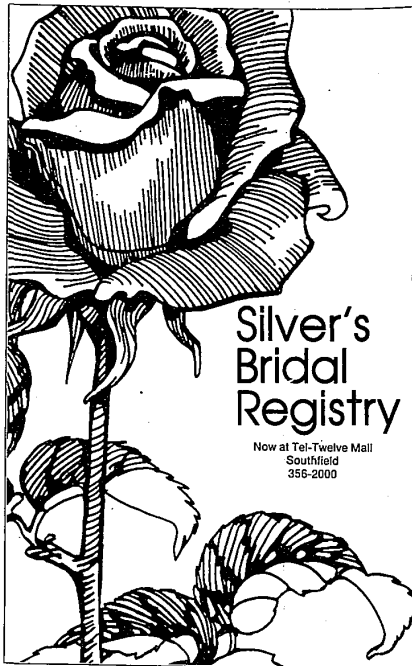
On other tax issues, 55 percent opposed a plan that would increase property tax credits and replace revenues lost to local governments through higher state income taxes. Slightly more than half of the respondents — 51 percent — opposed the financing of public schools with a 2 percent local income tax. Fourteen percent were undecided on the question.

MORE NUCLEAR power plant construction was favored by 50 percent, even though the poll was received shortly after the Three Mile Island nuclear accident in Pennsylvania.

Regarding labor matters, 60 percent opposed regional or statewide collective bargaining for teachers, and 84 percent favored cutting off unemployment compensation for those who "voluntarily quit" their jobs.

Survey respondents were evenly split (44 percent in favor, 44 percent opposed) about state legislation to protect environmentally fragile wetlands. A wetlands bill which passed the Senate last month was opposed by Bishop.

On other matters, 88 percent favored requiring high school seniors to pass a reading, writing and math test before they are granted diplomas, and 49 percent wanted the legislature to support the calling of a U.S. Constitutional Convention to propose a constitutional amendment that would require a balanced federal budget.

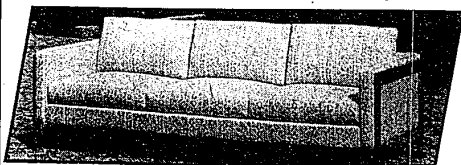
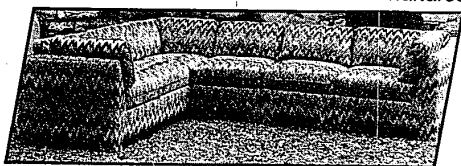
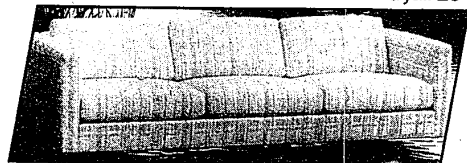


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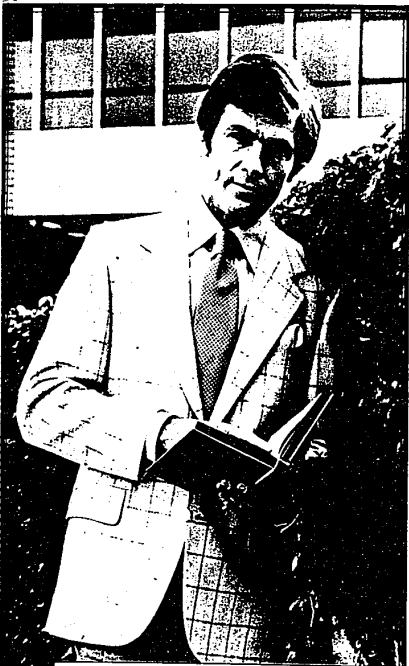
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