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Display child's name

Given the choice of calling out name or number, most people would choose the name. Yet, numbers are a major means of identification.

But a name is a shaper of character. The sense of who you are and where you came from is carried in a name. Though numbers are needed to ease the difficulty of locating people and avoiding confusion over similar names, we must endeavor to retain the individuality and distinctness, as well as the family identity, that a name carries.

Some names are popular, some are beautiful to the ear, some evoke feelings in other people. A name truly defines one person from another. Children have no other way of distinguishing themselves since they have no work product or worldly accomplishments. Their name is a way of knowing they exist.

REINFORCE the importance of a child's name by using it and displaying it. Here is one way. Take one of the child's outgrown gym shoes. Put a few handfuls of dirt in a sandwich size plastic bag. Using either grass seed or other small seed, carefully sprinkle to form the name or initials of the child.

In a few days, the seeds will begin to sprout. After a few more days, the growth should be quite long. If you used grass seed, the letters won't be readable until you've trimmed them with scissors or — mowed it down to size.

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Kits aid families

Cooperative Extension Service is sponsoring a HOME (Home is Our Most Important Environment) program in an attempt to bring parents together and provide them with some basic practical information.

HOME uses 12 discussion and activity kits with titles like "Who's in Charge Here," "Where Did Your Money Go?" and "Stretching Your Food Dollar" as guidelines for informal group discussions.

They focus on three areas which are of vital importance to family life: family resource management, nutrition and child development. Making ends

meet, providing nutritious meals at reasonable prices and communicating with children are problems we all share, according to the service. Meeting with other parents to share common experiences and gain new information can make the going a little easier.

Kits are available upon request for the minimal charge of \$3 per kit by calling Cooperative Extension Service at 858-0895.

Franklin Road being paved

Motorists traveling in Southfield's Northwestern Highway-Franklin Road area may want to find other routes while Franklin Road is being paved.

That's the advice of Wes Peterson, city engineer.

Franklin Road between the bridge at I-695 and Northwestern Highway (M-4)

will be under construction and closed to through traffic until July 12, according to Peterson.

Residents north of the bridge will have access to Beck and Northwestern Highway. Traffic south of the bridge may use regular access roads, Peterson said.

consumer mailbag

Is there insurance to cover people who suffer losses because of nuclear power plant failures? What recourse do people living around Three Mile Island have for their problems?

Phil N. Livonia

The Price-Anderson Act, passed by Congress in 1957, is a law which limits the financial liability of nuclear power plant owners/operators to \$560 million per nuclear accident. Unfortunately this limited liability ignores estimates that damages from nuclear power plant accidents could be tens of billions of dollars.

No private insurance exists for individuals living near or around nuclear power plants. Residents of Three Mile Island would only be covered for actual losses suffered but not for the inconvenience, dislocation or future medical or psychological problems resulting from the episode.

What is the status of the Alaska Wilderness Protection Bill?

F.C. Troy

Many hurdles have been cleared in the quest to protect a portion of Alaskan wilderness, but the final hurdle is just now upon us. The U.S. Senate will begin debate on this historic issue on July 21.

The lands in question are federally owned. That means they belong to all Americans. For up-to-date information on the status of the bill, call the Alaska Coalition 24-hour hotline at 202-547-5550.

Consumer Mailbag answers your questions on consumer and environmental issues. Address mail to Concern, Inc., Detroit, 1 Northfield Plaza, Troy 48099.

class reunions

NORTHVILLE 1955

The Northville High School class of 1955 will hold a reunion at 7 p.m. July 5 in the Chalet of Farmington Hills. Particulars are available from George Miller, 348-0474, or Barbara Springer Smith, 464-3687.

ROCHESTER ADAMS

The five-year reunion of the class that graduated from Rochester Adams High School in 1975 has been cancelled. Plans will be made for a 10-year reunion.

PONTIAC CENTRAL 1980

The Pontiac Central High School class of 1970 will hold its 10-year reunion Aug. 2. More information is available from Carol Vandergiff, 682-3527, or Beverly Terry, 335-3061 or 575-2234.

SOUTHFIELD 1970

The Southfield High School 1970 graduating class has scheduled its 10-year reunion Aug. 2 at the Sheraton-Southfield. Those interested in attending may call Cecil Foote at Southfield High, 354-7480.

DETROIT COOLEY 1955

The January and June classes at Cooley High School in 1955 will hold a 25-year reunion Sept. 6. Reservation information is available from Loretta Sasstamonien Boccomino, 477-7909, Brad Brown, 647-3342, or Ruth MacKenzie Vince, 651-3342.

DETROIT COOLEY 1945

The January and June classes from Cooley High School in 1945 will hold a 35-year reunion Sept. 13 at the Plymouth Hilton. For information and reservations, call Jim Dawley, 647-6859 or 352-2500.

DETROIT ST. GREGORY

The St. Gregory High School class of 1960 will hold a 20-year reunion at Roma Hall Sept. 13. Classmates who have not been contacted should call Linda Giordano Charnley, 522-1980.

DETROIT MACKENZIE 1940

The January and June 1940 classes at Mackenzie High School will hold a 40-year reunion Sept. 26 at the Shenandoah Country Club, Walnut Lake Road and Drake, West Bloomfield. The fee is \$25 per person. Checks should be made out to the Mackenzie 1940 Reunion Fund and mailed to A.L. Daly, 32318 Bonnet Hill, Farmington 48024. Information on classmates may be given Helen White Ward, 348-0348; Joyce Lindall Sage, 477-6906, or Helen Copious Daly, 553-4256.

DETROIT REDFORD 1954

A 25-year (plus 1) reunion is planned by the Redford High School class of 1954 on Sept. 27 at the Plymouth Hilton. Dancing to the music of the Fenby Carr orchestra and songs by Belinda Blanchard will be featured following dinner. For information, call Arville Johnson, 531-6394, or Beth Hull, 464-2611.

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