

Children are fascinated by small objects

I remember visiting Grandma's place. In the hall closet she kept a special container, an old and dated potato chip can, the kind with a lid on top and wire handles on the sides.

Grandma had it filled with "stuff," things that others tossed out. It had thread spools, mismatched wooden building blocks, marbles, a toy car or two, some tiny metal cups and saucers from some long forgotten tea set.

She also threw in parts of a chess set, a few pawns, a couple of knights, a king, but no board. There was no board for the checkers either, and any way, none of them matched.

SHE ALSO included a small coffee pot lid and its thick glasses. There were assorted game pieces and other treasured parts from overused toys and games.

That can was dragged out at every visit to Grandma's. I remember my presents she bought me through the years, though I'm certain there were many. But that can stands out in my mind.

Grandma didn't know much about child psychology. She never studied behavior and personality in school.

Child growth and development were words foreign to her vocabulary. But Grandma sure knew lots about kids.

Grandma knew that children like to explore. She knew that fancy, elaborated stores toys had their place, but they did not satisfy all the needs that children have.

SHE KNEW that young children were fascinated by collections of small objects and that they like to put things into and out of each other.

Grandma sensed that little ones were interested in visual detail and liked to look at and finger things with grooves and designs.

She figured that all the throwing, dropping, mauling, chewing and banging that kids do with things was just their way of becoming familiar with a strange world and that a child needed lots of time and opportunity to do those things.

That old chip can was Grandma's greatest gift to us, though she never let us take it home. That can represented her understanding of our needs, her permission to do what we needed to do, to grow and learn. It was her approval of us even when we acted poorly.

GRANDMA DIED five years ago. The potato chip can that had been in her hall closet is now kept in my mother's hall closet. And, Grandma's great-grandchild are now finding delight in the very same stuff Grandma had preserved for us.

You don't have to be a grandmother to give a gift like that can, and a special holiday or occasion isn't needed to pass on the accepting feelings Grandma held for us.

Wife abuse is Tuesday topic

Hedy Muriel, director of Interim House, the YWCA shelter for battered women, will moderate a program on wife abuse at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Northwest Branch YWCA, 2590 Grand River, Redford Township.

Ms. Muriel will offer information regarding shelter service and relate the needs of women and children who use these services.

Other speakers will be Officer Raymond Du Jardin of the community relations division of Central Crime Prevention of the Detroit Police Department, and Leslie Zellman of Therapist. She is a social worker who counsels wife abusers.



graphology

Lorene Green

He gets down to basics

Dear Mrs. Green: I am a freshman in college attending a small university. I subscribe to your newspaper so that I may keep in touch with my home town.

After reading your article, I would very interested in reading your thoughts on my handwriting. In particular, I was curious if you are also familiar with analyzing shorthand, for I use this method of writing most often. Thank you for taking the time. S.S., Birmingham

After reading very interested my handwriting

First, let me say that I am sorry I cannot analyze shorthand and to my knowledge there has been no research on it. However, I can appreciate why you find it so beneficial. You are a conscientious young man who is time oriented. You do not waste time on the extraneous, but like to get right down to basics. Most often, the direct approach is natural for you.

Your mind is both curious and analytical, and your reasoning is done in a logical manner. You are a visual learner with a retentive memory. Pointed tops at the top and bottom of most m's and n's, connected letters, and careful punctuation suggest this.

Vitality is readily available to you for pursuing your interests. Your emotions run deep, and the memory of experiences, both happy and sad, remain with you for long periods. To forgive and forget does not come easily for you.

In interpersonal relationship, you frequently exercise caution and reserve. You tend to keep a little distance between yourself and the other person. How close the relationship will be is usually determined by you.

You are quite selective of your close friend. Those who share similar interests would probably by your choice. This is shown by your spacing and narrow lower loop formations.

Though often serious, you do have the desire for laughter and can see the lighter side of life.

If you have a question about your handwriting, write to Lorene Collett Green, a certified graphologist, in care of this newspaper. Please use a full sheet of unlined white paper and write in the first person singular. Be sure to sign your name. Age and handedness are also helpful.



Pat Bordman

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consumer mailbag

One of my New Year's resolutions is to go on a diet. Are the diet pills advertised on TV safe? Do they make you lose weight?

M.L., Birmingham

You're not alone in this resolution. Some 20 million people go on diets every year, and I would venture a guess that at least half of them start on New Year's Day.

Non-prescription diet products have been on the market for many years. Some are taken off the shelves long ago. They are found unsafe. If any of them really worked, that is if all of the overweight people that took them lost weight and kept it off, they all would have disappeared from the shelves long ago.

Diet aids do not make you lose weight. In some instances, they do work to inhibit or suppress your appetite, but weight loss comes only in you

reduce your intake of calories. Although these products are assumed safe, no written information is yet available from the Food and Drug Administration. Diane Place, consumer information officer with the Detroit office of the FDA, advises that all over-the-counter preparations be taken cautiously, according to label directions and never for extended periods of time without consulting a physician. And remember that as individuals we all react differently and that side effects can vary in degree depending on your own physiology.

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