



retirement memos

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## Sights hit their peak in the West

A PEAK experience at Mount Rainier. A deep one at Crater Lake. Gorgeous views in the Columbia River gorge and explosive ones at Mount St. Helens. Dramatic times at the Shakespeare Festival at Ashland. The heavenly redwoods in northern California.

Joe and I had fun thinking up short descriptions for our varied stops during nearly 3,000 miles of driving around the Pacific northwest late this summer. But they couldn't begin to sum up our enjoyment of one of the newest experiences retirees can have — exploring new places.

Visiting the northwest corner of our land long had been on our travel wish list. And fulfilling the wish convinced us this section equals — in many ways surpasses — the grandeur we saw a few summers ago in Alaska.

THE FIRST DAY on the road we went to Mount St. Helens, and Joe commented that day on its own was worth the price of the trip. Pictures we had seen didn't at all convey the devastation caused by that volcanic eruption six years ago. It takes the sight of tall Douglas firs lying like matchsticks on slope after slope to portray the power of earth's forces.

But then in the next few days we fell in love with Mount Rainier, and that was worth the price of two trips. We drove and hiked, seeing that enchanting peak from highway, meadow, mountainside, glacier. Each time it came into view it seemed more beautiful.

## Panel tells how to prepare for retiring

Registrations are being taken now for "Preparation for Retirement" seminar, that will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Panel members will include an attorney who specializes in Social Security law, a doctor who specializes in geriatrics, a real estate agent, a financial planner, a social worker from Presbytery of Detroit and an officer of American Association of Retired Persons.

Fee is \$3 if registration is made prior to Oct. 12, or \$4 thereafter. Checks are to be made payable to the church, and sent to the church at 25165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills 48018.

## AA meets

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place from 8-10 p.m. every Tuesday in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, 28050 Grand River.

Inquiries about the fellowship meetings are taken by calling the hospital's Health Development Network, 471-8090.

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## Youth shown in rounded letters

Dear Ms. Green:

I have just discovered your interesting column! How fascinating! I am very curious to see what you have to say about me. I never knew that our handwriting reflected our individual personality. By the way, I am left-handed. What can you tell me about my handwriting? Thanks,  
J.K. — West Bloomfield

Dear J.K.:

Many are the things I can tell you about your personality from your handwriting. And while you do not mention your age, I am inclined to think you are a rather young woman due, in part, to your rounded letter formations. This style is most often used by young people.

Outwardly you appear poised and in control. You are a rather private person who is careful not to reveal much of your inner life. Neither do you make snap decisions. Preference is for taking time to consider how the matter will affect you personally.

Although you are independent in many areas, you remain emotionally dependent on family support.

When you wrote to me there was

graphology  
Lorene  
Green

*I commend you on a very  
column which I enjoy read  
week in the Redford Observer  
never had my handwriting  
but thought it would be  
interesting to have it done*

some lack of fulfillment in your life. And you were also tired or a bit down. (Some letter loops do not return to the baseline and many lines of writing have a downward slope to them.)

Unpleasantness is distasteful to

you. So you seek to avoid it whenever possible. You are loyal to your friends as well as to the things in which you believe.

Acceptance and approval from others has a high priority. And you can come on strong and/or dramatic to make an impression on those

around you.

PERSISTENCE is noted in your tied t bars. You are not one to give up easily once you get involved. In your work you are methodical, organized and orderly. And you do not like to be rushed as you strive for perfection.

Currently you are not involved in long-range goals. Your area of most interest is in the affairs of day-to-day living.

Observant by nature, little escapes your watchful eyes. You are aware of details and probably have retentive memory.

Some creativity is found in this handwriting. You can probably work well with your hands. Art is one possibility. Literary aptitude is also suggested.

Readers may have their handwriting analyzed by Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist. Write to her at 30251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful. And objective feedback is always welcome.

## Horseman supports 4-H career program

When Ken Rucker of Farmington Hills' Fairway Stables paid \$2,000 for the standardized yearling "Shawnee Finest," he was doing more than buying a promising race horse. He was helping to support the youth who are involved in 4-H's Standardbred Project.

Shawnee Finest was raised by 4-H'er Lisa Blackmer, one of 13 young women who are learning the stan-

dardbred business during a year's time.

Four-H members involved in the production project were given weanling standardbred foals to raise for a year. During the year they attend a number of workshops, visit a breeding farm, a commercial racetrack, drive a harness horse and learn about the animals' health and

feeding as well as about horsemen careers.

A portion of the project is to keep detailed records on their horses' growth and development along with expense records.

At the end of the program, members take their yearlings to an especially arranged show at Adrian Fairgrounds so that judges and prospective buyers can evaluate the horses'

condition and training potential as a winning harness horse.

The yearlings are sold at auction. Four-H members receive up to \$1,000 in documented experience. The remainder of the selling price is divided to the 4-H member and to the breeder who donated the horse for the project.

## Displaced homemakers program continues

Through a grant from the Michigan Department of Labor, Office of Women and Work, Jewish Vocational Service and Community Workshop (JVS-CW), a non-sectarian agency, announces the sixth year of a Dis-

placed Homemaker Program for individuals from Wayne and Oakland Counties.

Displace homemakers are women who, through divorce, separation, widowhood or disability of spouse,

have lost their source of economic support. After spending a substantial number of years in the home caring for family members, displaced homemakers find returning to the job market a difficult transition.

Interested applicants are encouraged to call Sherri Lumberg or Louise George at Jewish Vocational Service and Community Workshop, 559-5000 during business hours.

## new voices

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD EATON JR. of Farmington Hills announce the birth of their son, Bretton Patrick, born Sept. 1 in William Beaumont Hospital. The infant has one brother, Ryan.

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