



consumer mailbag

Terry Gibb

'Environment' rates state high

Environment magazine's "Spectrum" section recently had some good news for Michigan environmentalists.

Because of declining interest in environmental problems at the federal level, states must fill this void. Michigan was ranked fifth in a state-by-state assessment done by the Fund for Renewable Energy and the Environment.

Each state was rated in six environmental areas: air pollution, hazardous waste, soil conservation, solid waste, groundwater and energy conservation.

The 16 best overall state programs were found in Wisconsin, California, New Jersey, Connecticut, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Florida, Illinois and Massachusetts.

The assessment pointed out that low ranking by a state did not necessarily mean the environment was a low priority, but rather that low per capita income of the state's residents prevented the state from participating in matching federal fund programs.

THE NATIONAL Wildlife Federation has a new environmental legislation hotline number. Callers receive a taped message on legislation affecting the environment and are given the names and addresses of the lawmakers to contact.

The hotline number is 202-737-2024.

A NEW PRODUCT manufactured by Ecoplastics in Toronto may be an answer to the litter problem we still face.

Ecolite is a low-density, photo-degradable polyethylene plastic. When an ecolite plastic container is left in

ultraviolet light, the container gradually becomes brittle and breaks apart until it finally degrades into water and carbon dioxide.

Other uses include a garden mulch that stops weeds from growing while it gradually decomposes into the soil.

Ecolite will not solve the solid waste landfill problems because items kept indoors or out of the sun (including buried in a landfill) will not break apart. Ultraviolet light does not penetrate glass so items near windows will not be affected either.

CONCERN DETROIT Inc. was selected by the Clean Michigan Fund to receive an education grant to develop and present environmental programs on recycling in Wayne County during the 1987-88 school year.

These programs will focus on kindergarten through eighth-grade students and the local parent-teacher organizations.

If you would like your school or class to participate in these programs (they're free to the schools), send a letter to Concern at the address below.

Because of the increased volume of programs, Concern will be hiring a part-time project assistant. Interested individuals should have at least a high school diploma with additional training and/or experience in communications and public relations. Resumes should be sent to Concern.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, One Kennedy Square, 4th Floor, Detroit 48226.

Headache—when is it serious?

Dear Jo:

When is a headache serious enough to seek medical help? I am over 65 and have been experiencing more headaches lately. Your advice please.

K.P., Windsor

Dear Mrs. P.:

A headache can be a symptom of something as serious as a blood clot or brain tumor, or it can simply be a reaction to stress or the heat. Most of us are not sure when to ask for professional help.

A headache is serious enough to seek medical attention when:

- It is accompanied by fever and a stiff neck.
- There is pain at the temple, particularly in person older than 65.
- It is accompanied by impairment of function such as paralysis, imbalance, double vision or difficulty with speech.

Network lunches at OCC

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus will hold the Women's Network Luncheon at noon Wednesday, Oct. 21. Brenda Vesprini will speak on

"Risk Taking." Luncheon tickets are \$5; reservations must be made by Oct. 16. Call OCC 360-3041 for further information.

Readers can write to Jolyane Farrell at 11 Cynthia Crescent, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4E 1J3.



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A. Jolayne Farrell

- It worsens over days and weeks.
- There is sudden, excruciating head pain.
- It is worse in the morning and improves as the day goes on.

Mrs. P., since your headaches are more common now than there were when you were younger, you should discuss them with your doctor at your next physical examination.

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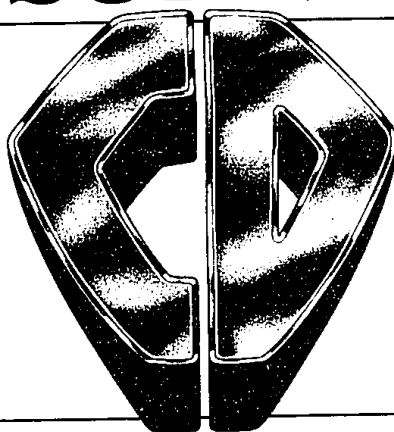
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