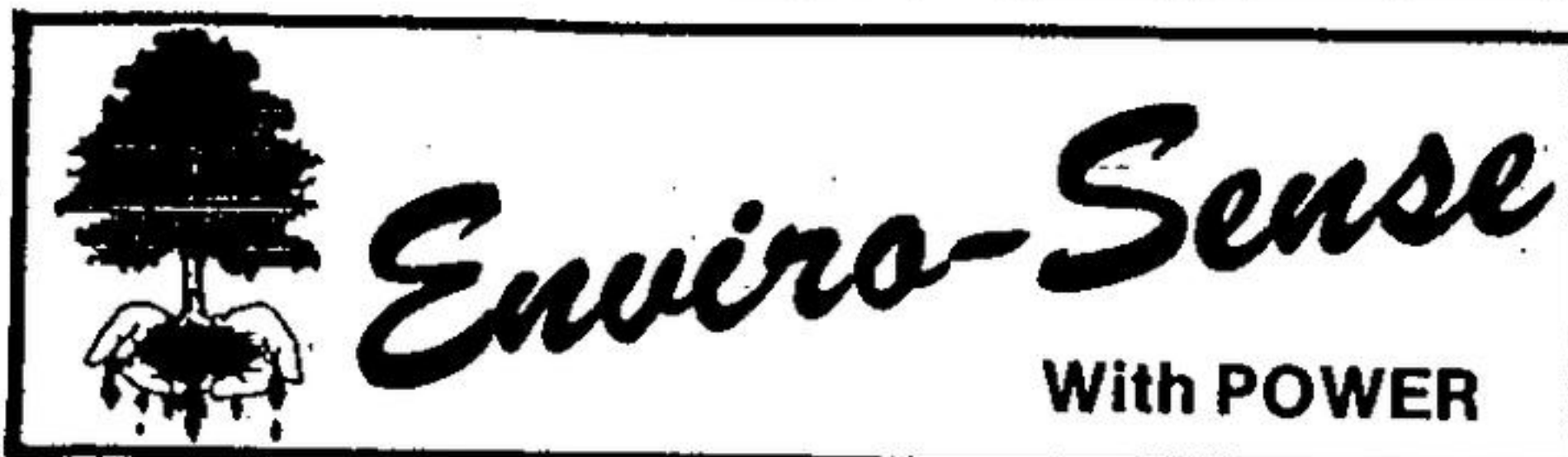




Crowning glory

While many people hid from the humidity and complained about the heat, this little guy relished in the sun's rays and grew beyond expectations. This huge sunflower is the crowning glory of an impressive garden located on Margaret Street in Georgetown. (Herald photo)



Use a clothesline to reduce energy

By BARBARA HALSALL

Clotheslines Save Energy
The cumulative impact that we are having on the earth is happening in thousands of ways so each of us must examine that many small changes we can make in our day-to-day lives that will save the planet.

What can I do?
Clothes dryers are one of the biggest energy users in our homes. Over the last year my dryer has become increasingly temperamental, sometimes revolving with heat and sometimes without. It has been impossible to predict when the dryer will take a fancy to rotate on cold and when it will dry in the usual way.

This dryer has been repaired before (we should all aim to use things as long as possible), but according to my repairman, a dryer that is 23 years old is not worth repairing especially when the worn part is the expensive timer.

So far this summer I haven't replaced my dryer, partly because I've been too busy trying to save the town's water supply but partly because I wanted to be forced into using my clothesline. Fortunately with the glorious weather we have enjoyed and

some help from the young people in my family, almost all of our laundry is being dried by the sun and wind. Surprisingly, it hasn't been that difficult.

If you are like my daughter who doesn't enjoy hanging the loads of little things like socks, start with sheets. They dry quickly and smell great. That will save two or three loads right there and this may be the beginning of a new habit.

Actually, I have not found using the clothesline to be that much of a chore and even hanging socks and underwear is a nice break outside.

I enjoy deep breaths of fresh air, listening to the birds, watching the butterflies and feeling that I am helping to protect humans and all of God's creatures from global warming and acid rain that results when electricity is made at coal fired generating plants.

Yes, I will eventually replace my dryer, but when I do, I expect I'll continue to use the clothesline whenever weather permits and enjoy doing it. You can make a difference.

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