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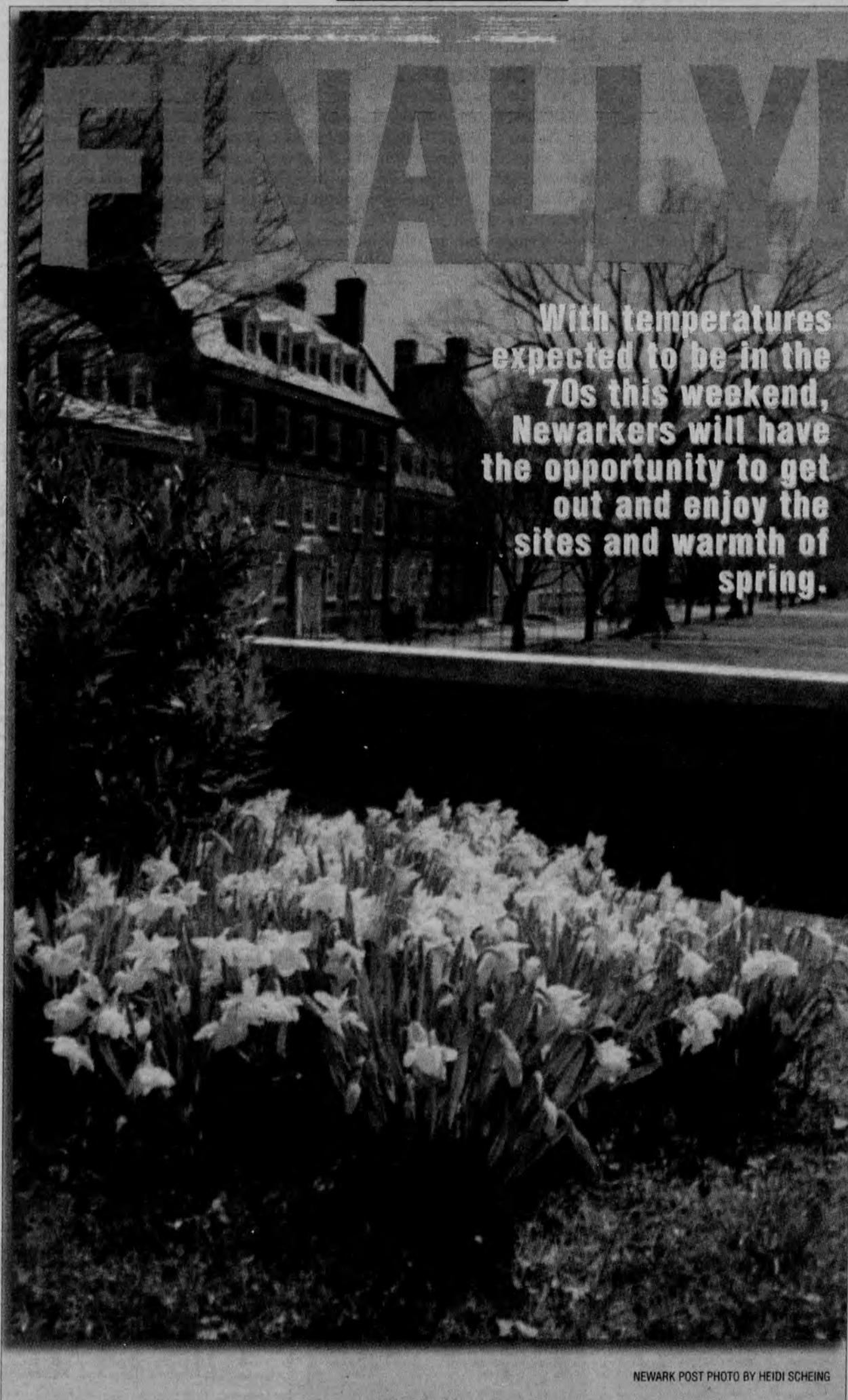
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Executive session minutes released

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Following the March 17 decision of Chancery Court Chancellor William B. Chandler, Newark city council has released the minutes of a council executive session held on June 9, 1997.

"In a spirit of cooperation, we decided the best thing for the city is to accept the decision of Chancellor Chandler, even though the city attorney advised us last June that the issues to be discussed in executive session were personnel related and properly advertised," said councilmember Hal Godwin. "There is no reason to prolong the debate further."

In the second sentence of his Letter Opinion, Chandler stated city council, "in my opinion, tried honestly and in good faith to comply with the

Freedom of Information Act..."

Further, Chandler notes that both plaintiff, Nancy Turner, and the city agreed that the personnel issues discussed during the session were proper.

Nevertheless, council also had a "candid expression of viewpoints about personalities, motivations or intentions of particular members of Council," which Chandler said should have been conducted in public.

Mayor Ronald Gardner said on Monday night that he was responsible for deciding to hold the discussion about a councilmember during an executive session. (See opinion, page 7). Gardner said he and other councilmembers believed that a discussion related to the behavior of a councilmember was a personnel issue that could be included in the executive session which addressed two other personnel matters.

"I wanted to avoid any embarrassment for Ms.

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Partnership approved downtown

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

DESPITE SOME criticism, Newark city council unanimously voted this week to establish the Downtown Newark Partnership.

Resident Albert Porach asked council to table the ordinance and consider a Municipal Business Improvement District as an alternative. "Under that alternative, you only tax the units who benefit," said Porach.

The Partnership, which will include a maximum of 13 members from the city of Newark, the University of Delaware and local businesses, will advise city council on the economic improvement and enhancement of downtown Newark. A companion ordinance established a \$25 license surcharge for all city businesses to help fund Partnership programs.

"If I was the owner of College Square I'd be asking why I'm paying to benefit the downtown district," said Porach. "It's ridiculous, absurd."

But Mayor Ronald Gardner pointed out that the business license fee had

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District approves new plan

By STEVE WESTRICK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AN AMENDED redistricting plan has been adopted after the original proposal was voted down at the March meeting of the Christina School Board.

The school board voted 4-2 for the revised plan suggested by board member Spring W. Davidson to redraw the feeder patterns of the district.

Under the new plan, the developments of Arbour Park and Academy Hill will join other areas in shifting feeder patterns to Newark High and Shue-Medill Middle school.

"This was not a new motion, only a slight amendment to add some communities," said board president Michael Guilfoyle.

Davidson, Charles M. Mullen, Teresa L. Schooley and Guilfoyle voted for the amended plan. Brenda C. Phillips and James W. Kent opposed it. George E. Evans was absent.

According to Guilfoyle, the original plan was voted down because board members were concerned about a lack of communication between the Secondary Redistricting Committee and the public. This lack of communi-

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NEWARK POST • POLICE BLOTTER

■ **Police Beat** is compiled each week from the files of the Newark Police Department by staff writer Mary Petzak.

WSFS robbed

A masked suspect entered WSFS Bank in College Square around 9:30 a.m. on March 19 and demanded money from the tellers. The suspect, described as a male, around 6 feet tall with a stocky build, speaking with a booming voice, and wearing blue sweats and white gloves, fled after receiving an unknown amount of cash. Police said no weapon was displayed and no one was injured.

A witness told police the suspect fled in a beige-colored 1983 Honda Civic hatchback with temporary Delaware Tag #x664390. The car was last seen northbound on Interstate 95 near the Maryland Avenue exit. Anyone with information about the robbery or the fleeing vehicle, should call the F.B.I. at 658-4391, or Newark Police at 366-7111.

Newark man accused in hit-run

New Castle County Police arrested a man stopped on Kirkwood Highway near Meadowood around 1:10 a.m. on March 25. Police said Louis L. Dotson Jr., 26, of Admiral Court Apartments in Newark, was traveling in excess of 70 mph. The officers observed that the Dodge Daytona driven by Dotson had damage to the front end and what appeared to be clothing fabric embedded on the outside. A review of other agencies and hospitals determined that a vehicle matching the description of Dotson's had been involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident on Old Baltimore Pike in Oxford, Pa., on March 24 around 11:10 p.m. A bicyclist was killed in the collision.

County police charged Dotson with DUI, criminal impersonation, driving with a suspended driver's license, and speeding in connection with the Delaware incident.

Dotson was also found to be wanted on outstanding charges by the Court of Common Pleas, Magistrate's Court 10, and the

Newark Alderman's Court 40. Pennsylvania State Police are continuing their investigation.

Possible accident in car damage

On March 19 around 2:43 p.m. police were called to a parking lot on McIntyre Road where 20-year-old Walter Raposa of New Castle said someone damaged his car. An investigation showed the car had been involved in an accident, possibly one reported by Maryland Police just over the state line. Newark Police charged Raposa with underage consumption. No other charges were confirmed.

Heroin, alcohol used by teen

Newark Police found a 17-year-old Newark youth with a strong odor of alcohol passed out on the sidewalk near the Deer Park Tavern. A friend told police the youth "did heroin" the day before. The youth was transported to the Newark Emergency Room and then to

Kirkwood Detox before being released.

DUI teen crashes into house

Newark police report that on March 20 around 11 p.m. police observed two men standing in a yard on West Delaware Avenue where a car had crashed against the front door of a house. The front of the car was on the porch and the back was in the yard. Police said the 17-year-old driver and passenger Maurice Holmes, 18, were charged with underage consumption. The driver was also charged with DUI.

Man stopped for running light

On March 22 around 1:35 a.m. police stopped 20-year-old Douglas Levesque of Rhode Island near the intersection of Delaware and South College avenues for disregarding a traffic control device. He was charged with DUI and underage consumption.

Building inspector complains

Newark Police report that on March 16 around 9:30 a.m. a Newark city building inspector taking photos of building code violations at the property of DelChapel Associates on South Chapel Street was verbally abused by an unidentified 58-year-old man at the site. The building inspector, who remained in his vehicle, said the man used insults and abusive language. No charges were filed.

Inebriated woman falls on wall

On March 19 around 10:15 p.m. police responded to a medical emergency near 148 E. Main Street and found 20-year-old Amanda Hartung of Newark on the sidewalk. Alex Wollowick, 18, also of Newark, told police that Hartung fell and struck her head on a brick wall.

Police charged both girls with underage consumption.

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Stream, and Stone Spring.

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Eternal vigilance costs city

By MARY E. PETZAK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

THE COST IN DOLLARS TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE city of Newark is \$18,000 and counting. The costs in emotional pain cannot be measured.

Since 1996, the city has paid city solicitor Roger Akin approximately \$11,023 for legal work connected with two different ethics charges brought against councilmember Hal Godwin, Freedom of Information claims regarding ethics board deliberations and earlier breakfast meetings between individual councilmembers and University of Delaware officials, and the lawsuit brought by council member Nancy Turner to release the minutes of a city council executive session.

"In response to your question, we have gone through Roger's bills and done the best we could," said city manager Carl Luft, explaining the total. "But this is still an estimate."

Luft said the city had received city solicitor bills only as of February, 1998. "The bill from attorney James Semple for his investigation was another \$4,820 and the transcription costs were \$2,155," Luft noted.

Results to date of the protracted ethical and legal proceedings include:

1) Godwin was found to have "inadvertently" violated the city ethics code, a second decision by the Ethics Board, known in detail for months, was publicly reaffirmed, and councilmembers no longer meet on city business of any kind without public notice;

2) for those who do not want to miss a word of city council's bickering, the relevant minutes of the June 9, 1997, executive session have been made public, and according to the court, similar discussions must share time with other city business during the regular council meetings. (See related story, this issue).

3) personal items stored in the water treatment plant, at no demonstrated cost to city operations, services or taxes, were removed the day after the city manager finally was informed of their existence.

As long ago as that June meeting, councilmembers and the public were already concerned about the "painful" public scenes which became routine at later council meetings. The attempt at that time to settle their differences in private led to Turner's lawsuit.

In February, 1998, outgoing city councilmember Anthony Felicia expressed "sadness and pain" at the lack of trust engendered in charges between council and its members. However, Felicia said, Semple's investigation of Turner's actions prior to informing the city manager about the items in the water treatment plant was necessary because there was no way council could go on without trust in each other.

City Secretary Sue Lamblack said criticisms about closed door meetings and secrecy in the city are also painful to city staff because they try hard to be accessible. "Anybody can come in and have access to just about anything," she said.

According to Lamblack, the Municipal Building was designed to reflect open government and a walk through the halls shows few walls and universally open doors to offices. "We felt it was important when citizens walk in they feel we're open to them," Lamblack noted.

Despite the emphasis placed in recent months on Freedom of Information, Lamblack said prior to Turner's requests last year, no one had ever asked for minutes of any city executive session. "We know that, even though we do not keep exact numbers of who asks for a particular document or how long it takes to prepare," said Lamblack. "We're in the business to provide information and if we had to keep track of the numbers, we wouldn't have time to provide information."

One time-consuming example are verbatim minutes, prepared at the request of the Ethics Board, which have been available since last September. Included are the June 19 executive session in which the board originally deliberated charges against Hal Godwin, as well as the five-plus hours of minutes for the hearing itself.

"I did keep count of the time it took to produce verbatim minutes of the June Ethics Board hearing and executive session," said Lamblack. "Even with all my training and experience, it took 30 hours to transcribe and another six-and-a-half hours to proof-read."

Nevertheless, Lamblack said few people have requested either those Ethics Board minutes or the transcripts and report prepared by Semple. "We still have copies if people want to get them," Lamblack said.

Lamblack has noticed that her "overtime" has increased in recent months. "I don't get paid for overtime, but I'm here after regular hours," she said. "We've had to put regular work aside to do extra minutes and the only way I can get the regular work done is to work extra time."

Not that she wants to do that. "It's a strain, and sometimes I just say, 'I have a personal life, too.'"



NEWARK POST STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE WESTRICK

NASA education specialist Dennis Christopher visited McVey Elementary School this week to tell students what life is like in space. Second grade student Ben Conover got to model some gear.

Council upset with implication of illegality

► **LAWSUIT, from 1**

Turner rather than cause it," explained Gardner on Monday night. He added that if she had expressed a desire during the executive session to have the subject discussed in public, he would have done so.

Instead, Turner filed a lawsuit a month later to have the minutes made public.

According to outgoing councilmember Anthony Felicia, only

those who never get involved, never make mistakes. "Council welcomes advice and we're smart enough to take it and do better," said Felicia on Monday. "But I object to the suggestion that we (deliberately) hide or misrepresent things, or were doing something illegal."

Despite remarks on this matter attributed to Turner in other publications, she told a *Newark Post* reporter she would not answer questions about the lawsuit.

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O'Leary inducted into Hall of Fame

Popular Chapel Street Player Renee G. O'Leary was inducted into the Delaware Women's Hall of Fame, sponsored by the Delaware Commission for Women, on March 18.

O'Leary served as an educator in public schools for over 38 years, working with some of the most impoverished at-risk students in the state. Her numerous awards include Delaware State Teacher of the Year, and the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Award. In 1994, O'Leary was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame for her innovation, leadership, and dedication to elementary science education.

O'Leary's creation, the P.A.S.S. Program, is listed as one of 10 exemplary programs nationally in early childhood service in the U.S. Department of Education's book, "Promising Practices in Mathematics & Science Education."

O'Leary began the Braille Rally with the blind community 28 years ago when she was the first woman president of the Brandywine Motorsport Club. O'Leary continues to run this event which has benefited more than 450 blind people.

O'Leary volunteers for several community organizations, including the Kingswood United Methodist Church, Brandywiners Limited, and the Chapel Street Players.

The Delaware Commission for Women is a 25-year-old organization sanctioned and supported by the State of Delaware's Department of Labor. The commission's sole purpose is to advocate for the equality, self-reliance, and positive self-esteem of women of all ages, and to foster and promote the full participation of women in all sectors of society. To these ends, the commission researches issues, presents public forums, conducts educational conferences, provides referral services, partners with others, monitors legislations, and disseminates information on issues impacting women and their families.



NEWARK POST STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE WESTRICK

Students at Jennie E. Smith elementary school showed off their entries for the 1997/1998 Reflections Program. Students standing by their entries include: (Left to Right) Rachel Gregory, Sean Brady, Dawn Brady, Matthew Reed and Kristen Gregory.

Reflections is sponsored by the National PTA to encourage participation in the arts. This is the first year Jennie E. Smith participated in the program, receiving 23 entries from students.

The entries were judged by three independent judges. The winners at the primary level include: Michael Ballard, literature and musical composition; Sharon Casey, photography; Matthew Reed, visual arts.

The winners at the Intermediate level include: Rachel Staz, literature composition; Keith Jackson, photography; Dawn Brady, visual arts.

City Council approves partnership

► PARTNERSHIP, from 1

never been raised since its inception in 1981 and that increased taxes from new business downtown would benefit the entire city.

"If businesses had a problem, we would expect them to be here and voice an opinion," added councilmember Thomas Wampler. "They're not here and that's the way it works."

Gardner said promotion of Newark is expected to also benefit other people as well.

An estimated 50 citizens who turned out for a public meeting on the future of Newark and transportation issues last week, expressed general approval of the idea and said more family-oriented restaurants, clothing stores and book shops are needed in downtown Newark.

Newark resident, Betty Ivy, said she would like additional University police at the intersections when students are changing classes. "It's hard to drive along when they (the students) are there," Ivy said.

But Jerry Brown, a Wilmington resident who teaches Wellness at the university, said he will be convinced of the benefits of future planning only when the traffic situation improves.

In response to suggestions from residents on Monday night, council amended the ordinance to direct that at least one member of the Partnership will be the chair or president of a Newark community cultural group, and the one at-large member appointed by council will be a Newark resident.

The remaining members will include the mayor of Newark, the president of the University of Delaware, the city man-

ager, two owners of Main Street businesses, one owner of a Main Street property, one Newark resident with a special interest in downtown, one representative of the New Castle or Delaware chamber of commerce, and one operating official each from a local corporation, a bank with a branch in Newark, and the Newark Post.

Existing committees or bodies which will be incorporated into the Partnership include the business association's Design, Special Events and Economic Restructuring committees, and the Newark Parking Authority.

Assistant city planner Maureen Roser, who will coordinate the working committees, said a new Business Services Committee will also be established to work with businesses and seek input from the public about new ideas.

Christina goes ahead with redistricting plan

► REDISTRIC, from 1

cations included the committee ignoring requests from parents and students to have the two developments added to the areas which will attend Newark High.

Some members of the public still asked that the vote be delayed at the most recent meeting so they could study the new amendment.

"There were people who said they didn't have enough time to react," Guilfoyle said. "But we felt the plan has been out there three months, that is a good amount of time. The only comments we received from the public in that time were about the inclusion of the Arbour Park area and a finger along

the Polly Drummond Hill Road."

Guilfoyle said the strip along Polly Drummond Hill Road was not added to the amended plan because half the students wanted to go to Newark, while half the students wanted to stay at Christiana. Those students wanting to attend Newark can use the school choice program, said Guilfoyle.

The redistricting plan became necessary when district enrollment projections showed some middle and high schools would be over 100 percent capacity by the year 2003, while other schools would be under capacity.

As recommended by the original redistricting plan, students effected by the amendment will be phased

into new schools. Students already in a school will remain there, while those students making the transition to middle or high school will follow the new patterns.

For the Arbour Park and Academy Hill developments approximately 48 students will be affected over the five years.

According to Guilfoyle, it was a difficult decision to go against the recommendation of the committee, but the school board has the final decision.

"As board members we have to feel as comfortable as we can with a decision like this," Guilfoyle said. "Sometimes the best recommendations come from the staff and sometimes they come from other sources."

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NEWARK CITY ELECTIONS

MAYOR'S RACE

GODWIN VS. ASHLEY

Godwin wants to deliver results for the city

MAYORAL CANDIDATE Hal Godwin sees a tremendous amount of work to be done in Newark, but feels he has the qualifications and experience to get results.

"I want the opportunity to apply the same principles I've used on city council and deliver results for the city as a whole," said Godwin who has served on city council for 11 years.

According to Godwin, one of the biggest issues facing Newark is water. "We do not have the volume, the supply, the reserves of water to support any more large customers," said Godwin. "For example, the DelChapel site on South Chapel Street, or a Rodol or MBNA, a new housing complex — we would have a hard time calling up enough water to support any of those if they were developing now."

Godwin said Newark has enough water for small increments but there's not enough water to really add a lot of customers and improve the tax base.

"There's also still a problem with water quality in the south end of town," Godwin said. "We have to find a way to permanently improve the wellfield or find another source."

Godwin believes he has the experience, know how and contacts to be on good workable terms with state and county officials and get things done. "Right now, for instance, I'm aware the city water department and city finance director are talking with the city of Wilmington about releasing water down the Red Clay to help United Water," said Godwin. "That would leave more water in the White Clay for us to use and we wouldn't have to buy supplies from United."

Godwin said the economic vitality of Main Street is also very important to him. "This new Downtown Partnership is a good first step," said Godwin. "The Mayor will be a permanent member of the board and will need to keep a very sharp eye out to make sure the balance of business and community interests is maintained."

Other downtown issues include parking,

and traffic, pedestrian safety and bikeways. "Parking is adequate now but might not be in the future and is not always clearly identified," said Godwin. "Some people also complain about security when they park behind buildings at night."

Lighting has alleviated some concerns but not all, said Godwin. "Also, as time goes on, we will possibly hear more talk about a combining lots or a garage."



Godwin

Godwin said even while making room for more parking, the city has to do everything possible to relieve traffic congestion, especially truck traffic. "We have to find a way to get it re-routed and the Mayor who also serves on the Wilmington Area Planning Council is among the most influential people to accomplish that."

Godwin has already met with the town managers of towns to the north up Route 896. "They want trucks off Route 896 as well and hopefully we could bring together dialogue and communication with Pennsylvania which would re-route trucks away from Newark."

Godwin said he was also proud to have had a part in arranging a Delmarva Power and Light contract which guaranteed favorable electric rates and trouble-free service for Newark. "As Mayor I would encourage Newark to remain an independent electric supplier because it is more cost efficient and provides better services."

Finally, Godwin said he intends to continue the healthy and open dialogue between the city and the University of Delaware that he was part of as chair of the Town and Gown Committee. "I expect that to serve me well in the future."

A native of Newark, Godwin has owned a Shell Service Center on Route 896 for 27 years. He studied business, economics and automotive repair at the University of Delaware, Delaware Technical and Community College and Wilmington College.

He and his wife, Anne, who have five children and three grandchildren, live in Cherry Hill.

Editor's note: On April 14, voters in Newark will decide on a new mayor as well as a councilmember in District 5. This week, we present profiles on the candidates for these positions. We present Newark Post file facts and photo for Nancy Turner who cancelled an appointment to prepare her profile. Karl Kahlbacher and Gerald Grant are unopposed for council seats in Districts 3 and 6.

DISTRICT FIVE

TURNER VS. OSBORNE

Ashley believes hard work will make difference

POLITICAL NEWCOMER Marguerite Ashley, said she will make a good mayor of Newark because she is a hard worker.

"Since 1987, I've worked hard in every job I've had and produced a lot of stuff," Ashley said. "I've done tangible things in every job I've had."

Ashley pointed to her achievements during seven years as economic development coordinator for the Newark Business Association as well as manager of the Milford Main Street program.

"I've also really been productive in my 10 to 12 years of experience in the quasi-political arena (in my job with New Castle County)," said Ashley. "I've established relationships with quite a few departments and legislative staffs which would allow me to pick up the phone and talk to a wide variety of relevant players in the state."

According to Ashley, the most important issue facing Newark is homeownership in central neighborhoods. "There is a growing minority of people interested in town living," she said. "I'd like to hook up with a real estate company who find it to their interest to market it more and make people aware of the kinds of incentives out there — government organizations and the banking community are eager to find first time buyers."

Ashley said she would pitch this message to the growing minority, especially people her age whose children are grown and gone.

"Traffic congestion is also an issue," said Ashley, adding she would like to re-open 20-year-old talks about a combined city and University of Delaware transit system. "The need is much greater now and we might be able to work towards it."

Ashley said she also supports the bypass initiative. "I would support those who want a complete circle using roads from Route 72 all the way around to 896, but I don't think the piece across White Clay Creek Preserve is necessary to make it work."

Ashley said if the city would have the goal to not build across White Creek, then they could build everywhere else.

In regard to the newly-approved Downtown Newark Partnership, Ashley said, "I'm thrilled to pieces the city is entering a new era of commitment to downtown."

Ashley said she would like to see downtown as a pedestrian-friendly experience which can't be duplicated by shopping centers and malls. "The same things that make it fun to (bike) up to Main Street with my boys will make it better for business," Ashley noted. "I want Main Street to succeed financially but there is more than one bottom line and I also want the most (benefit of any kind) for the most people."

Ashley is employed fulltime with the New Castle County Department of Community Services. In addition to her previous positions with Newark and Milford, she also has worked as administrator of the White Clay Watershed Association.

A graduate of the University of Delaware, Ashley has lived in Newark since 1970. She presently lives on Kells Avenue with her husband and three children.



Ashley

Presley withdraws from race

John Presley officially withdrew from Newark's mayoral race on Wednesday.

According to Presley, he made the decision for personal reasons. A resident of Brook Drive, Presley had been a candidate for only 10 days.

Osborne wants to bring stability to city

FRANK J. OSBORNE JR., city council candidate in Newark's 5th District, has been there before.

From 1968-72, the 67-year-old served on city council in the First District. "I served on council years ago and I want to try to bring some stability back to council now," said Osborne. "I'd like to work on more cooperation."

Before accepting an early retirement offer from the Christina School District, Osborne taught at Newark High School for 29 years where he was chair of the social studies department. "Among other things I taught political science," said Osborne. "I like to tell people I'm gonna practice what I preached."

As a possible councilmember, Osborne said he would like a beltway around Newark but doesn't see it coming to fruition in the near future. "So we have to work on other plans," he noted. "I want to

look closely at DelDOT plans because I live off Route 896 and I can see the traffic going by there."

Osborne added that he is following the progress of the Newark/Elkton Long Range Intermodal Plan, and is interested in the work of the Western Newark Traffic Relief Committee. "I have known Jack Billingsley and Bob Smith (current chair and vice-chair of WNTRC) for years."

Osborne is also interested in downtown development. "I want to see orderly growth — maybe not so many restaurants," he said. "We seem to be off to a good start with the new Downtown Partnership."

The city's good reputation of government and services are also things Osborne wants to continue. "Most people I talk to are very sat-

isfied with the city government," Osborne said. "As long as the city operates well, people don't really keep up with government process. The city government is the place where things go on that affect people's life, but as long as it's running smoothly, it's taken for granted."

According to Osborne, a secure water supply is one of his long range goals for Newark. "This only comes up when there's a water emergency and then it dies down," he said. "But with the rapid growth in Newark we need to address this sometime."

Since his retirement Osborne has invested his time heavily in the community. From 1995 to 1997 he served on the Newark Conservation Advisory Commission. He is a life member of V.F.W. Post 475 where he is chair of

the Post's Voice of America contest. He also serves as Post adjutant and was the state chairman for the Voice of America contest from 1997-98.

He has served on various boards and commissions of Newark United Methodist Church, including chairman of the administrative board, delegate to the Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conference and member of the board of trustees.

He is a volunteer guide at the Hagley Museum and a member of the New Castle Master Gardeners.

"I plan to get out of most other activities in order to devote myself to council if I'm elected," explained Osborne. "Since I'm retired, I'll be a fulltime councilmember."

Osborne is a graduate of Randolph Macon College and holds a masters degree in education from the University of Virginia.

A native of Virginia, Osborne has lived in Newark since 1962. He presently resides in Fairfield with his wife, Ruth. They have three children.



Osborne



Turner

Turner sees traffic as priority

Nancy Turner will reportedly continue to work on traffic issues if elected for a second term in District 5. She formerly chaired the Western Newark Traffic Relief Committee.

A feature writer for the Newark Post from 1986 to 1995, Turner is not employed at present. She is a graduate of Wofford College with a degree in English and sociology.

Turner, who has been a Newark resident since 1982, lives on West Main Street with her husband.

Opinion

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Well done, Mayor Gardner

IN FAREWELL REMARKS AT his last Newark city council meeting, Ronald L. Gardner borrowed from Charles Dickens to describe the city today as "the best of times" and "the worst of times."

Gardner has not caused the recent rough times. In fact, as he detailed in eloquent remarks Monday night, he attempted to avoid early on what has happened in recent months by calling the now-famous executive session on June 9.

The soft-spoken mayor is responsible for much of the success the city of Newark has enjoyed. Quietly, often behind the scenes, he has provided inspiring leadership to a diverse and changing council. He has encouraged fellow councilmembers to be vigilant in retaining and expanding the services rendered to Newark's citizens.

During his terms, the city has enjoyed fiscal prosperity, built a state-of-the-art police station, improved police services, and assembled a staff of capable, effective and responsive managers for other city operations.

As well, Gardner has provided similar leadership on the Wilmington Area Transportation Planning Council, keeping Newark's needs

foremost in his thoughts but attacking problems from a difficult regional perspective.

However, Gardner's most important contribution to the people of Newark may be his willingness to let all be heard. Despite the pain of often uncivil tongue lashings and the repetitive beatings-of-dead-dogs, Gardner has steadfastly maintained the public's right to be heard. We find it striking that a mayor who has welcomed public input leaves office amid cries of secrecy and behind-the-scenes sabotage.

Gardner, as well as retiring councilmember Anthony Felicia, should enjoy a sense of accomplishment. They have earned our respect and that of their peers and constituents.

Particularly in Newark today, citizens are reluctant to serve government at the level that most directly affects them. The potential for vengeful, often hurtful, attacks by fanatical citizens, make the rewards not worth the hassles, they conclude.

Gardner and Felicia stepped forward, and despite the increasingly negative atmosphere, pursued their duties to the end with professionalism and courtesy. We thank them and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Ho! Ho! Ho! I'm alarmed!

By MARVIN H. HUMMEL

NEWARK POST CONTRIBUTING WRITER

IF A HUMAN BEING IS WILLING TO be alarmed, the causes of alarm have always been present since Eve called the boys to dinner and Abel didn't show up and Cain avoided her eyes when she asked him, "Where's your brother?"

It is reasonable, therefore, to expect the existence of a certain amount of murder, larceny, and political crinkum-crankom at all times and places. Betrayals, assorted violences, wars, diseases, and pestilences have been humankind's often self-imposed misfortunes through the millennia since Adam threatened to take a palm frond to Abel but decided he'd better not since he and Eve were down to one son. To rear back in alarm too often over terrible things has been the sign of a jejune idealist or one just out of a lifelong coma or, worst of all, a hypocrite covering suspiciously well his own odoriferous and nefarious acts.

And these alarmed souls are readily and easily "put down" because they obviously don't know much about history or they'd know we are probably neither much better nor worse today than humans in other times and places. Very often I have heard an alarmist quashed and quelled with the following: "You're wrong! There's no more child abuse (for instance) today than before; it's just getting reported more. That's the only difference." (What a comfort!!!) Whether the alarmed one agrees or not, the force of the complaint is dispelled; who can whip out the evidence, on the spot, to refute the refuter?

I am alarmed and I don't think my alarm can be dismissed with the old evasions and (I believe) self-comforting dismissals and put-downs. What I am alarmed about is new under the moon—the first organized, mega-endowed, corporately sponsored trivialization of the human tragedy, aimed at—and hit-

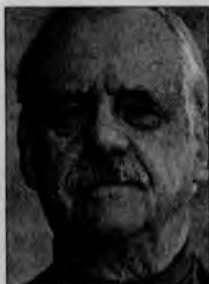
ting—the millions! I say "under the moon" because the best trivializers of our human madness come out at night—they are the talk-show hosts who are teaching their delighted listeners that everything—EVERYTHING is funny!

War? Funny! Oklahoma City bombing? What a hoot! Death by earthquake? Hilarious! The murders of Mrs. Simpson and Ron Goldman? Yucks by the dozens, night after night! The murdered six-year-old beauty queen, JonBenet Ramsey, in Colorado? Jokes about her parents and the Boulder police department!! Anthrax for the millions? Ho! Ho! That's rich!!!! Celebrity beats his wife? Haw! Haw! Basketball player chokes coach? Boy, that was a good one!!! Floods and mudslides ruining thousands of homes and killing hundreds? Almost as funny as the twister that hit the trailer park! Har-de-har-har!!!

When the most terrible or woe-ful or disgusting event hit the national news, I used to say, "That's so horrible they won't be able to make a joke about that!!!" (For instance, the California cult suicides in the palatial mansion.)

Wrong! That night, the jokes about it started. No human pain or suffering is immune to the guffaws of a smirking host and a delighted audience.

The "righteous" response to my complaint is: "Well, if you don't like it, you don't have to watch it!!! Just turn to another channel!!!" My answer is, "I HAVE to watch it because something is happening that was not possible before: tens of millions of people are learning and re-learning every night that all rapes, castrations, murders, fatal fires, bombings, wars and rumors of wars, violent deaths, natural disasters, and evil acts are really very funny, even hilarious if the quip is read well from the dummy boards." (And if the host mispronounces the victim's name, he



Hummel

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OUT OF THE ATTIC



They come, they go. If you don't find a restaurant on Main Street that you like, perhaps one more to your taste will open soon. Cafe Sbarro flourished briefly in the late 1980s in the old Opera House location at the corner of Main and Academy Streets. In 1996, Marilyn Dickey moved her business, Grassroots, from another site on Main Street to the ground floor where the Cafe used to be. Dickey's gift shop has been a downtown fixture for over 23 years.

PAGES FROM THE PAST

• News as it appeared in the *Newark Post* throughout the years

March 28, 1923

Local contractor is the lowest bidder

The contract for the paving of Cleveland Avenue, from North College Avenue to Chapel Street, will cost the town of Newark the sum of \$11,018.30.

The contract for the work was awarded to F. W. Lovett, a local contractor, who has done a considerable amount of such work in and around the town.

The only other bid was offered by Daniel E. O'Connell of Ridley Park, Pa., the contractor who did a major portion of the work on the Lincoln Highway near here, and who aided in the widening of Academy Street.

Norris Wright Buys fine old estate

The big stone house adjoining the Newark Country Club grounds on West Main Street, together with about four acres of land and other buildings was purchased a few days ago by Norris N. Wright, vice-president of the Continental Fibre Company.

Wright plans to make some extensive improvements in both the mansion and the grounds, the plans now being in the hands of the architects.

The old house, known by older residents as the Murphy place and the Jex

mansion, is one of the most substantial and attractive examples of early American architecture.

March 24, 1976

Scottfield residents propose alternative school

If all goes well for a local group of concerned parents, Newark will have its won community school in time for the coming academic year.

The 15-member group calling itself the Newark Community School Committee, is currently looking at properties in the Newark area and hopes to open a school, traditional in format, for 300 to 400 students in grades one through eight.

Waibel dislocates elbow

Delaware freshman Scott Waibel, who had tripled to round third base before stumbling in the third inning of the second game of a twinbill against Yale, lay in intense pain at the bag after scrambling to make it back.

Waibel dislocated his left elbow and it was anticipated the injury may sideline the Hen second baseman for weeks.

Delaware won the game 6-2 after winning 5-0 in the season opener.

Metts says busing complicates plans

Complicating any new plans in the Christina School District is the court-ordered busing of children between Newark and Wilmington.

Since 1979, busing has affected all school districts in New Castle County except for Appoquinimink. Locally, Newark area children must attend schools in Wilmington for three years while Wilmington children must attend school in the Newark area for nine years.

Parents have lobbied Christina School District officials to take the matter before the state board of education to see if racial quotas in the schools are adequate enough to eliminate forced busing. But complicating the question is the rapid growth of the district's population which has nearly doubled in the last 10 years. And there are no longer enough schools in the Newark area.

Blue Hens fall 76-70 to Louisville

Indianapolis, Ind.—Who said there's no such thing as moral victories?

The University of Delaware basketball team posted a furious late rally before falling 76-70 to Louisville in a first-round game of the NCAA Tournament's Midwest Regional before 31,186 in Indianapolis Hoosier Dome.

March 26, 1993

COLUMN

The best of times and the worst of times

By RONALD L. GARDNER

CITY OF NEWARK MAYOR



Gardner

THE FIRST LINE OF "A Tale of Two Cities" starts with "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." That is very prophetic because that applies to the City of Newark today. Today is a period when the city may be in the best shape in its history...the best financial condition, the best and widest variety of services ever, lowest utility rates in the area, a time of significant private investment - both industrial and commercial, with many new businesses and more to come...and another very positive action to be taken with the Downtown Newark Partnership which will do even more to ensure the stability, growth and vitality of our center city...

Yet, at a time when the city is at such an enviable peak, we are at an all-time low in some respects because of cynicism, innuendo, personal agendas and political intrigue...which fortunately has been foreign to our city in the past.

I am really dismayed with the lack of civility that is present. John Taylor in his News Journal editorial of March 1 made some very good points about the current state of incivility. The same day there was an article by Deborah Tanner - on her book "The Argument Culture," where she states "The argument culture urges us to approach the world, and the people in it, in an adversari-

al frame of mind. It rests on the assumption that opposition is the best way to get things done; the best way to cover news is to find spokespeople who express the most extreme, polarized views and present them as

"both sides;" the best way to settle disputes is litigation that pits one party against the other; and the best way to show you are really thinking is to criticize."

What's wrong with the argument culture is the ubiquity, the knee-jerk nature, of approaching any issue, problem or public person in an adversarial way. I think that is pretty sad! But, unfortunately, that is what we are seeing. Civility is passe.

Civility does not mean agreeing with everything or everybody. To use John Taylor's words, "civility means refraining from rudeness." Incivility stems from lack of respect and from the misguided notion that anyone who disagrees with a personal belief must be an enemy.

And civility is what is at the base of the "Freedom of Information" suit which was initiated last July and on which a very questionable decision was made last week. I have been frustrated about the delay in processing this suit in a timely manner. It was filed last July. And I

repeatedly asked our solicitor why we could not move it along. Why is it being delayed? Why can't a decision be made? A decision was finally made last week - and I think the timing is ironic.

The reason for my frustration was that ever since the filing there has been on-going references to charging the city with a violation - yet because of litigation we were told not to speak publicly about the case. I said then, and I say now, I don't care if you print my statement on the front page of the newspaper. I am tired of the comments about the "good old boys" against the poor defenseless woman.

The intention was not to embarrass Ms. Turner - just the opposite. I was out of town on a business trip the night of the council meeting at which Leslie Goldstein was appointed to the Ethics Board. When I returned, I was told by a number of people...staff, council, and public that it was the most embarrassing council meeting that they have witnessed in all the years they have attended public meetings. Some said it was "painful" to sit in the audience because of the behavior at the table. So I said I would listen to the tapes to hear the discussion.

After listening to the tape, it was my decision to discuss this at the executive meeting - not the council's, and I asked our city solicitor if a discussion of certain actions of a councilmember at a public meeting would be classified personnel in

advertising the executive meeting. He said that since we are part-time employees the answer was yes. If we had a discussion about the actions of our city manager that would be in an executive session and advertised personnel. Since the agenda already listed personnel, was that adequate to cover this? The answer was yes. Contrary to what has been implied, I did not in any way want to avoid compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

My intent was to discuss the incident, the reactions of others, and remind Ms. Turner that the expected protocol of a council member is to be civil to fellow council members in discussing differences. And that "in-your-face" grilling of members at the meeting - especially in view of the fact that there was no opposition to the appointment and they repeatedly said they were ready to vote - was unacceptable. I wanted to discuss it in executive session in a civil manner rather than in a public meeting. I wanted to avoid any embarrassment for Ms. Turner rather than cause it. If in the meeting she would have said, "I would rather you discuss this in public," I would have been glad to oblige, as would other council members.

I resent comments about the "good old boys" against a woman. That is absolute hogwash! In the past 16 years, I have served with a variety of councils - all of which included women. And without exception the women were vocal, uninhibited, and a part of the coun-

cil in every way. There was never any attempt to restrict their input...or to "blindfold and gag" them. And there is none today.

This is not a male-female issue, and to suggest it, is despicable. To confirm the history, just ask any of the former women council members about their experience. In fact, one served on this council with all of us except her successor. Ask her. I will also remind you that of the three mayors who have served under our current City Charter - the first was a woman.

Finally, I would challenge anyone to examine the events and charges over the past year - ranging from the ethics charges, Freedom of Information charges, to the water plant issue, and with a totally objective eye, conclude that these were not politically motivated. I do not believe these were the altruistic actions based on noble ideals but rather were personal and political in nature aimed specifically at the upcoming election.

It has been a sad experience for Newark and I had really hoped for better in my last year of public office.

■ Gardner made these remarks this week at his last city council meeting. He will step down next month after three terms as mayor of the city of Newark. He also was elected to a city council seat four times prior to running for mayor.

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of incumbents and candidates, the Newark Post attempts to offer pre-election profiles of the candidates, giving the hopefuls the opportunities to explain their goals, abilities, experience and platforms.

To: The Editor
From: Jerry Grant, Newark City Councilmember

I am writing in response to the March 20, 1998, letter from David Robertson, et al, urging City Council to reaffirm the Freedom of Information Act.

The Delaware Court of Chancery has decided that a portion of Council's June 9, 1997, executive session meeting was in violation of the Freedom of Information Act. The verbatim minutes of that meeting have now been released, and I hope Newarkers will carefully read

LETTERS

and consider them. The record shows that no issues were voted on and no decisions were made. Rather, Councilmembers vented their anger equally at Ms. Turner and Mr. Godwin for their embarrassing behavior concerning the nomination of Leslie Goldstein, a citizen who had been asked to serve on the City's Board of Ethics. For Mr. Robertson and Ms. Turner (who has had full access to the minutes from the outset) to characterize the discussion as "Council Members questioning" Nancy Turner's conduct" is inaccurate and self-serving.

The Court's opinion concluded "that neither the Mayor nor other members of the Council were trying to mislead the public or anyone

else", and states three times that Council acted "honestly and in good faith."

I urge citizens to read the transcript itself. The clear message that comes through is that most Council Members wish to conduct business in an open, dignified, collegial manner and not make citizens who volunteer to serve on committees public pawns in some political game.

In hindsight, our attempt to handle this matter in executive session was ill-conceived. But the dignity which Council seeks to maintain must be accompanied by mutual respect, respect which has been slowly disintegrating in the last year. And that respect depends much more on the actual honesty and good faith of each and every Council Member, rather than on some symbolic reaffirmation of FOIA guidelines.

To: The Editor
From: James G. Faller, Newark

In your March 13 column you proclaim, "If I were a Republican like Godwin, I, too, would think long and hard before approving an appointee active in Democratic politics."

Perhaps! If you were acting in the best interest of our city, however, while at the same time reminding yourself that Newark is a non-partisan government by Charter, you might elect to take the high road rising above partisan politics. Personally, I admire Mrs. Shirley Tarrant, who has been a sterling example of a citizen activist in behalf of many good causes over the years, and trust in her judgment of

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EXPERIENCE

- Planner for New Castle County Community Development and Housing Programs
- Seven Years as Staff to Newark Business Association
- Past Administrator of White Clay Watershed Association
- Two years as Program Manager for Downtown Milford Inc.
- Professional Relationship with Newark and State-wide Civic, Business, and Government leaders

ISSUES

- Homeownership and Renewal in Central Newark Neighborhoods
- Improvements to Newark's Transit System: Buses, Bikes, and Pedestrian Ways
- Maximum support for Downtown Newark Partnership
- Investigate Re-establishing Abandoned Water Supplies
- Consensus and Communication for a Common Newark Vision



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NEWARK OUTLOOK

Does your teenager have a license. . . to live

■ This weekly feature on the Lifestyle page is authored by the staff of the Newark-based Cooperative Extension Service.

EVEN WHEN our children are still too young to drive, we parents begin to dread those inevitable words: "Can I have the keys to the car?"

Teenagers getting a license to drive is an initiation into adulthood. With this truly American rite of passage, they discard the status of passenger and eagerly anticipate their new-found independence.

The dictionary defines rite of passage as "a ritual associated with a crisis or change in status." For the teen, a driver's license is a change in status; for the parent, it is almost always a crisis.



By Mark Manno

Parents are right to identify this as a time for concern. After learning how to control and maneuver a car the hard way — often by trial and error — we fear for the safety of our inexperienced drivers. We want to help our kids to avoid the mistakes we made.

The problem with the trial-and-error method is that an error could mean serious injury or death.

In Delaware today, the most likely reason for a teen to be killed is a traffic crash. Teenagers crash three times as often as adult drivers. The causes cited for teen crashes are lack of experience and skills, poor judgement, risk taking and excessive driving at night.

Most fatalities to teens occur between midnight and 3 a.m. Young drivers tend to drive too fast, run off the road and over-compensate to correct driving errors. Teenagers also are more likely to drive with many passengers, which can distract the driver.

A driver's license should be a license to learn and live.

How can you make this a reality? Get involved in your teen's driver training. I still remember practicing with my Dad before I took my driver's test. (He has earned a spot in heaven for surviving this rite of passage with all six of his children!)

Require your kids to use the seat belt because it reduces the risk of injury by 45 percent. Take the time to ride with your teen driver, set limits on driving times and the number of passengers allowed in the car.

Make sure your teen views

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THEY'VE GOT DISNEY ON THEIR MINDS



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ANDREW HALL

Downes Elementary School's first place Create & Animate team show off their medals. (Front to back, left to right) are: Amy Uffelman, Stephanie Harper, Jason Chandler, Matthew Pierson, Emily Wagner, Ricky Savona, Douglas Don, and coaches Joan Pierson and Cindy Wagner.

Downes Odyssey of the Mind teams voyaging to Disney after winning state competition

By ANDREW HALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A computer mouse turns into a real rodent, U.S. President Bill Clinton makes a cameo appearance, everybody sings a song, and a spy ends up being put behind bars.

NO, THIS ISN'T A SKIT ON Saturday Night Live, but rather the solution seven students at Downes Elementary School came up with for their problem for this year's state-wide Odyssey of the Mind competition.

This year, the Christina School District was the only public school district in New Castle County to field teams, including four from Downes Elementary School, in the world-

wide program. Started by a New Jersey college professor in 1979, OM promotes creative, team-based problem solving for students from kindergarten through college.

The Downes' students tackled four problems: Pageant Wagon, in which the team had to design and build a tow vehicle and pageant wagon, and present a festive performance including a grand finale; Marvelous Mentor, in which the team had to create and present a humorous performance about an ad agency commissioned to make a commercial about a nutritional product, with an acclaimed individual as a spokesperson for the project; Camouflaged Creation, in which the team had to design and build a structure made out of balsa wood and glue that must support weight; and Create & Animate, in which the team had to create and present a performance where an inanimate object comes to life.

Teams are judged in three areas: the effectiveness of the solution to the long-term problem; the style of the solution and its overall effect; and the solution to a spontaneous problem given to the teams on the day of the competition.

Pageant Wagon coach Heather Johnston said, "I think the children have really learned teamwork, and their abilities have been stretched. They've learned that they have talents they didn't know about."

Karen Kaler, another coach of the Pageant Wagon team, said the students also learned that they all can work together with different talents. "Each of the kids found out they can do something that the others can't," Kaler said.

The children felt much the same way. "I learned there are things I can do that I didn't know I could before," said Sam Kaler, a fourth-grader on the Pageant Wagon team.

"I learned that teamwork is all that really counts," said Pageant Wagon team-member Kathryn Johnston. "It's not what you do by yourself."

Apparently, the work paid off. Two of the Downes' teams, Pageant Wagon, consisting of fourth-graders, and Create & Animate, consisting of third-graders, won their division in Georgetown and are headed for the World Finals at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., which begins on May 27.

"We're going to Disney World!" said Nick Hammond, a member of the Pageant Wagon team.

"When they announced (Independence School in Newark) was second, I knew we were going to win. We didn't really mess up at all," said Jason Angelo, another Pageant Wagon team member.

Create & Animate team member Emily Wagner said, "When we heard we won, we all screamed. Sixth-graders won second and third place, so we didn't think we had a chance."

Ricky Savona, another Create & Animate team member, said, "When we heard we won, my mom started to cry. I'm very proud of myself."

Downes Elementary School is currently looking for funds to send the two teams to Florida. If anyone is interested in helping, please call the school at 454-2133.



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Downes Elementary School's first place Pageant Wagon team includes (front to back, left to right): Nick Hammond, Caitlin Milotte, Alicia Baddorf, Sam Kaler, Torey Stokes, Kathryn Johnston, Jason Angelo, and coaches Karen Kaler and Heather Johnston.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

▶ LETTERS, from 7

backing of councilmember Nancy Turner. Mr. Godwin, on the other hand, does not inspire in me anywhere near the same confidence in his judgment.

To: Editor
From: Val Nardo

I recently sent two truckloads of clothing and food to Florida after the terrible tornadoes there. I was able to do this because the community of Newark is so generous with donations throughout the year.

We collect items all year round for use in the Newark-area, particularly at Christmas when we supply food for distribution by the Newark Area Welfare Committee. We also distribute household goods to local families in need.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

To: The Editor
From: Wallace Hansen, Newark

In addition to setting "the record straight" in your March 13 column, why not set it "accurately?"

By now, everyone is familiar with the accusation that council member Hal Godwin's attempted to block the appointment of U.D. professor Leslie Goldstein to a city

board, while hoping to convince the people of Newark he had forgotten about her lawsuit against him for burning-up her car up at his service station.

Regarding this infernal incident, Post reporter Mary Petzak wrote the following in your May 30, 1997, issue: "Godwin stated that the lawsuit was handled by his insurance carrier and that he only remembered it after the (Board of Ethics) complaint was filed."

Less than three weeks later, Godwin was asked during the Board of Ethics hearing if his quote in the Post was accurate and Godwin testified under oath that he had not given the Post an interview. "No sir," he said, "I've tried to stay ten miles away from the Post for the last month or two."

Now, Mr. Streit, someone is not telling the truth. Is it your reporter, Mary Petzak? Or is it your professed "friend," Hal Godwin? What's a publisher to do?

When Mary Petzak was asked to (testify) regarding Hal Godwin's statement to her during the June 19, 1997, Board of Ethics hearing, you arose from your seat in protest.

Even with the integrity of your newspaper at stake, you prohibited your reporter from testifying as a witness in the hearing. The people of Newark deserved better.

Funny: I don't think so

▶ HUMMEL, from 6

makes a joke about how funny the name is!)

Ban late-hour talk shows? Of course not! Ban jokes on sensitive, tragic topics? No! As long as the millions of viewers are aware of what's happening here—that our human tragedies are being trivial-

ized and we are being anesthetized with laughing gas—then I will avoid being jejune and alarmist and be quiet.

■ A retired clergyman and a teacher since 1972, Hummel has contributed to the Newark Post for more than two decades. He has lived in Delaware since 1959.

Graduated license bill proposed

▶ OUTLOOK, from 8

driving not as a right but as a responsibility to be taken seriously.

Donald Drane of Delaware Citizen's for Graduated Licenses advises parents to let kids know that they will not have full driving freedom until they demonstrate driving skill over a specific time. Drane also encourages parents to make a checklist of hazardous conditions —

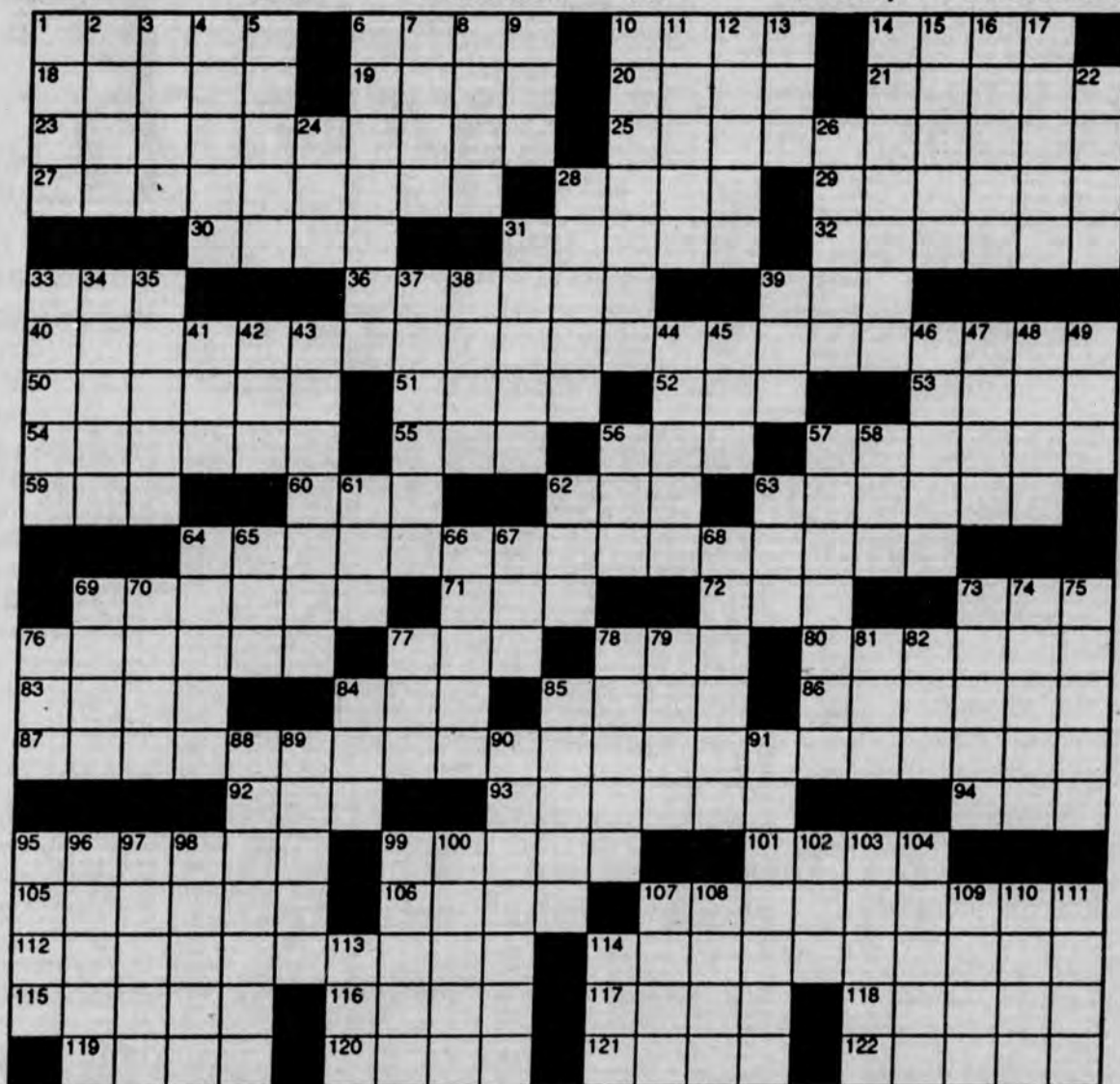
night, snow, ice, rain and heavy traffic — then practice driving with your teen under those conditions.

Learn more about the proposed graduated driver's license bill by contacting Donald Drane at 239-3753.

For information on the proposed primary seat belt law, call New Castle County Cooperative Extension at 831-4973.

Super Crossword

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1 Macrame material	6 Concerning	10 Late-night name	14 The one over there	18 Senator Fong	19 Way out?	20 — the finish	21 Dromedary depots?	23 Three Dog Night song	25 Marlie Blane hit	27 Queen's books	28 Lou Grant's command	29 Ulysses Grant's command	30 "My Favorite" (82 film)	31 Stage backdrop	32 Got what you basked for	33 Hubbub
36 Sheik place	39 Cranberry or cherry	40 '20s novelty tune	50 Luxurious fabric	51 "The	Mammoth Hunters" author	52 No Einstein	53 High-flying agcy.	54 Hygienist's instrument	55 Ave. crossers	56 Hasbrouck —, N.J.	57 Mischievous	59 Party animal?	60 From — Z	62 Hum bug?	63 No-nonsense city-state	64 The Chipmunks hit
69 Fanatic	71 Poetic pot	72 State of confusion	73 Shorten a slat	76 Ian of "Hope and Glory"	77 "Yuck!"	78 Writer Kaufman	80 Entertain lavishly	83 Proper procedure	84 Poster abbr.	85 Musical finale	86 Frequent Funicello	87 Irving Berlin classic	92 "Kissing" relative, for short	93 Soup spot?	94 Ex-Partridge Susan	95 Pot holder?
99 Hero's horse	101 Student's court	105 Emulate Earhart	106 Sheep's shaker	107 Admonished	112 Jimmy Dean smash	114 The Kingsmen hit	115 A nose that shows	116 Bum remedy	117 Roseanne Arnold, formerly	118 — nous	119 Ziegfeld Follies designer	120 "Cheers" prop	121 Sojourn	122 Green lights	DOWN	1 Arness sci-fi thriller
2 Like a coyote	3 Spring flower	4 Spiteful	5 Roast host	6 Fleet fellow?	7 Peau de —	8 Oodles	9 Small enterprise?	10 Progressive	11 "— Gay"	12 Local theaters: slang	13 NY's biggest bookie?	14 Tortilla with topping	15 Tony winner Uta	16 Laotian native	17 Short and sweet	22 Go in snow
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48 Pellon's partner	49 Super Bowl sound	56 Common possessive	57 Bit of wit	58 Fond du —, Wis.	61 Game start?	62 Outlaw	63 — Cat (winter wheels)	64 Incorporate territory	65 Be Inexact	66 Dust the comfakes	67 "Spruce Goose" monogram	68 Recently	69 Knight wear?	70 Up-front money	73 Bar food?	74 Unattended
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FRIDAY
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SQUARE DANCE 8 to 10:30 p.m. The 2x4 Square Dance Club will hold its plus level square dance at Shue Medill Middle School, Newark. Cost: \$4 per person. For information, call 239-4311.

COURTSHIP CHORALE 7 p.m. Explore White Clay

Creek State Park wildlife courtship in Spring. Meet at the Chambers Rock Road Parking Lot. Wear boots. For information, call 368-6560.

CLOTHES HORSE 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Wilmington Flower Market Inc. will be holding a clothing sale at #2945 Newport Gap Pike (Route 41). For information, call 239-5670 or 239-7038.

CONCERT 9:30 p.m. The Jenny Bostick Band will be performing at the Iron Hill Brewery and Restaurant, Newark. For information, call 888-BREW.

GETTING MARRIED 7:30 p.m. A comedy by George Bernard Shaw provoking arguments about marriage, celibacy, relationships and commitment. The production will be held in Hartshorn Hall, University of Delaware Newark campus. Tickets: \$5 to \$15. For information, call 831-2204.

COMMUNITY BAND 7:30 p.m. The Newark Community Band will be performing its 15th anniversary concert in the auditorium of Kirk Middle School, Newark. For information, call 695-8847.

■ MARCH 28

BIRD REHABILITATION 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research is holding a volunteer workshop for oil spill emergencies at the Frink Center for Wildlife, Possum Hollow Road, Newark. Participants

must be 18 years of age. To preregister, call 737-9543. **BUNNY BRUNCH** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A bunny brunch for children ages 3 to 5 will be held at West Park Elementary School, Newark. For information, call 366-7060.

FLEA MARKET 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. James Episcopal Church will be holding their 3rd annual Flea Market at St. James Church, St. James Church Road, Millcreek. For information, call 994-1584.

SCIENCE EXPLORERS 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Delaware Museum of Natural History, Wilmington, is offering a program entitled Amoebas to Zebras II, Saturdays through May 9 for second and third graders at the Museum. For information, call 658-9111.

CLOTHES HORSE 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See March 27.

ANTIQUES SHOW 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The First State Antiques Show at the Bob Carpenter Center, Route 896, Newark. For information, call 215-862-5828.

CHAMBER CONCERT 8 p.m. The Newark Symphony Orchestra will be performing at the Newark United Methodist Church, Newark. For information, call 369-3466.

EASTER BUNNY SPECIAL 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Kids meet the Easter Bunny on train ride at the Greenbank Station of the Wilmington and Western Railroad, Wilmington. For information, call 998-1930.

DAY OF PAMPERING 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This day of relaxation, enjoyment, and enlightenment is open to all women over the age of 16 at the YWCA, South College, Newark. Cost: \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members. For information, call 368-9173.

SCHOOL OF THE SOLDIER 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Civil War re-enactors of the Mifflin Guard will hold interactive programs at Fort DuPont State Park, Delaware City. Fee: \$2. For information, call Lee Jennings at 836-7665.

5K FOR BRUCE 10 a.m. The Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity at the University of Delaware will host the 16th annual 5K for Bruce beginning at the fraternity house, 720 Academy Street, Newark. Fee: \$12 to \$15. For information,



Paris in the 1890s: Painters' Prints in the age of Bonnard, Vuillard, and Toulouse-Lautrec, will be on view at the Philadelphia Museum of Art through April 5. Shown above is titled *By the Pond* by artist Mary Cassatt, c. 1896.

tion, call 266-0367.

SPAGHETTI DINNER 4:30 to 6 p.m. and 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Blue and Gold committees of Newark High School and Caravel Academy is holding a spaghetti dinner at Newark High School. Tickets: \$5 to \$6. For information, call Norm of Rose Dagg at 453-8454 or Jeff or Denny Schwartz at 453-0162.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR 8 p.m. The Delaware Children's Theatre Adult Wing will be presenting Jesus Christ Superstar at the theatre, Delaware Avenue, Wilmington. Tickets: \$15. For information, call 655-1014.

LA PROMESSE 7:30 p.m. Foreign film will be shown at the Trabant University Center Theater, University of Delaware, Newark. For information check the website at <http://www.english.udel.edu/russell/calendar.html>.

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MARCH LAMB 12:30 p.m. registration. Brandywine Motorsport Club is holding a rally ride through Delaware and Maryland beginning at the Park and Ride on Routes 896 and 4, Newark. For information, call Dave Teter at 368-4210 or Charlotte Short at 738-6498.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR 7 p.m. The Delaware Children's Theatre Adult Wing will be presenting Jesus Christ Superstar at the theatre, Delaware Avenue, Wilmington. Tickets: \$15. For information, call 655-1014.

LANDING DAY noon. A Kalmar Nyckel Landing Day ceremony will mark the 360th anniversary of the landing of the first Kalmar Nyckel on the banks of the Christina River. For information, call 575-0575.

■ MARCH 30

CONCERT 8 p.m. A concert by the vocal ensemble Chanticleer will be performed in Mitchell Hall, University of Delaware, Newark. Tickets: \$6 to \$15. For information, call 831-2204.

MEETINGS

MARCH 27

FRIDAY FILMS 7 to 9 p.m. The Newark Arts Alliance is showing films Friday evenings at the Art House, Delaware Avenue, Newark. Free. For information, call 266-7266.

MARCH 28

CARTOONING 10:30 a.m. to noon, through May 9. Children ages 9 to 14 can learn to cartoon at the George Wilson Center, Newark. Fee: \$35 to \$40. For information, call 366-7060.

DRAWING ANIMALS 12:30 to 2 p.m., through May 9. Children ages 9 to 14 can learn to draw animals at the George Wilson Center, Newark. Fee: \$35 to \$40. For information, call 366-7060.

MARCH 30

SINGLES CIRCLE 7 p.m. The New London Singles Circle will meet at the New London Presbyterian Church, 1986 Newark Road, New London, Pa. For information, call 610-869-2140.

CHOICES 7 to 9 p.m. The League of Women Voters of New Castle County is holding a study and discussion series entitled Choices for the 21st Century. American foreign policy, at the Newark Free Library, Newark. For information, call 571-8948.

SCOTTISH DANCING 8 p.m. Scottish country dancing will be offered at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, South College Avenue, Newark. For information, call 453-

1290 or 774-2415.

TRANSITION 6:30 to 8 p.m. An agency, college, trade school night for students with disabilities will be held at Delaware Technical and Community College, Stanton campus, Newark. For information, call 633-2632 or 633-2640.

AQUACISE 2:30 p.m. An introductory program to aquacise is being offered at the Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Road, Newark. For information, call 737-2336.

MARCH 31

PUBLIC HEARING 7 p.m. A public hearing to get the public's perception of issues related to crime victims in Delaware and opinions of solutions to these issues will be held at the Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Road. For information, call 577-8696.

APRIL 1

CHANGING PATHWAYS 10:30 a.m. to noon. A discussion designed for women who have moved beyond grief as a central issue in their lives will be held at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Stanton. For information, call 368-9500.

PAINTING GROUP 9:30 a.m. to noon. The Newark Arts Alliance is holding a painting group meeting at the Art House, Delaware Avenue, Newark. For information, call 266-7266.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE 6 to 8 p.m. A meeting to identify and discuss some of the supportive services

available in Delaware for Alzheimer's Disease will be held at the Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Drive, Newark. For information, call 737-2336.

LUNCHEON 10 a.m. The Delaware State Council of Senior Citizens is holding a luncheon meeting at Local 435 Union Hall, Old Capitol Trail, Prices Corner. Cost: \$4 to \$7. For information, call Earnie Carrere at 995-6001 or Damon Tomlinson at 834-7688.

APRIL 2

GROW 10 a.m. at the Hudson Center and 7 p.m. at Word of Life Church, both in Newark. Grow is a mutual help support group. Meetings are free, confidential and non-denominational. For information, call 661-2880.

GET THE FACTS 5:30 p.m. An educational event on the facts on saving and investing will be held at the Newark Senior Center. For information, call 577-8926.

AQUACISE 2:30 p.m. An introductory program to aquacise is being offered at the Newark Senior Center, White Chapel Road, Newark. For information, call 737-2336.

APRIL 3

LECTURE noon. Chuck Stone will present a lecture on Hate Speech and the First Amendment in the Class of 1941 Lecture Room, Morris Library, University of Delaware, Newark campus.

EXHIBITS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN POETRY

An exhibition which focuses upon African-American poetry from the 18th and 19th centuries, featuring authors such as Phillis Wheatley, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Jupiter Hammon, George Moses Horton and others. The exhibit will run through May 5 on the first floor of the Morris Library, University of Delaware, Newark. For information, call 831-2665.

THROUGH THESE EYES

The University Gallery of the University of Delaware will present the exhibition, "Through These Eyes: the Photographs of P.H. Polk" celebrating the centennial of the birth of this influential African-American artist, through April 5.

Polk's images of Southern life exemplify the photographers' ability for telling a riveting human story through the camera's eye.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call 831-8242.

COLORS OF BLACK AND WHITE

The photography of artist Tracy Fleck will be on display at the Christina Cultural Arts Center Gallery, North Market Street, Wilmington, through March 31. Fleck describes her work as "an interpretation of the world in which I have become familiar."

For information, call 652-0101.

TRICK OF LIGHTS

A solo exhibition of the works by Jeff Nold will be held at Ninety East Main Cafe, Newark, through March 31. For information, call 368-9040.

SUNDAY
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To CONTRIBUTE...

"Diversions" is compiled each week by Julia Sampson. Contributions are welcome but must arrive at our news office at least two weeks prior to publication. Mail to: "Diversions," Newark Post, 153 East Chestnut Hill Road, Newark, DE 19713, or facsimile 737-9019.

Art comes in various places

IF YOU WERE TO READ that a nationally recognized museum was having an art show with works not seen for many years, it might stir some interest. But, if the nationally recognized museum was n't an art museum, rather an industrial museum, it might stir more interest, or at least some urge to check it out. Well, I checked it out and it is the subject of my column today.

The museum in question is the B&O Museum at 901 West Pratt Street in Baltimore. This vast, industrial museum traces the history of railroading from the very first stone laid for a railroad in America through the halcyon days of railroading and beyond. Of course, as the name of the institution implies, most of its attention is to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the first railroad in our country. From this site you can even ride over the first roadbed in America, but I don't want to get off my topic for today, the new art exhibit. The exhibition is called "Art for the Chessies."

Thanks to the museum's Dorothy Fuchs, I found the story of the origin of the paintings as interesting as the lovely art works themselves. Actually, the works were the results of the dream of one man, Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad President Robert R. Young. He oversaw the railroad through the difficult war years and helped developed some crack passenger trains whose names are still alive with railroad buffs today, "The George Washington," "The Sportsman" and "Fast Flying Virginian," just to name a few.

After the war and gasoline rationing ended, it became obvious that rail passenger traffic was in decline. Young had an idea to boost business by making up new trains with powerful steam turbine locomotives and modern streamline cars. The trains would run from our nation's capital to Cincinnati, Ohio. They would be called "The Chessies." You may remember the C&O logo of the sleeping kitten called "Chessie."

To make the interiors of the new coaches as luxurious as possible, Young commissioned nine prominent American artists to paint twelve works. Four would be displayed in each of the three Chessie trains. The subject matter of the works would be "Compelling scenic views of communities, valleys, industries and personalities along the Chessie route." Each work was

THE ARTS



By PHIL TOMAN

to cost between \$500 and \$1,500. A grand plan to be sure.

By 1948, however, things had gotten so bad the orders for the trains were canceled and the paintings put in storage at C&O headquarters in Cleveland. The paintings never really passed from public interest and over the years lithographs of them were made and sold or given away to C&O customers.

All twelve are now back together for us to see through May 2 in the magnificently restored Mt. Clare facility of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The B&O and C&O were later to be part of a merger leading to the present CSX System.

Now to the works themselves. The photo with my column today is by Gifford Beal [1879-1956] and is "Dupont Circle" in Washington. It is an oil on canvas. Charles Burchfield [1893-1967] contributed a watercolor called "Appalachian Evening." Adolph Arthur Dehn [1895-1968] painted an oil on board, "The Kanawha River Near Montgomery" and a gouache on board, "The Ohio River at Cincinnati."

Jerry Farnsworth [1895-1982] presented an oil on canvas titled "The Engineer." Aldro T. Hibbard [1886-1972] has an oil on canvas called "The New River at Sandstone, West Virginia." "Harry Benner, Coal Miner" is an oil on

canvas in the collection by Rockwell Kent [1882-1971].

Both Georginia Klitgaard [1928-1948] and Paul Sample [1896-1974] have two oils on canvas in the collection on exhibition in Baltimore. Klitgaard's are "Ohio River Near Maysville" and "Spring in the Blue Ridge Mountains." Sample's works are "Blue Grass Pastures" and "West Virginia Coal Miner in Winter." The only work by an artist still living is "Spring in the Blue Ridge," by Helen Sawyer who was born in 1900.

As good as the photo is with my column today, it should only serve to whet your appetite. These works must be seen in their full size and beauty to really be appreciated. An excellent and inexpensive catalog is available in the gift shop of the museum.

The B&O Museum is easily accessible using I-95 and I-395 to Martin L. King Boulevard. It is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and offers free parking.

I enjoy finding art in unusual places and telling you about it. I hope you do too.



Gifford Beal's oil on canvas "Dupont Circle" is one of a series of paintings now on exhibit at the B&O Museum in Baltimore.

Answers to Super Crossword

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ANGORA	AUEL	OAF	NASA
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RITE	AKA	CODA	AVAILON
ALEXANDERS	SHAGTI	MEDIA	
COZ	FURTEEN	GEY	
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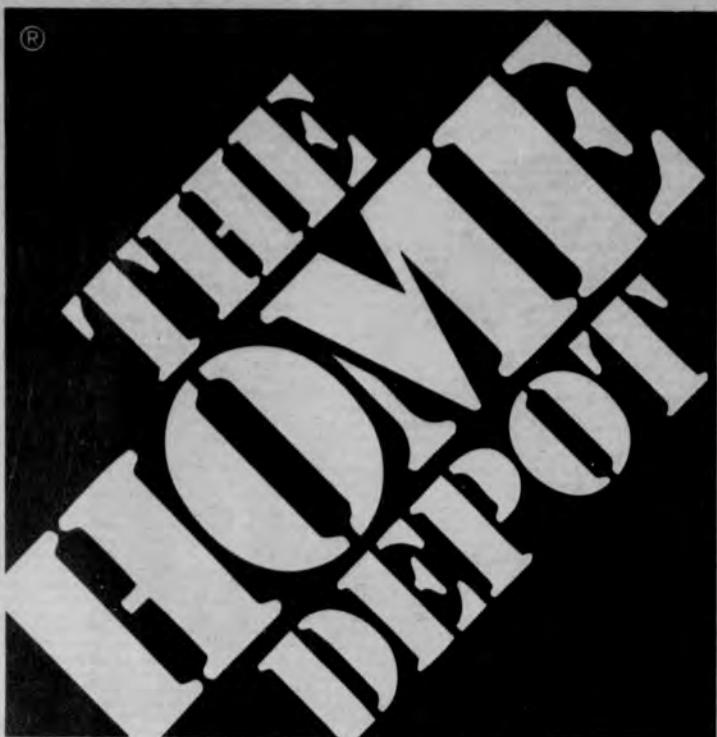
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Bayard students 'grow for it'

By ANDREW HALL

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Growing a soybean plant is easy, right? Some fourth-grade students thought so when they entered the "Grow For It" contest sponsored by the Delaware Center for Horticulture, but the reality proved to be a little more difficult.

"We thought our bean plants should win the 'Top Dog' award, because they're survivors," said Susan Carlin, fourth-grade teacher at the Bayard School for Developing Gifts and Talents. "Our plants got hit with mold, and the ducks in the pond where were growing the plants also affected them, but we still had a couple survive."

According to Marijke Wiegman

of the Delaware Center for Horticulture, the idea behind the contest was to get fourth-grade stu-

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I just let the kids go with it."

SUSAN CARLIN

FOURTH GRADE TEACHER, BAYARD SCHOOL

dents growing things in the classrooms. "We wanted the kids to grow the healthiest plant possible, but we also wanted them to experiment and use as many different growing methods as possible," said

Wiegman. "The one rule was to use any means necessary to grow the plants."

Said Carlin, "We had been studying the relationship between plants and animals in class, and this contest has been very helpful in illustrating that relationship."

Jeff Adelman, a fourth-grader in Carlin's class, learned a lot from the contest. "(I learned) you can't use too much fertilizer," said Adelman. "I have my own garden at home where I grow flowers so I won't use too much fertilizer on them, either."

Despite the fact that Bayard didn't win the contest, Carlin said it was a great learning experience for everyone involved. "I just let the kids go with it," said Carlin. "They could do whatever they wanted."



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY ANDREW HALL

Bayard's "Grow For It" display provided a table full of green at the Delaware Center for Horticulture's Urban Gardening Fair.

ENGAGEMENTS

Iudica, St. John plan marriage

Thomas A. and Barbara L. St. John of Baltimore, Md., announce the engagement of their daughter Kathleen M. St. John, to A Christian Iudica, the son of Ross C. Iudica of the Newark area and the late Sandra J. Iudica.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Maryland and is pursuing a degree in medicine from the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The groom-to-be is a 1990 graduate of St. Mark's High School and a graduate of James Madison University. He is also pursuing a degree in medicine from the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

An April 1998 wedding is planned.



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Krahn studies desert ecology

Gretchen M. Krahn of Newark spent January studying desert ecology in New Mexico, Arizona, Southern California, and Mexico, as part of St. Olaf College's, Northfield, Minn., domestic and international studies program.

Krahn, a psychology major, is a senior at St. Olaf. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Krahn.

Lee performs in Phoenix

PEOPLE NEWS

Edward Lee will be performing in the National High School Honors Orchestra on April 18 in Symphony Hall, Phoenix, Ariz. He will be the only student representing the state of Delaware out of the 150 young musicians chosen in a national search.

Lee is a junior at Newark High School and principal cellist of the NHS Orchestra.

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Bands to perform

The Newark Community Band performs its 15th Anniversary Concert tonight in the auditorium of the George V. Kirk Middle School, 140 Brennen Dr., off Chestnut Hill Road (Route 4) in Newark.

The program will offer a variety of concert band selections including marches, familiar movie and musical themes, and patriotic melodies. The Newark Dixie Ramblers will perform during the intermission.

Both bands are made up entirely of volunteers, who range in age from teenagers to senior citizens. The Newark Community Band was formed in 1983 with eight musicians; since then it has grown into a 40-piece concert ensemble. Both the Community Band and the Dixie Ramblers regularly perform for nursing and retirement homes, for

special events in the community, and in state and local park concert series in the summer.

The 15th Anniversary Concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Newark Community Band at 325-2450.

Newark candidates meeting sponsored

A Candidates Meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Newark Senior Center will be held April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the center on Whitechapel Drive.

The two mayoral candidates, Hal Godwin and Marguerite Ashley, as well as District 5 council candidates, Frank Osborne and Nancy Turner, will give presentations and answer questions. Karl Kahlbacher and Gerald Grant, unopposed in Districts 3 and 6 respectively, will

give brief presentations. The city election is April 14.

Golf lessons

The City of Newark Department of Parks and Recreation is currently taking registration for the following group golf lessons: youth beginners golf, for ages 9-16; beginners golf, for new players and occasional players with a handicap of 16 or higher; intermediate golf, open to those who have completed beginners golf or have a handicap of 13 to 18 and play on a regular basis; and advanced golf, open to those who have a handicap of 12 or less.

All classes begin in April and will be held at Downes Elementary School. The cost is \$70 for Newark residents and \$75 for non-residents. For more information or to register, call 366-7060.

City to sponsor Easter candy hunt

On Saturday, April 4, the Newark Department of Parks and Recreation will hold their Easter candy hunt at the White Clay Creek State Park Carpenter Recreation Area, on Route 896 north of Newark.

The hunt begins for different ages at the following times: walking to 23 months, 10:00 a.m.; 2-year-olds, 10:20 a.m.; 3-year-olds, 10:40 a.m.; 4 and 5-year-olds, 11:00 a.m.; 6 and 7-year-olds, 11:20 a.m.; and for 8 and 9-year-olds, 11:40 a.m.

The rain date is Sunday, April 5, beginning at 2 p.m. In the event of questionable weather on the day of the event, call 366-7147 after 9 a.m.

Cecil Community College to hold job fair

Cecil Community College will hold its second annual Job Fair and Career Education Expo on

Wednesday, April 8.

Over 50 employers from the Maryland/Delaware/Pennsylvania area will participate in the event, which draws over 400 job seekers.

Attendees also can meet with representatives from the College for career services and financial assistance, and attend workshops on resume preparation, interview skills, and how to use a job fair. You must register to attend a workshop.

The Expo is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Physical Education Building on Cecil Community College's North East campus. For more information, call 410-287-6060, ext. 548.

Trout season nears

Beginning March 30 and running through April 30, the Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife will be stocking 30,900 rainbow and brown trout in White Clay Creek, Wilson Run, Christina Creek, Beaver Run, Mill Creek, and Pike Creek. Trout season opens on April 4.

As part of the program, 500 trophy-sized rainbow trout of at least 14 inches in length will be stocked in all six streams on April 3, and on April 16, 2,400 brown trout will be stocked in White Clay Creek, Wilson Run and Christiana Creek. All other stockings will be rainbow trout averaging 11 inches in size. Fishermen are limited to six fish per day, except the designated fly fishing area on White Clay Creek where the limit is four fish per day, and are required to have a Delaware fishing license and trout stamp if between the ages of 16 and 65. Children between the ages of 12 and 15 are required to have a juvenile trout stamp. For more information, call David Small at 739-4506.

DelDOT hotline available

The Delaware Department of Transportation recently announced a new "Maintenance Hotline" for each transportation district of the state. The hotlines will be manned weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for concerns such as potholes, drainage problems, missing or damaged traffic and street signs, signals, and other maintenance-type problems on state-maintained roads.

The numbers for New Castle County residents above the C & D Canal is, 323-1111; New Castle County residents below the C & D Canal, 1-800-324-8379; Kent County, 739-1111; and Sussex County, 855-1111.

After each call is taken, DelDOT will issue a work order number and complete a clear and detailed description of the request, including information about who will handle the request and a time-frame for correcting the problem.

50th class reunion

The Newark High School Class of 1948 will be holding their 50th class reunion Oct. 17 at The Farmhouse, Old Capitol Trail. Romaine Benson Stone is requesting the help of former classmates or their families in locating "missing" classmates. For information, call Stone at 738-6424.

Outdoor skills camp

Lums Pond State Park is accepting registration for a series of Outdoor Skills Camps running from June 22 through Aug. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$100 per week per child. Before camp drop-off is available from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. for an additional charge of \$10 per week per child. After camp pick-up is also available from 4 to 5:30 p.m. for an additional charge of \$15 per week per child.

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Oldest Newark deli gets new look, welcomes back customers

By OAKLAND L. CHILDERS

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

AFTER COMPLETING renovations to the oldest deli in Newark, Jean and Tasos Pappoulis are welcoming customers back into their store.

Wilbur Street Deli was closed for renovations in November but reopened in late February with longer hours, more room for customers and an inexpensive menu that has a little something for everyone. The new menu boasts 25 specials under \$5, and 25 more under \$3.

Jean Pappoulis said the menu is designed to fit a college student's budget and taste. "I try to find what the kids want," Pappoulis said.

"This is the menu that I created that everyone loves."

Even those outside the mainstream will be pleased by what the Wilbur Street Deli has to offer. "I found out there are a lot of vegetarians in Newark," Pappoulis said.

Armed with this information, she added veggie subs, hummus subs, veggie burgers and other non-meat items to the menu. These items, as is the case with all the food on the menu, are made on the premises, Pappoulis said.

The fact that they own the two oldest delis in Newark, the Wilbur Street Deli and Daffy Deli on Elkton Road, is a great source of pride for the Pappoulis family. "I want to keep both names strong," Pappoulis said.

The Wilbur Street site was

opened in 1947 as Angie's Sub Shop, and remained under that name until it was sold to the Pappoulis's in 1995. But their first foray into the Newark deli business came in 1980 when they bought Daffy Deli. That store, originally on Cleveland Avenue, had to be moved to Elkton Road when the Ray Street dorms were constructed in 1990.

Pappoulis says the Wilbur Street Deli was originally called Daffy Deli 2, but that caused problems with orders, and the name was changed.

Pappoulis said that customers, especially University of Delaware students, have been very pleased with the new menu and the late hours of the store, which is open from 4 p.m. until 4 a.m. from Monday to Saturday.



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY TOM SHEWBROOKS

Wilbur Street Deli manager Roula Pappoulis and cook Jesse Goodchild prepare for another long night at the popular takeout restaurant open Monday to Saturday from 4 p.m. to 4 a.m.

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Sports

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Not just another one of the guys

Caputo plays in Junior Blue Hen hockey program

By STEVE WESTRICK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

UNDER THE HELMET, among the other hockey players, Theresa Caputo looks like just another member of the Junior Blue Hen hockey league.

From the left wing position Caputo charges the puck, skates back for defense, receives checks and delivers checks. The only difference between Caputo and all the other players on the ice, Caputo is a girl.

"I'm excited to be the only girl on the ice playing against some boys twice my size," Caputo said.

So how do the boys on her team treat her?

"They treat me like they treat everyone else," Caputo said. "When I first started they were like 'I never had a girl on my team.' But they soon got over that and treated me like everyone else."

Caputo said members of other teams also treat her like one of the guys.

"Everybody knows [I'm a girl]. They check me, but I get my checks in on them also."

Caputo was taught the basics of hockey by her father, Lou Caputo. Lou is now an assistant coach for her team.

Lou said he knows his daughter was ready to play with boys after seeing her take a big hit on the ice.

"Last year in one game, on her first shift, she took a vicious hit after passing the puck," Lou said. "She had to go to the hospital and missed three days of school. All she could talk about is getting back on the ice. In my mind, and I have been around hockey all my life, [Theresa] is



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See CAPUTO, 19 ►

Theresa Caputo takes time out before her Junior Blue Hens' hockey game last Saturday afternoon.

Glasgow nine falls to Caravel

By STEVE WESTRICK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Caravel used a six-run sixth inning to defeat Glasgow 10-6 in both schools' opening game Tuesday night.

The score was knotted 4-4 when outfielder Tom Atkinson knocked in two runs on a single. Glasgow pitcher Stuart Douglas set the stage for Atkinson by walking the first two batters he faced in the inning. Three batters later, Bryan Boyer hit a single to the outfield scoring Atkinson.

Even after Douglas was replaced by Matt Folke, the Buccaneers continued the rally, scoring three more runs on two hits before the inning ended.

"Very big win for us," Caravel head coach Paul Niggebrugge said. "It's a good rivalry between us and Glasgow. Anytime you can win your opening game it's good."

Brian Ziegler got the win pitching six complete innings. The Dragons had to send 13 batters to the plate before getting a hit against Ziegler.

Ziegler was charged with four runs off five hits, three walks and two hit batters. He struck out 10 batters.

"I lost a little composure for a little while and had to battle back. I did all right considering the weather," Ziegler said, referring to the frigid temperatures.

The Buccaneers scored their first run when Dave Stevens, who led off the bottom of the first inning with a single, scored on a Dan MacElroy hit.

Glasgow took a 2-1 lead by scoring two runs in the top of the fourth inning. Caravel countered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

The Dragons regained the lead in the fifth by scoring two runs on only one hit. The runs were made possible by a Caravel error, a walk, hit batter and several stolen bases.

The Buccaneers tied the score in the bottom of the fifth when Boyer walked and scored on a sacrifice fly by MacElroy.

Niggebrugge feels his defense is

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Blue Hens open spring football drills

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

The bounce in the step of people in and about the University of Delaware football office was obvious this week as the Blue Hens kicked off their annual spring drills.

With 41 letterwinners returning from the 1997 squad that compiled a 12-2 record and was within a whisker of going to the NCAA I-AA championship game, there appears great reason for excitement.

Delaware coach Tubby Raymond, however, is cautious about the high expectations surrounding the team and has a perfect example to point to support his point in the 1996 team.

That team entered the season highly ranked nationally with a huge group of returning players and the preseason consensus All-American at quarterback. The Hens, though, managed to only compile an

8-3 regular season record and were blown out 59-14 by Marshall in the opening round of the playoffs.

"It would be dumb not to learn from that experience," said Raymond of the 1996 season. "If we can't learn from that we don't deserve to have a football team." Delaware did lose a group of seniors that Raymond credited as being great leaders.

"That's a big question for us," the coach said. "This football team has to realize that it scarcely resembles last year's team without that leadership corps."

"And this spring they'll be without a lot of players who we're going to count on next fall."

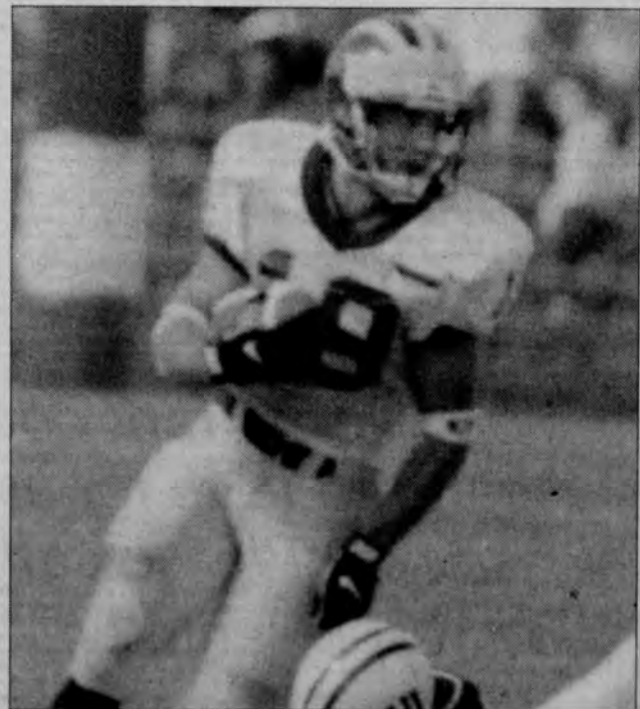
Indeed, the number of players not participating in contact drills this spring due to injuries include offensive tackle Chris Nocco (shoulder), leading rusher Andre Thompson (wrist), fullback Jamie Petraglia (knee), safety Dale Koscielski

(knee), cornerback Tyrone Bowden (knee), defensive end Mike Cecere (knee), spread end Eddie Conti (knee), halfback Rich Conway (knee) and tight end Jason VanKerkhoven (knee).

Despite those concerns — all valid — there are also a host of reasons why there is genuine enthusiasm about this team. One of those reasons may actually be two — the quarterback situation.

Junior Brian Ginn started the first 10 games before getting injured. Sophomore Matt Nagy took over and did an excellent job in the three playoff games he played.

"On the positive side," said Raymond, who will begin his 33rd year as the head coach. "We're very anxious to get into the quarterback situation. Ginn did a great job and threw so very few interceptions and Nagy's efficiency rating was unbelievably high."



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Eddie Conti will return to the Blue Hens next fall.

Glasgow softball team eyes run at the state championship

Dragons return host of key players

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Winning has been a constant for the Glasgow High softball program ever since Larry Walker took over the head coaching duties back in 1992.

This year, however, expectations are even higher.

The Dragons' starting nine have all started games in the past and the infield returns in tact from a team that posted a 15-4 record last season. The Dragons lost to Caravel in the first round of the state tournament.

"We haven't sat down and discussed specific goals," said Walker, whose team has made the state tournament in each of his first six seasons. "But I would think that most

realize this is the year for us. I think many expect to go a long way. Now we just have to get the job done." Leading the way for Glasgow is three-time first-team All-State selection Kristin Nau. Nau garnered first-team All-State honors at third base her freshman year and shortstop in each of the past two seasons.

"Kristin looks very strong again this year," Walker said. "I don't want to jinx her but I think she'll have a great year."

Her double play partner will again be Jamie Sassaman at second base. Sassaman, also a senior, was a first-team all-conference selection and an honorable mention all-state player last season.

Brandi Redrow, a second-team all conference first baseman, also returns as does Kirsty Lloyd - also a second team all-conference pick last year.

Pitcher Julie VanDeusen - another all-conference selection - also returns.

"Julie's looked great so far this preseason," Walker said. "She's been very effective for us."

Junior Jessica Marley will handle the catching chores.

Senior Melissa Pettee returns to play center field with sophomores Stacey Watson and Lisa Scanlon expected to start in left and right fields respectively.

Watson and Scanlon may also see some pitching duties this season.

Other players expected to make contributions to the Dragons this season are senior Lorri Peterson, sophomore Dawn Broderdorp, sophomore Jaleah Brown, sophomore Stacy Fitzwater and freshman Kristin Berkley.

In addition to the two games against the other Flight A opponents, Glasgow will play Padua (tomorrow), St. Elizabeth, Ursuline and Dickinson.

"The weather hasn't been very good so we haven't had a lot of chances to get outside," Walker said. "But I think we have a chance to have a very good team."

Walker feels Brandywine and Mount Pleasant have a chance to be very good in Flight A. St. Mark's, Sussex Central, Caravel and Cape Henlopen are teams he feels can challenge for a state title.

Caravel softball team loaded with young players

By MARTY VALANIA

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

YOUNG and inexperienced. Many high school coaches often talk about those two characteristics when describing their teams.

It's hard to believe anybody, however, could be younger or more inexperienced than Steve Baker's Caravel Academy softball team.

One of the state's perennial softball powers since Baker took over in 1989, the Bucs this season will have six eighth and ninth graders out of the top 13 players on the varsity.

Add to that the fact that two of the state's best players - Megan Biddle and Kati Salony - graduated and are now playing in college and it would appear like a tough situation for Baker.

Not necessarily.

Caravel will be young and it does only return three starters from last year. However, its young players are also pretty good and many have been part of extremely successful summer youth teams.

"I wish I knew," Baker said when asked how he thought his team would do this season. "I do know that it's been a great group to work with. It's really been fun. We've gotten back to the basics of teaching the game and the girls have really responded."

"We have a great rapport with this team."

The strength of the team begins with junior shortstop Melissa Beatson, who had a fine season as a sophomore. Junior Stephanie Rice is another returning starter and will move from third to second base this year. Junior Jamie Keyes started last year at first base and could split time this season between there and right field.

Junior Debbie Austin will play third base while junior Erica Richardson, a transfer

from Glasgow, will play center-field. Freshman Megan Richardson will play left field.

Freshman Erin McGlynn will see time at first base while sophomore Tiffany Eshelman will also play right field.

That lineup, without a senior, sounds pretty young and we haven't even gotten to the pitcher and catcher yet.

The battery will be made up of two eighth graders. Jackie Homiak will be the starting pitcher and Nancy Tokar will be the catcher.

Also expected to contribute to the Bucs this season will be freshman Ashley Niggebrugge, eighth grader Alexis Niggebrugge, eighth grader Erin Bilbrough, junior Annie Nefosky, eighth grader Danielle Austin and eighth grader Stacie Smith.

"For being as young as it is, I'm very excited about the team," said Baker, who is assisted by Mike Salony and Charlie Marioni. "They've really

worked hard. We've practiced every day but one since March 1. They've picked up a lot and are very knowledgeable."

"The talent this group has reminds me of what we had here in the early 1990s [Caravel won a state title in 1991]."

"I was kind of hoping everybody would think we have a bunch of eighth and ninth graders over here and we would kind of go unnoticed for awhile."

That may be difficult if the Bucs keep winning and improving.

Caravel began its season on a positive note with a 7-1 victory over Archmere on Monday.

Beatson collected three hits and two RBI and Rice added two hits and two RBI. Megan Richardson contributed two hits and an RBI as well.

Homiak allowed just six hits, struck out eight and walked none in her first varsity start.

Caravel will take on Dover Saturday afternoon.

Christiana hopes for playoffs

By CHRIS DONAHUE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

A winning record and a berth in the state tournament will be what Christiana High's softball team is striving for as the season gets under way.

The Vikings, who struggled through a losing season last year, will have to accomplish those goals with only four seniors for new coach Cheryl Vest.

Centerfielder Karyn Van Veen, who returns as the Vikings' leading hitter, second baseman Belitza Torres, catcher Cody Allen and pitcher Heather Burke are the seniors and team captains.

Torres will split time at second with freshman Megan Reedy, while Junior Jen Hetland and sophomore

Kris Gray will share playing time at first base.

Junior shortstop Jenn Robinson and junior third baseman Misty Dobson round out the infield.

"We're stressing fundamentals."

CHERYL VEST
CHRISTIANA SOFTBALL COACH

Junior Erin Halfen will play left field and junior Holly Solienewski will play right field.

"We're young and last year's record wasn't so hot, so I really think a lot depends on how much

the other teams have improved," said Vest, a former assistant coach at Smyrna High.

"We're in a tough division (Flight A). My goal is to play at least .500 and make the state tournament. I aim high."

Vest said a lack of a feeder program requires her to stick to the basics. Some of her players have no softball experience.

"They're a good group of girls and enthusiastic about the sport," Vest said. "We're stressing fundamentals and a team attitude - we win as a team and lose as a team - and good sportsmanship."

P.J. Buffano and Anne Prince are the assistant coaches for the Vikings, who opened play Tuesday against Glasgow and face Middletown today.



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Newark 'nine seeks to rebound

By STEVE WESTRICK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Armed with experience the Newark High baseball team is ready to make a run at the playoffs.

Curt Bedford took over as head coach of Newark's baseball team in 1996 and led the Yellowjackets to a state title. However, last year, after returning only three players with varsity experience, Newark managed a 9-9 season.

"It was a rebuilding year [in 1997], I was anticipating a down season," Bedford said. "I was hoping we would win enough close games to get in the tournament. That didn't happen. [This season] I expect us to win some of those games we lost last year by a run or two."

The reason for Bedford's optimism is experience in the field. Newark returns virtually all its position players, including captains Chris Adams and Bobby Johnson.

Johnson, a shortstop who recorded a batting average of .390 last year, will be the Yellowjackets lead-off hitter.

"I'll probably be leading-off again so my job will be to get on base," Johnson said. "I'll [get on base] any way I can, with a hit, walk, getting hit by a pitch, whatever. I'm just looking to get on base and score runs."

Bedford said first baseman Adams should provide some power hitting. Last season he missed action with a hurt wrist, but Adams said the injury has healed and will not affect his swing.

Bedford's biggest area of concern is pitching. Last year's ace, George Griebel, graduated leaving Bedford with only one experienced

“Everyone will have to play a role on this team.”

CURT BEDFORD

NEWARK HIGH BASEBALL COACH

hurler in senior Dave Kessler.

After Kessler, three juniors are competing for the second pitching slot. They include Robert Holmes, Dave Lewis, and Charles Porter.

Depending on how well the three juniors perform in preseason practice and scrimmages, Bedford may use a three pitcher rotation. Presently, Bedford is figuring on a two pitcher rotation with the other two juniors used in relief.

The infield defense should be a strong area for Newark. Joining Johnson and Adams inside the dia-

mond are second baseman Erik Schurman and third baseman Ray Johnson.

Catcher is also a strong area with two juniors - Jimmy Knight and Frank Kurz - battling for the starting spot.

"I'm concerned about our offense and pitching," Bedford said. "But our defense will come through. It should be very solid."

Bedford shuffled the outfield around, moving last year's starting leftfielder Chris Kiewel to centerfield. Leftfield will be manned by Mike Fisher and Andrew Robbins and Grant Vincent will see time in rightfield.

Kiewel said the transition to centerfield should be smooth.

"Outfield is outfield, there is just a lot more ground to cover [in center field]," he said.

According to Fisher, the outfield defense is starting to gel and once the team faces opposing pitchers the bats should knock in runs.

"Fielding and hitting wise we match up with anybody," he said. "If the pitching can come together, we can go a long ways."

According to Bedford, depth should help his team.

"I have 17 solid varsity players. The team plan is to use 12 to 13 of them per-game," he said. "There will be spots for everyone to contribute. Everyone will have to play a role on this team."

Defense, midfield keys to Glasgow soccer success

By CHRIS DONAHUE

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

GLASGOW HIGH'S girls soccer team is hoping a rock-solid defense and talented midfield will be enough to give the "boot" to enough opponents to make it one of the elite teams in the state.

The defense is anchored by goalie Erin Hasty, a senior captain.

Other seniors include sweeper back Jill Biggs, a two-time all-state selection, midfielders Sheila Nimrooz, Katie LaShomb, also a captain and the team's leading scorer last year, Stephanie Ogburn, Jenn Jones, Kim Burkhart and Heather Raezer.

Sophomore forward Cearra Carroll will also start. Also expected to either start or earn a lot of playing time are sophomore forward Jessica Eastburn and four freshmen - midfielders Jennifer Hudson, Lisa Vormwald and Rene Kutys, and fullback Laurie Reinhold.

Also, senior Chelesha Harding returns after a three-year absence from the sport and will be Hasty's back-up and a possible field player.

"I think we're solid in the back and in the midfield," said Glasgow coach Bob Bussiere, who was still deciding on a combination of strikers in the preseason.

"I think we have more depth this year than we've ever had," added Bussiere, whose team finished 7-7-2 last season and missed the state tournament.

"When I look back over the years, (offense) has been our Achilles Heel. Defensively, we've always been solid.

When we've been down one (goal), we've never seemed to be able to come back. I want to attack more this year and be forced to defend a 1-0 lead rather than try to tie it."

Bussiere said Newark and Alexis I. du Pont will be the main powers to deal with in the 13-team Blue Hen Conference. The league is one team short needed to form Flight A and B. Hodgson, which currently plays a junior varsity schedule, could change that if it plays a varsity schedule next season.

The Dragons opened their season Wednesday against Dickinson and don't play again until next Wednesday against McKean.

Mench helps lead Blue Hen baseball team

Kevin Mench hit a home run and added another hit in helping the University of Delaware baseball team to a 7-2 win over local rival Wilmington College Monday afternoon at Delaware Diamond.

For Mench, a St. Mark's graduate and Newark resident, it was his seventh homer of the young season. Christiana graduate Andre Duffie added an RBI double to the Hens' offensive barrage.

Winning pitcher Matt Phillips

struck out 12 and scattered seven hits over eight innings to help improve the Blue Hens' record to 8-4.

It was the fifth straight win for Delaware and the third straight for Phillips.

Mench entered the Wilmington game hitting .378. He now has 20 RBI on the season. Duffie, a starting center fielder, is hitting .333 four home runs and 18 RBI.

In addition to Mench and Duffie,

Newark High graduate Jeff Simpson and Salesianum graduate and Bear resident Tony Lofink are members of the Blue Hen squad.

Simpson has seen action in six games and has collected one hit while Lofink has also played in six games so far this season.

The Hens will open America East conference play this weekend with doubleheaders against Maine scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

Brosnahan leads UD softball squad to good start to season

Helped by the contributions of two local players, the University of Delaware softball team got off to a 5-4 start this season.

Laurie Brosnahan, a former All-Stater at Glasgow and Newark Post Athlete of the Year, started all of the first nine games at second base for the Blue Hens and was hitting a hefty .417 with 10 hits and four RBI. She had an on-base percentage of .500.

Freshman Lauren Mark, from

Ursuline, started eight of the team's first nine games as the extra player (designated hitter) and is batting .304 with seven hits and four runs-batted-in.

Mark has also pitched six innings without giving up an earned run. She did get a loss in one game.

Delaware will be home this weekend with a doubleheader against Penn on Saturday at 1 p.m. and a doubleheader against St. Francis (Pa.) Sunday at noon.

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Playing in an all-girls league still a hope

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one of the toughest players I've ever seen."

Caputo is a member of the in-house division of the Jr. Blue Hens. The in-house division is open to youths ages 10-13. The division features four teams which play each other at the ice arena on the campus of the University of Delaware.

According to Dan Blezins, coordinator of Jr. Blue Hen hockey, the league follows the guidelines of U.S.A. Hockey when establishing which bracket to place each hockey player.

Blezins said Caputo, who is now 14 years old, made the July 1 deadline date to play in the in-house division. He also said there is no restrictions preventing girls from playing at any level of competition.

While Caputo plays for the Blue squad, another girl, Katey Neuman, plays for the Red squad. Blezins said it is not that unusual to see girls in the league.

"Right now we have several girls involved in the instructional program, and there was a girl who played on our road team last year," Blezins said.

The instructional program is for kids under 10 years old and focuses on teaching the basics. While the road team is for kids over 13.

Although a girl played on the road team last year, Blezins admitted it can be difficult for girls to compete at that level. The road team, which is more competitive and requires tryouts, is for kids ages 14-17. Traditionally, this is an age where boys mature physically.

For this reason, many people including Lou and Theresa's mother Mary Theresa Caputo, would



NEWARK POST PHOTO BY HEIDI SCHEING

Theresa Caputo skates up ice in the Junior Blue Hen in-house hockey game last Saturday at the University of Delaware's Blue Arena.

like to see a girls team started in the area.

"She loves playing ice hockey and at this level the play with boys is about the same," Mary Theresa said. "However, we as parents and Theresa realize that as the levels increase, play becomes more physical and she wouldn't be able to compete with the boys."

"Theresa is looking at some disappointment coming up because she doesn't see any girls leagues in the area," she said.

According to Lou Caputo, the barrier that exists to getting a girls team is participation. Two options exist for forming a girls team; either enough support must be found to have several teams for an in-house league, or a smaller yet more dedicated group must step

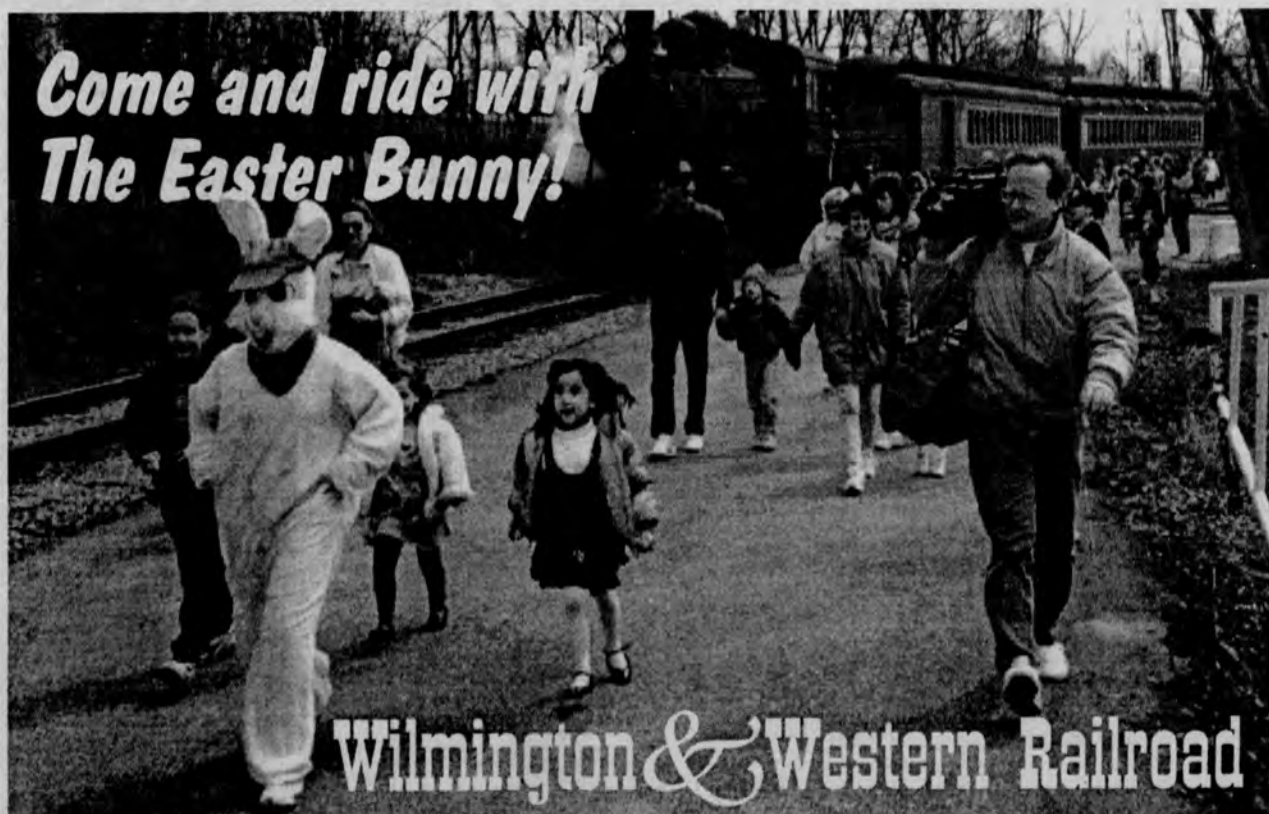
forward to create a travel team.

Caputo said she likes playing in the Jr. Blue Hens league, but would like to have a chance on a girls team. She hopes the exposure gained from the Olympics will get more girls involved in hockey. It has already influenced her.

"I would like to play on a girls team because my dream is to play in the Olympics," Caputo said.

Blezins said he has received two to five calls each week inquiring about a girls hockey team since the Olympics.

However, Blezins said the league's first concern is getting more ice time. Only with more ice time would the league look into a girls program. Even then it is only one of several options for the league.



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Strong defense a key to Bucs

By STEVE WESTRICK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

Caravel baseball team is ready to advance to another level.

The Buccaneers made the playoffs last year but were unable to get past the first round. This year they plan on making a strong run in the playoffs.

"We want to get beyond the first round [of the state playoffs]," Caravel head coach Paul Niggebrugge said when referring to the team goals.

In order to achieve that goal, the Buccaneers must get through what Niggebrugge said is Caravel's hardest schedule in 13 years.

Among the opponents are: defending state champion St. Marks, Indian River, Milford and Salesianum.

Caravel, which also will compete in the competitive Riverdale (Md.)

tournament, got off to a good start by defeating Glasgow 10-6 Tuesday night.

Niggebrugge said defense and aggressive base running should be the top strengths on the team.

"We have a nice double-play combination in [shortstop] Roger Richardson and [second baseman] Bryan Boyer," he said. "We should be very strong up the middle and make plays."

Richardson transferred from Glasgow this year. However, Boyer said there shouldn't be any problem with the chemistry between them.

"We're best friends," Boyer said. "We grew up together. Both of us spent so much time together it's hard not to know what the other one is going to do."

Niggebrugge said the team has two strong catchers in Dave Stevens and Bryan Brown.

Winning pitcher against Glasgow, Brian Ziegler, will be first in the rotation. The second starting

pitcher will be Mike Shallcross.

Niggebrugge didn't know if he will go with a three-pitcher rotation, but will use several hurlers in relief.

"We're looking to use four pitchers and would like Bryan Brown to become the closer," he said. "You can get by with two quality pitchers if you have relief help."

According to Niggebrugge, the team doesn't have a lot of power hitters, but should be able to reach base.

Leftfielder Adam Brown will lead the charge. He hit .400 last year. Also expected to make significant contributions from the plate include first baseman Mike Walters, third baseman Dan MacElroy and Boyer.

"We have to make other teams earn [wins]," Niggebrugge said. "We will put the ball in play. This team has great unity. Everybody is pulling for each other. Everyone has a role and needs to contribute."

Kirkwood Twisters win Jefferson Cup

The Kirkwood Twisters won the Jefferson Cup, taking first place in the under-10 girls division, at the Richmond, Va. Tournament.

Goalkeepers Jennifer

Piechowski, Anna Lewis, Stephanie Kappler, Heather Richardson and Beth Kitchin combined for four shutouts. Kate Attenberger led the offensive attack with seven goals and one assist. Lewis contributed

three goals and one assist.

The Twisters beat the Midlothian Blast 1-0 in the championship game. Piechowski was in goal for the win.

Caravel boys open season with win

► BUCS, from 16

the strength of the team, but was disappointed with his team's defen-

sive performance. Caravel committed several errors throughout the game. Kristin Mills finished out the game on the mound for the Buccaneers. She gave up two runs

on two hits, but was able to shut down a Glasgow rally by getting Jeff Goff to ground to third base for the final out.

Mills one of the pitchers Caravel is counting on

By STEVE WESTRICK

NEWARK POST STAFF WRITER

CARAVEL head coach Paul Niggebrugge said he has four strong pitchers on his boys baseball team. One of them throws a nasty knuckle-curve ball. Her name is Kristin Mills.

Mills was on the varsity baseball team last year, but saw limited action. This season she was installed in the final inning of the first game against Glasgow.

Mills gave up two runs on two hits in her one inning on the mound. However, she was able to stop a Glasgow rally to preserve the win.

"I'm not really pleased [with my performance tonight]," Mills said after the game. "I didn't throw well. I don't like anybody on base let alone scoring two runs."

Niggebrugge installed Mills after the Buccaneers scored six runs to give her a six run cushion going into the final inning.

However, Niggebrugge said lead or no lead Mills was his pitcher for the seventh inning.

"She is very composed, poised and knows what she's

doing [on the mound]," he said. "I have a lot of confidence in her."

Mills, a junior, is no stranger to athletics, being named to her second consecutive All-State girls basketball team. She has scored 1,712 career points on the court.

On the diamond, Mills is a pitcher who relies on off-speed pitches.

"I use the curve and knuckle-curve," she said. "I definitely need to use them. I'm not going to over power anybody."

All the Buccaneers know a team needs good pitching to do well in high school baseball.

"If me, Mike [Shallcross], and Kristin can just throw a little better we will go far," Caravel's number one pitcher in the rotation Brian Ziegler said.

Mills said she learned the basics of baseball from Doug Dagg while on her Newark National Little League team.

So why baseball and not softball?

"Just cause it's always been baseball," she said. "I started in T-ball and started pitching when I was eight."

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UD gridders begin spring practice

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The offensive backfield will be another spot the coaching staff will be looking at with a great deal of interest.

In addition to the return of the team's two top rushers Andre Thompson and Craig Cummings, former Newark High All-Stater Butter Pressey could see significant playing time. Pressey transferred last fall from Virginia Tech.

"I would think that Butter Pressey should play," Raymond said. "But I also think Derrick Downs should be ready and I think Steve Ricco would think he's ready to play. It really should make for good practice time."

The linebacker position is the only position that was hurt severely by graduation and will be addressed heavily this spring.

"We lost some good people and leaders there," the coach said. "But I think we have some people who played some who will be ready to play."

Raymond also noted that rebuilding the offensive and defensive lines are priorities.

The passing game will be bolstered by the return of Eddie Conti, who was injured in the third game of last season and was granted a medical redshirt by the NCAA.

After a full week of non-contact drills this week, Delaware will begin hitting today. The team will practice again March 30 and April 1 before taking a week off for Spring Break. After the break the squad will practice April 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22 and 24.

Scrimmages are scheduled for March 28, April 1 and April 18. The Blue-White game is scheduled for April 25 at Delaware Stadium.

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Larry W. Gilbert, meat cutter

Newark resident Larry W. Gilbert died Monday, March 9, 1998, of cancer at home.

Mr. Gilbert, 40, was a meat cutter at various grocery stores and last worked at Value Food Store, Elkton, Md. He was a member of the Meat Cutters Union.

He is survived by his parents, Clarence E. and Allene Gilbert of Newark; brothers, William D. and Tommy E., both of Elkton, and

Michael S. of Newark; and sisters, Karen S. McGill of Newark and Mary Ann Baner of Cape Coral, Fla.

A service was held March 13 at Beeson Memorial Services, Newark. Burial was in Gracelawn Memorial Park, Minquadales.

The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society, New Castle 19720, or Compassionate Care Hospice.

Naomi Lewis, retired from UD

Newark resident Naomi Lewis died Friday, March 6, 1998 of heart failure in Christiana Hospital.

Ms. Lewis, 76, worked at the University of Delaware infirmary for 18 years. She retired in 1981. She was a member of St. John's AM Church, Newark.

She is survived by her daughters, Roslyn Hackett of Newark and Delores Roane of Wilmington; sisters, Florence Badson and Myrtle Bond, both of Newark; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A service was held March 14 at St. John's AM Church, Newark. Burial was in St. John's AM Church Cemetery, Newark.

Ann L. Mulrooney, retired from Winterthur

Newark resident Ann L. Mulrooney died Tuesday, March 10, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Mulrooney, 88, worked in the Winterthur Museum Education Department. She retired in the early 1970s. Earlier, she worked for Kelly

Services and Rollins Inc. She was a member of St. Helena's Catholic Church, Bellefonte, and its Altar Society and Blue Army of Fatima. She was a member of the Junior Board of St. Francis Hospital, the Oblate Helpers Guild and the DeSales Seminary Associates. Her husband, James M., died in 1979. Her brother, Harold Lamborn of Pike Creek, died Jan. 5.

She is survived by her son, Mark S., with whom she lived; sisters, Sara L. Geiszler and Florence L. Joyce, both of Wilmington, and Margaret L. Goldinger of Smyrna; Diane E. Mulrooney of Newark, who helped care for her; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A mass was held at St. John the Beloved Catholic Church. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to Salesianum School,

Wilmington 19802.

Julia H. DiSabatino, homemaker

Newark resident Julia H. DiSabatino died Monday, March 9, 1998, in Millcroft Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. DiSabatino, 71, was a homemaker. She was a member of Minquadales United Methodist Church and was a former member of the ladies of the Moose Lodge 14, New Castle. Her husband, Benjamin P. DiSabatino Jr., died in 1989.

She is survived by her son, Benjamin P. III, with whom she lived; sister, Iva Insley of Minquadales; and three grandchildren.

A service was held March 14 at

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The family suggests contributions to the Arthritis Foundation of Delaware, Wilmington 19801, or the National Kidney Foundation of the Delaware Valley, 3255 Chestnut St., Suite 1016, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

Theodore Coveleskie Sr., tool and die maker

Newark resident Theodore Coveleskie Sr. died Tuesday, March 3, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Coveleskie, 80, was a tool and die maker for Chrysler Corp. for 31 years. His wife, Florence V., died in 1995.

He is survived by his sons, Theodore Jr. of Endicott, N.Y., John of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; daughter, Barbara Chambers of Elkton, Md.; sister, Monica Odorizzi of Philadelphia; and eight grandchil-

dren.

A service was held March 9 at Hicks Home for Funerals, Elkton. Burial was in Sharps Cemetery, Fair Hill, Md.

The family suggests contributions to Delaware Heart Association, Newark 19713.

William E. Donnell, millwright

Newark resident William E. Donnell died Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at home.

Mr. Donnell, 86, was a millwright at the Chrysler assembly plant in Newark for about 15 years. He retired in 1977. He was an Army National Guard veteran. He served as a master sergeant in Company 198. He was a 32nd degree Mason of Hiram Lodge 25, Newark; past worthy patron of Eastern Star, Chapter 10. He was a member of Nur Temple, provost guard, New Castle; United Auto Workers Local 1183; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Mason Dixon Travelers club; and Salem United Methodist Church. His wife, Alyce Irene Donnell, died

in 1990.

He is survived by his son, William W. of Clayton; daughters, Nancy A. Rasmussen of Bear, A. Marie Donnell of Newark, T. Dianne Baugher of Ringgold, Ga.; 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-granddaughter.

A service was held March 14 at Salem United Methodist Church, Newark. Burial was in Salem United Methodist Church cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to the Masonic Home in c/o Robert T. Jones and Foard Funeral Home, 122 W. Main St., Newark 19711.

Robert S. Brode, Bear resident

Bear resident Robert S. Brode died Friday, March 13, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Brode, 37, attended the Hudson State Service Center in Newark.

He is survived by his father, George W. of Woodlyn, Pa.; and brother, George J. of Woodlyn.

A mass was held March 17 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Wilmington. Burial was in Cathedral Cemetery.

Gary E. Breon, house painter

Newark resident Gary E. Breon died Sunday, March 15, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Breon, 43, was a self-employed house painter in the Newark area for 20 years. He retired in 1994.

He is survived by his parents, John S. and Dorothy A. Breon, with whom he lived; sister, Sandy K. Breon of Clayton; and former wife, Patricia Misocky of Ohio.

A service was held March 18 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, New Castle. Burial was in Gracelawn memorial Park, Minquadales.

Andrew J. Cantoni, insurance agent

Newark resident Andrew J. Cantoni died Sunday, March 15, 1998, in University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mr. Cantoni, 51, was an insurance agent for New York Life Insurance Co., Newark, for 13 years. He was a member of Saint John's Holy Angels Catholic Church for 17 years and served on the parish council. He was a softball and baseball coach for Holy Angels Catholic Youth Organization and Newark National Little League, and served on the board of Maple Valley Pool. He was a Marine Corps. veteran.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Eileen R. Reynolds Cantoni; son, Andrew J. Jr. at home; daughters, Elizabeth A. Cantoni and Sarah C. Cantoni, both at home; and sister, Marcelline Garcia of Arnold, Mo.

A mass was held March 18 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, Newark. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery.

John T. Grabowski, mechanical contractor

Newark resident John T. Grabowski died Thursday, March 12, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Grabowski, 75, had been a mechanical contractor for I.D. Griffith HVAC. He retired in 1984 after 20 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, New Castle, and St. Hedwig's and Fraim Senior Centers. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He wife, Barbara Schneider Grabowski, died in 1996.

He is survived by his sons, Jack of Wilmington, and Paul; and Mark, both of Houston, Texas; daughter, Chris Obuske of Boston; twin brother, Edward of Wilmington; brother, Joseph of Rehoboth Beach; sisters, Sophia Kryspin and Helen Zankowsky, both of Wilmington, and Frances Sosnowski of Youngstown, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

A mass was held March 16 at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Burial was in Cathedral Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.

Walter G. Kraus, post office supervisor

Newark resident Walter G. Kraus died Sunday, March 23, 1998, of heart failure at home.

Mr. Kraus, 87, formerly of New York City, was a supervisor at the Hicksville, N.Y., post office for 20 years. He retired in 1983. He served in the Army for 20 years, stationed in France, Japan and Korea. He retired as a captain in 1962. Earlier, he was a chiropractor in New York City.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, EvaMaria; daughter, Yvonne A. Dalton of Newark and Sabine P. Lanteri of France; and sister, Evelyn Bryne of Indiana, Pa.

A service was held March 26 at Beeson Memorial Services of Christiana-Elkton. Burial was private.

The family suggests contributions to Delaware Hospice, Wilmington 19810.

Wilbur S. Davis, worked for GM

Newark resident Wilbur S. Davis died Thursday, March 19, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mr. Davis, 47, was a supervisor in the shipping department at General Motors Corp.'s Boxwood Road plant for 23 years.

He is survived by his companion, Gary L. Leitzel at home.

A service was held March 24 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, Wilmington Manor. Burial was private.

Contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, New Castle 19720.

Mary R. Gamble, crossing guard

Newark resident Mary R. Gamble died Friday, March 13, 1998, in Christiana Hospital.

Mrs. Gamble, 61, was a crossing guard on West Park Place for eight years. She was a member of the Thomas Cooper Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 475, Newark, and Women of the Moose 969, Elkton, Md.

She is survived by her husband of 21 years, Ralph L., Sr.; sons, Richard L. Caldeira of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Rocky Caldeira of New Castle; daughter, Deborah Anbarchian of Burbank, Calif.; stepson, Ralph Gamble Jr., of North East, Md.; stepdaughter, Patricia Aikens of Daytona Beach, Fla.; brothers, James Prater of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Carl Prater of Hacienda Heights, Calif.; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A service was held March 25 at Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, Newark. Burial was in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Summit.

The family suggests contributions to Thomas Cooper Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Fund of VFW Post 475, Newark.

Anna May Desmond, secretary

Newark resident Anna May Desmond died Friday, March 20, 1998, at home.

Mrs. Desmond, 77, was secretary to the financial aid director at the University of Delaware for 15 years. She retired in 1984. She was a member of St. John's-Holy Angels Catholic Church, Newark, and its Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality. She was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Her husband, Andrew F., died in 1991.

She is survived by her sons, Martin G. of Middletown, and Neil J. of Sheboygan, Wis.; daughters, Kathleen D. Keogh and Maryellen D. Powers, both of Newark; sister, Katherine Lord of Wilmington; and six grandchildren.

A mass was held March 23 at Holy Angels Catholic Church. Entombment was in All Saints Cemetery.

The family suggests contributions to St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o Holy Angels Catholic Church, Newark 19711.

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The New Castle County Board of Realtors will hold its annual Realtor Showcase on Tuesday, April 7. This year, the exhibition part of the event will be open to the public from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Realtor Showcase is the largest event of its kind in Delaware, drawing up to 1,000 board members to the day's activities. Classes give credits towards relicensing; national speakers share their experience and perspective along with local experts; and exhibitors include mortgage lenders, attorneys, home inspectors, and vendors.

Realtor Showcase '98 will take place on April 7 at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington. For more information, call Toni Hitchens at the New Castle County Board of Realtors at 762-4800.

Local realtor honored

Julio Cruz, realtor for Century 21 Virtue Real Estate in Stanton, received numerous awards at Century 21's Delmarva Brokers Council 1997 Annual Awards Banquet. Included in his honors were: The Million Dollar Club Silver Award; The Top Agent In Office Award; The Masters Club Award for consistent high production, quality service, and dedication to the Century 21 system; and the Sales Achievement Silver Award for outstanding sales performance.

Cutting the tax bite

A couple converting their San Diego vacation condominium into a primary residence formerly faced a massive tax bite if they did not purchase another primary home to replace their Wisconsin residence.

According to Gail A. Light, a Certified Residential Specialist with Emerson & Co. Realtors in Dover, the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act will allow many people to sell their homes in 1998 without this dilemma. The new law allows married taxpayers filing a joint return to exclude up to \$500,000 of gain on the sale of their principal residence. Single taxpayers can exclude up to \$250,000 of gain.

"To qualify for this exclusion, homeowners must have lived in and used the home as their primary residence for two of the past five years," said Light. "Homeowners are allowed to take the exclusion once every two years, unlike the previous law, which

granted a once-in-a-lifetime \$125,000 exclusion on capital gains to homeowners 55 or older."

Many homeowners did not take the exclusions offered under the old provision because they were saving it for a time when they would reap the maximum benefit.

Ed Hatch, a CRS in Greenbelt, Md., and president of the Residential Sales Council, said the new tax exclusions will also influence many investors who like to purchase homes, renovate them, and sell them for a profit. "It is easier to build equity and get out of debt because the new tax code will not force people to buy more expensive homes with each transaction," said Hatch. "The only requirement is that investors use the property as a principal residence for two years."

County realtors honored

Bill Whittaker recently was named Realtor of the Year, the top award given out by the New Castle County Board of Realtors. Whittaker is a broker/realtor with Patterson-Schwartz and associates, and is also first vice president of the board. In 1995, Whittaker received the Realtor Service Award from the board, and he became a lifetime member of the board's Million \$ Club this year.

Cheryl Myers, owner/president of AmeriSpec Home Inspections since 1995, was named Affiliate of the Year.

Donald P. Ash, a realtor/broker with RE/MAX, won the Education Award. Ash is a director with the board, chairperson of the education committee for the Delaware Association of Realtors, and a former director of the Delaware School of Real Estate from 1988 to 1993.

Teresa Deakins, a realtor with RE/MAX, won the Realtor Spirit Award, presented for a commitment to her profession and service to her clients.

Paul Wildey, of Prudential Preferred Properties, received the Community Service Award, given for voluntary contributions to the community. Wildey has served as a volunteer firefighter and an ambu-

lance attendant for the Mill Creek Fire Company since 1991, where he has responded to an average of 350 alarms a year.

Gene Cheatham, who served as interim executive vice president of the board from July to December 1997, was presented with a Special Recognition Award.

Carroll W. Griffith, William D. Patterson, and Charles E. Schwartz Sr. were inducted into the Realtor Hall of Fame, which was instituted in 1994. Griffith was instrumental in forming the New Castle County Board of Realtors and served as an early president.

Patterson and Schwartz are founding members of Patterson-Schwartz Real Estate, which they began in 1961 in Wilmington.

In addition to the awards, 25 NCCBOR realtors became first-time members of the Million \$ Club, 25 were named second-year members of the club, 25 were named executive members (million dollar sales three out of five years), 19 were named presidential members (four out of six years), and 22 were named lifetime members (five out of seven years).

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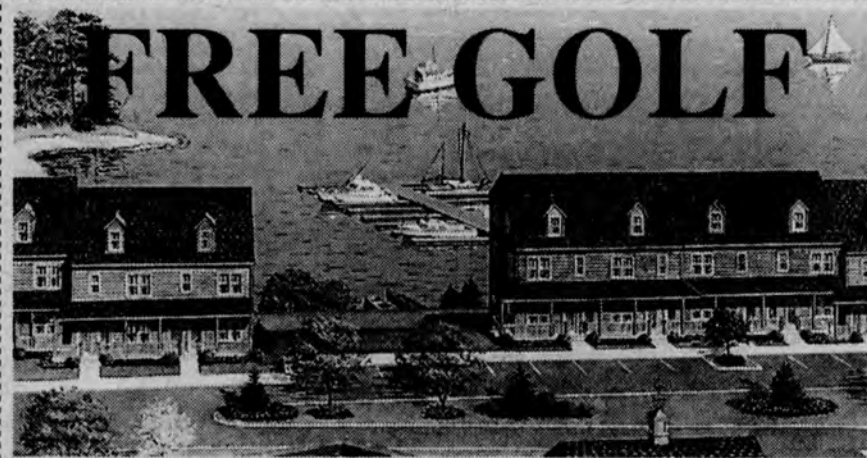
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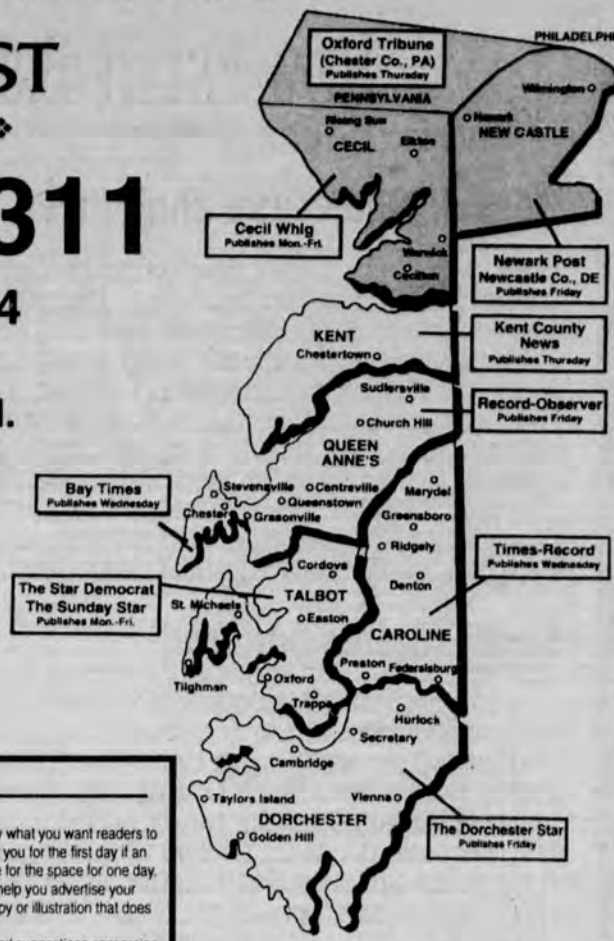
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LEGAL NOTICE APRIL QUARTER SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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These Supplemental Assessments will become effective on April 1, 1998. Forms to appeal these Supplemental Assessments may be obtained from the Assessment Division at the address aforesaid and must be filed with the Assessment Division no later than 4:30 p.m. on April 30, 1998. The Board of Assessment Review of New Castle County will sit in the New Castle County Government Center or some other public place to be announced to hear appeals from these supplemental Assessments between May 1 and June 1, 1998, unless the Board continues the hearings. The exact dates and times of such hearings will be provided to the appellants in accordance with 9 Del. C. Sec. 8311.
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Telephone (302) 737-1088
np 3/27

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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
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PETITIONER(S)
TO
Brandt Griffith Kuperstock
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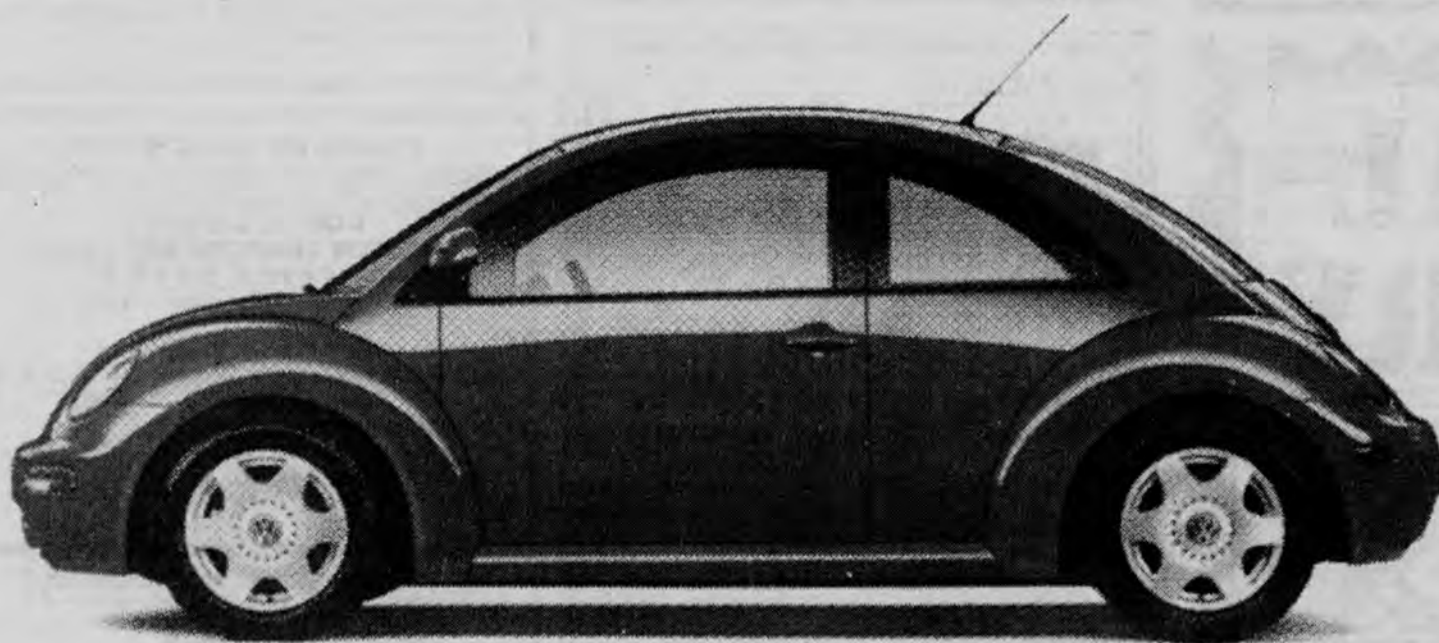
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IN RE: CHANGE OF NAME OF
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PETITIONER(S)
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Jennifer L. Fulk
Petitioner(s)
Mother of
Jessica Danielle Fulk
DATED: March 6, 1998
np 3/13, 20, 27

FAMILY COURT FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE NOTICE OF FAMILY COURT ACTION

TO: ROBERT W. MITCHELL, Respondent(s)
Petitioner, Leigh E. Kennard, has filed a Termination of Parental Rights Petition against you (concerning a MINOR, DOB 7/27/93) in the Family Court of the State of Delaware for New Castle County on January 13, 1998. If you do not file an answer with the Family Court within 20 days after publication of this notice, exclusive of the date of publication, as required by statute, this action will be heard in Family Court without further notice.
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TO
Kristen E. Ely
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Petitioner(s)
np 3/27, 4/3, 4/10

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TO: Mary Emily Fisher,
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with the Family Court
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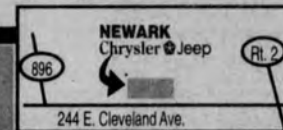
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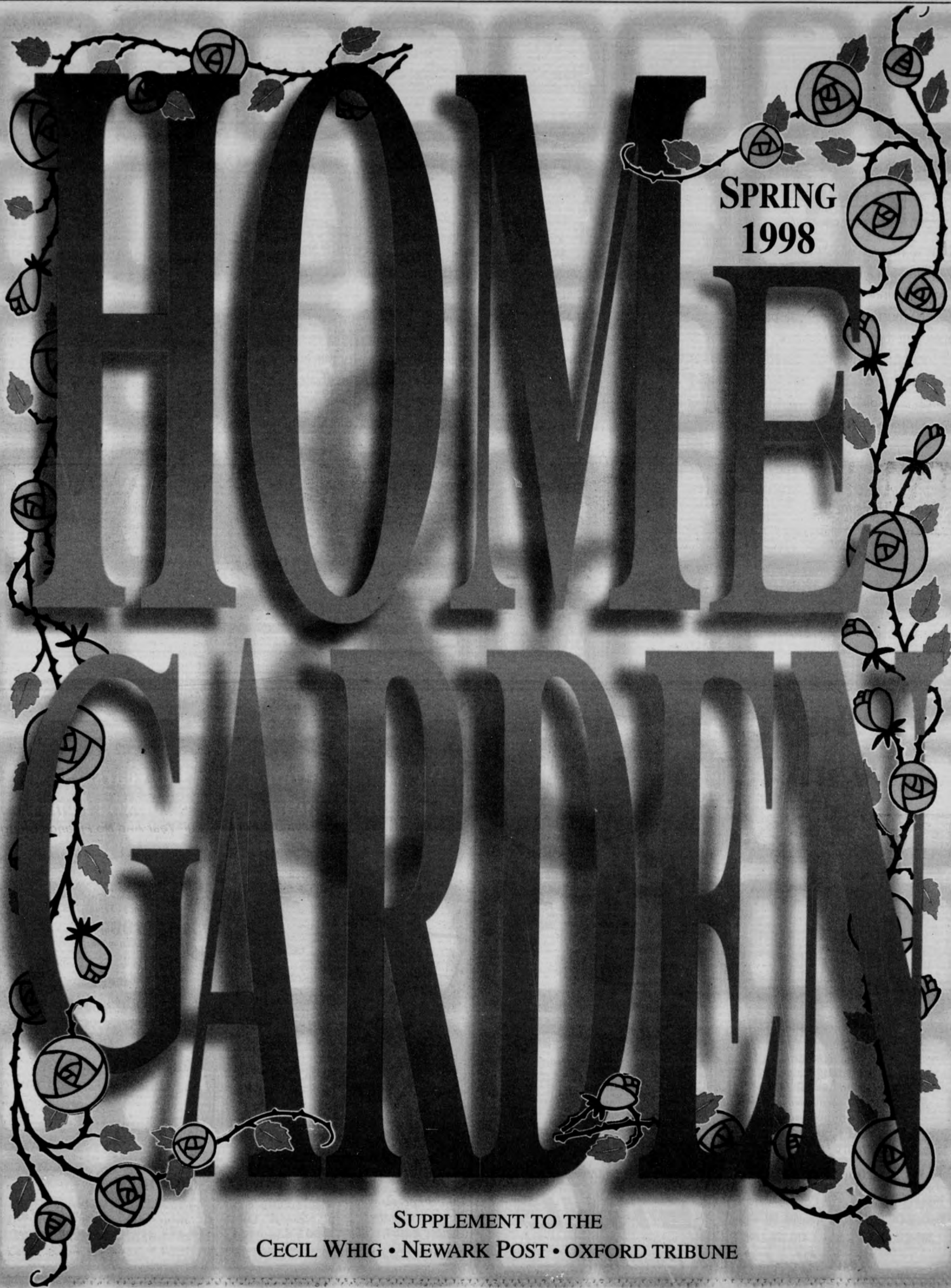
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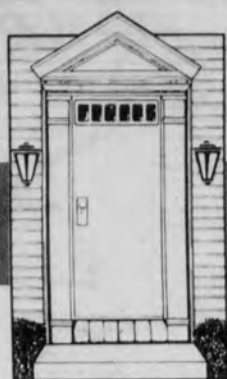


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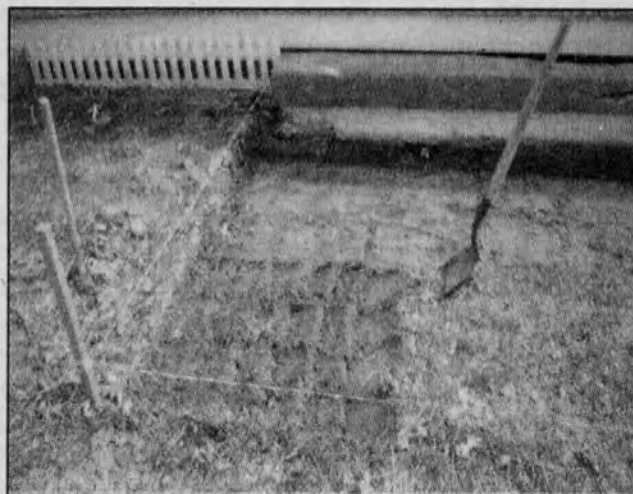
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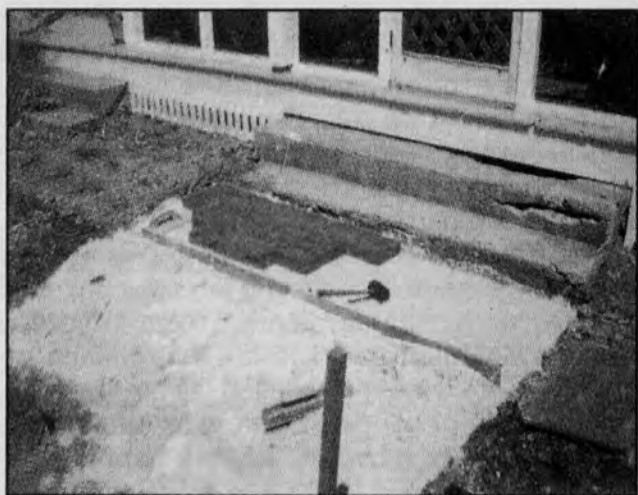
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**STEP 3**

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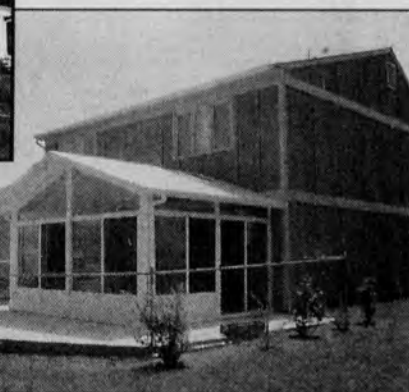
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Time to move – or just renovate?

By Barbara Mayer
AP Special Edition

Move to a new house with all the bells and whistles, or stay put and add them yourself? The question is almost academic, with complex remodeling projects increasing.

"A major renovation is just as complicated as building a new house," says Gale Steves, editor of *Home* magazine. "These days, many people are more concerned with neighborhood." If they like it, they will stay and add on.

"In the year 2000 for first time in our history, more money will be spent on remodeling than on new construction," says Karol DeWulf Nickell, editor of *Traditional Home* magazine.

Kitchens still are the favorite remodeling project with readers of *Traditional Home*. But they want much more than new appliances and cabinets.

"Readers want to be able to cook, dine, and entertain in the same room," says Nickell. They also want the room to accommodate the kids doing homework and have a place for mom to make up the week's food shopping list.

Nickell finds that readers are more interested in enhancing their particu-

lar home's architecture and period by selecting materials that are in keeping with it.

If the house dates from the 1960s, for example, they may reject granite kitchen counters in favor of the stainless steel or laminates that might really have been used. If they have a bungalow, they may emphasize its arts and crafts appeal with natural wood and handcrafted tiles.

Contributing to a more sensitive use of materials is a huge selection of materials in home remodeling centers.

Remodeling trends around the country that Steves has picked up on include revising formal dining rooms and living rooms so they get used more often.

Revamping the first floor allows the addition of spaces that people want, such as a separate home office, a dedicated spot for kids to do homework, space for messy hobbies and crafts, and a room and bath on the first floor to accommodate aging occupants — parents now and themselves later on.

Homeowners also are remodeling exteriors to create more garden space and to deemphasize the garage by moving it around to the side or back of the house or by changing the driveway configuration.

People in tract neighborhoods also are personalizing their houses by adding porches, shutters, or a distinctive exterior paint job.

If houses were built more flexibly, people would not have to initiate expensive major remodeling projects. Flexibility is on the minds of magazine editors who have cosponsored recent demonstration houses.

In *Traditional Home*'s model built in the Dallas suburb of Southlake, Texas, the dining room can be separated from the living room by French doors. The space has extra insulation to keep it sound-proof and adequate wiring for electronic equipment, should it be used as a home office or a media room. There is also a master suite on the first floor that easily can be converted to accommodate a long-term visitor, such as a grandparent or nanny.

Home magazine joined *Builder* magazine, a building trade publication, to create a "house of the future" in the Dallas suburb of Coppell, Texas.

Flexibility features include a small main-floor bedroom and bath suitable for a semipermanent guest. Opposite this suite is a combination laundry room-hobby room-mud room. Tall cabinets on casters can be moved to make

the living room larger or smaller. There is also space for two separate home offices. The two kids' bedrooms are small, but a study hall in a niche on the second floor is outfitted with two computers and one printer for them to share.

A showcase house in Naperville, Ill., co-sponsored by *American HomeStyle & Gardening* magazine and Masco Corp., includes two flexible rooms, one on the first floor and one on the second. The first-floor room located near the entrance from the garage combines a laundry room and hobby room but could be readily converted to use as a home office or guest bedroom. The second-floor swing room can be a bedroom, den or nursery.

In convening focus groups of women to discuss features they want in a new house, Nickell was surprised by the women's down-to-earth priorities. One popular demand was for additional storage space in the garage; another was for a three-season porch.

"I expected a few more requests for glamour spots, such as a potting shed or a film-developing room from the sophisticated and affluent women we interviewed," Nickell says. "Instead, the general attitude was that if the family is happy, they are happy."

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Preparation can help make remodeling run smoothly

Remodeling can be very rewarding, particularly if the do-it-yourselfer has an idea of what to expect before beginning the job.

Before you jump in, experts recommend that you plan ahead, particularly if you are embarking on a major remodeling project, like a kitchen or bath, which will likely take longer than you expect and cause some inconveniences.

"The first thing I tell people is to detail the project on paper so that they know what it will cost and how long will take," said Patrick Dunbar, an expert with The Home Depot. "It's important to be specific, particularly if you need financing to finish the job."

If you are not doing the work yourself, ask several contractors for bids, making sure each has identical plans and specifications for the work. Once you select a contractor, request a written contract and get verification of both liability and workman's compensation insurance coverage.

Obtain lien waivers from all subcontractors so they can't come after you if, for any reason, the contractor fails to pay them.

You may want to increase your homeowner's liability insurance during the project and then review the policy after the work is finished. You may need to increase your coverage after the improvements to keep pace with the higher replacement cost of your home in case of a catastrophe.

It's also very important to review local building codes and zoning restrictions and see how they may relate to your renovations. Make sure you can build what you want and find out if codes require an upgrade of the electrical system.

Getting ready

"Make sure your family knows there will be inconveniences in their lives. You'll probably have to go out to eat a lot and double up on bathroom use," said Dunbar. "We also recommend that to keep the clutter down that you pick a dry place, like a garage, to store the tools and materials that will be used."

Pack up all fragile items and put them in a safe place. Take down framed art which may be in the way of the construction and roll up carpets if at all possible for safe keeping. Cover your furniture and electronics to keep dust out.

Measure the doorways, halls and stairs leading to the remodeling site to make sure larger items, such as major appliances, a bathtub or shower, can actually fit through the existing space.

Keep kids and pets safe. Arrange for the children to go home with friends from school or plan outside events. Make sure everyone knows the work site is off limits.

Set aside a room where your cat will be safe from the disturbance and label the door so it's not opened by mistake. If you don't have one already, you may want to consider building an outdoor run for your dog.

You're on your way

Set perimeters for the construction crew. Let them know where they can park their trucks and which bathroom they can use.

Talk to your contractor about using plastic sheeting, zip-shut doorways and exhaust fans to keep clouds of dust to a minimum.

See that the site is swept clean at the end of each workday and decide where trash cans will be kept.

Decide beforehand not to stress too much over housecleaning because things will be in disarray. After the project is completed, consider using a professional cleaning service to do the heavy work.

Arrange for a walk-through with the project manager at least once a week so you can get questions answered and check on progress.

Make a list, noting what touchup will have to be done before the work is finished.

If you're working with a contractor, make sure your payment schedule states that the final payment will not be made until every item is finished to your complete satisfaction.

Working alone?

Use common sense, careful thought

While it is fun to work on home improvement projects, safety and security are important factors to remember. Here are some helpful safety hints to remember when working.

TOOLS

- Before operating any power tool, carefully read the owner's manual for safety information. The manufacturer's instructions are your best guide.
- Wear protective gloves whenever they will not hinder handling of tools.
- When using tools that can splinter, chip and break materials, always wear protective eye wear.
- Always wear safety glasses and a dust mask or respirator when sanding and removing wallboard and plaster.

ELECTRIC POWER

- When working with electricity, double check to make sure the power is off at the breaker box before you start working with wiring. Once the power is off, mark the breaker box so no one else turns it on while you are working.

MANUAL WORK

- Take care when moving heavy materials and learn to lift properly.
- Extreme care must be used when working with ladders. Use a ladder only for its recommended projects. Check that your ladder is locked into place and on a firm and level surface.
- For ceilings and high spots on walls, make a simple scaffold by running an extension plank through the steps of two stepladders. Planks should be no more than 12 feet long and thick enough to support your weight without flexing. Ladders should be placed with steps towards each other and with the braces down and locked.
- For creating a scaffold using stairs, run an extension plank through the step of a ladder and place the other end on a stairway step. Make sure the ladder is steady and that the plank is level. Keep the plank close to the wall, if possible, and never overreach.
- Dress appropriately for the work you are doing. Coveralls and a cap will save hours of clean up time and replacement costs for damaged clothing.



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These are the 10 most frequent house problems

Everything looks prettier in the spring, and so, traditionally, home sales shift into high gear just about the same time as the daffodils start to bloom.

But home buyers should be careful not to be taken in by a pretty face in the form of a fresh coat of paint or a new azalea bush.

Since no home is perfect, home buyers would be wise to learn where and how to look beyond the cosmetics for possible signs of problems with their prospective purchase.

Failure to do so before they buy could mean any number of unpleasant surprises after the move. Experts recommend hiring and accompanying a professional home inspector on a pre-purchase examination of the home's structural and mechanical condition.

While this won't guarantee a perfect home, or even that problems won't develop sometime in the future, it will greatly reduce the risk, and it will provide a valuable education in the process.

In the most recent survey of its members, the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) compiled a list of the most frequently found problems in homes.

It is significant that within this list of 10 problem categories, at least four are directly related to the damaging effects of water. Apparently, keeping water out, after a home is built, is the home owner's most important task.

It should be noted that this list represents a national average. Regional climates, building codes, and the age of a home played a significant role in the ASHI findings.

1 Improper surface grading, poor drainage

This was by far the most frequently found problem, reported by 35.8% of the home inspectors surveyed. It is responsible for the most common of household maladies: water penetration of the basement or crawlspace.

The most effective remedies for wet basements include regrading the ground away from the house and repairing or installing a new system of roof gutters and downspouts.

2 Improper electrical wiring

A significant number (19.9%) chose this item as the most common home defect, which includes such situations as insufficient electrical service to the house, inadequate overload protection, and amateur, often dangerous, wiring connections. Some home inspectors said that 70% to 80% of the electrical wiring they see is done wrong, and that most of it is attribut-

able to do-it-yourselfers. This is a serious safety hazard, not just a cosmetic defect.

3 Roof damage

Although reported by only 8.5% of the home inspectors as the most common problem, roof leakage, caused by old or damaged shingles, or improper flashing, was considered by ASHI members to be a frequent problem. Shingle repairs can be easily and inexpensively done, but shingles near the end of their life span may mean a major reroofing expense.

4 Heating systems

Problems in this category include broken or malfunctioning operation controls, blocked chimneys, and unsafe exhaust disposal. These conditions represent more than simply inefficient heating, they are health and safety hazards. Heating systems should be serviced and maintained annually by a professional, according to the manufacturer's instructions.

5 Poor overall maintenance

Americans take better care of their cars than they do their homes, say home inspectors, who often come across cracked, peeling, or dirty painted surfaces, crumbling masonry, makeshift wiring or plumbing, and broken fixtures or appliances. Although some of these problems may seem more cosmetic than serious, they reflect the overall lack of care which has been given to the home.

6 Structurally related problems

As a result of problems in one or more of the other categories, many houses sustain some, although usually not serious, damage to structural components such as foundation walls, floor joists, rafters, or window and door headers.

7 Plumbing

Though never ranked by the home inspectors as a Number One problem, plumbing defects still ranked high among the house problems encountered, and included the existence of old or incompatible piping materials, as well as faulty fixtures and waste lines. Surprisingly, some home inspectors reported finding natural gas leaks in as many as one out of three homes inspected.

8 Exteriors

Flaws in a home's exterior, including windows, doors, and wall surfaces, are responsible for the discomfort caused by water and air penetration, but they rarely have structural significance. Inadequate caulking and/or weatherstripping are the most common culprits.

9 Poor ventilation

Perhaps overly ambitious efforts to save energy, many home owners have "over-sealed" their homes, resulting

in excessive interior moisture.

This can cause rotting and premature failure of both structural and non-structural elements. It can also lead to tremendous mold accumulation, which often causes allergic reactions.

10 Miscellaneous

This category included various interior components, such as sticky windows or dripping faucets, as well as a number of environmental concerns, such as lead-based paint and asbestos.

Select the right contractor to guarantee satisfaction and success

Home improvement, maintenance, and repairs are not always painless experiences. They're often anxiety-ridden situations, planned or not.

But there is a way that the 40 percent of Americans planning some type of home improvement project this year, and the millions who will experience an unexpected but much-needed repair, can take some of the pain out of their plan: choose the right contractor or technician.

"Choosing the right person and company for the job is the most important step in planning a successful and worry-free remodeling project or dealing with a broken appliance," says Bob Baker, national business manager for Sears Home Central's home improvement services. "By making sure you have someone you trust and someone who has a proven track record working for you, you can rest assured that you've chosen the right person for the job."

More money is invested in homes each year and homes are increasing in size, making a home a person's most valuable investment.

A 1995 American Housing Survey estimates that more than \$200 billion is being spent in the United States each year on home repair and improvement. The National Association of Home Builders says that an average American home in the year 2000 will increase to 2,500 square feet, compared to 1,900 square feet in 1977.

"With homes getting bigger and more money being spent than ever before as Americans continue to upgrade and improve their homes, choosing a technician or a contractor becomes an important first step— even before selecting colors, tiles, materials, and flooring," Baker says.

So what should a homeowner look for when they are choosing a technician or a contractor? Baker says asking a few questions and doing a little research will help find the right person for the job.

- Does the firm or individual have good references? You should be able to get names and phone numbers of former customers. Ask them if they were satisfied with the work done, the time frame it was done in, and if they would hire the firm again. Seeing before, during, and after photos of work performed may help give you an idea of what to expect.

- Does the company have a good reputation? Ask your friends and neighbors if they have heard of the company before and, if so, what they think of it. Also, find out how long the company has been in business; it's important to make sure the company will still be in business after it finishes your project.

- Is there a satisfaction guarantee? A guarantee on the work is important and very few companies offer a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee. Make sure you know what recourse you will have if you're not happy with the work.

- Have you met with the person who will be performing your service before hiring him or her? Make sure you would feel comfortable with this person in your home, especially if the person will be left alone in your home for extended periods of time.

- Is the contractor licensed and insured? If hiring a contractor ask to see their license. The contractor should be licensed in your state. Ask how much insurance the contractor has and make sure their liability is enough to cover potential damage to your home.

- Have you asked for a written quote for a home improvement project? Make sure there is a written agreement as to what work will be done, the time frame in which it will occur, how much the total bill will be, and a payment schedule.

Educating yourself and planning properly will help ensure a successful remodeling project or household repair.

Nine nifty new gadgets for do-it-yourselfers

[AP] Here are some new items that do-it-yourselfers will find at their local home centers:

- A new take on the adjustable wrench, The SocketWorks! (\$19.95) from Elco is a baton-like tool that handles both hexagonal and square heads in a variety of dimensions. Its expandable jaws grip the heads and hold them until a thumb lever is released.

- A nail loses its head as you try to remove it, and you wonder if you're going to have surface damage in digging it out. The new Bear Claw Nail Puller (seven sizes from 6 1/4 to 14 1/4 inches, \$11 to \$21) from Vaughan & Bushnell has sharp gripping edges and can be hammered onto a sunken nail, even gripping headless ones, for extraction. The tool's flat claw slips under most nail heads without damage. The same manufacturer also offers the Bear Saw (four sizes 8 to 13 inches, \$18 to \$26), with a thin, razor-sharp blade with triple-edge teeth. You pull instead of push for more precise cutting without buckling and binding.

- For sanding corners, crevices, and other hard-to-reach areas, Bosch offers the 1278VS Compact Belt Sander kit (\$141) with a wedge-shape head. Its compact size — four pounds — makes it a good choice for removing finishes on windows and door frames. It comes with an auxiliary side handle and 10 sanding belts, packed with the sander in its own carrying case.

- For the occasional do-it-yourselfer, Skil has packaged some essentials in its 2106TB tool kit (\$32.99), featuring the Skil Twist cordless power screwdriver, utility knife, 8-ounce hammer, 6-inch joint pliers, 9-inch torpedo level, and 12-inch tape measure.

- It looks like stone or brick, but it's really concrete. Walkways, borders, and patios can get the natural look with sections of concrete made from a series of molds from Quikrete. The Walk Maker line includes new European-style molds (\$16-\$18), which can be used to create patterns

of square or rectangular shapes in varying sizes. The Border Maker and Step Maker molds (\$14-\$18) — the latter in round, hexagon and cobblestone shapes — complement the patterns. All can be made with the company's packaged concrete mixes, like its fiber-reinforced concrete (\$5 per 60-pound bag), and tinted with its Cement Color (\$4 for a 10-ounce bottle) for a more realistic look.

- Another trompe l'oeil effect is possible with Minwax Gel Stain (about \$8 to \$9 for one quart), which with the use of graining tools can transfer wood-look finishes to fiberglass, plywood, veneer, molded fiberboard and metal. It comes in classic wood tone colors: chestnut, aged oak, antique maple, honey maple, mahogany, walnut, cherrywood, and Brazilian rosewood.

- Aimed at making wallpaper removal easier, DIF Gel Wallpaper Stripper (\$12 for a gallon) from Wm. Zinsser & Co. is applied to wallpapers after scoring the surface. Its enzymes penetrate and break down the bond that holds the paper, and the wallpaper can be removed within 20-30 minutes. The gel can be used afterward to clean up residual adhesive.

- The First Alert Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (\$50) is two alarm systems in one, operated by one 9-volt battery. You can tell which alarm has been activated by signals: when smoke is detected you'll hear the universal evacuation signal of three consecutive long beeps and a flashing red flame indicator, and when carbon monoxide is present, there is a single on-off tone with a flashing red dot pattern.

- Another safety gadget is Black & Decker's StormLight Home Emergency Light (\$36), which switches on automatically when the electricity goes off. This flashlight sits in its recharging base, connected to a standard outlet, until needed. The charging base can accommodate a second, back-up battery.

Five new books on home improvement

[AP] Before you start your building or remodeling projects, check out the bookstores for practical help. Among the new titles:

- *The New Cottage Home* (Taunton Press, \$29.95 hardcover), by Jim Tolpin. Noting that the average American house has grown larger even as the average family has grown smaller, he says that some people are ready to come back to smaller, unpretentious homes. He celebrates the compact and comfortable by looking at recent-vintage cottages in coastal and mountain areas, the forest, the open fields, and in town.

- Also focused on scale is *One-Room Living* (DK Publishing, \$18.95 hardcover) by Sylvia Katz. City dwellers already familiar with studio or loft apartments might find some new ideas for making the most of the space they have, such as creating storage under a new false floor and its step. Included in the book, part of DK Home Design Workbooks series, are a questionnaire, instructions for making plans, and grids to help you analyze and design your small space.

- Lighting, shelving, interior surfaces, and soft goods are all covered in *The Complete Home Decorating Book* (Dorling Kindersley, \$29.95 hardcover), by Nicholas Barnard. Among the projects is a section devoted to using deco-

orative ceramic tiles, with instructions on selection and installation. The publisher also offers two small *101 Essential Tips* handbooks "Decorating with Fabric" and "Home Decorating" (each \$6.95 paperback).

- Your ancestors used to paint pictures and motifs everywhere in the house — floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, et al. A revival of interest in this colorful treatment has sparked interest in special effects painting instruction, such as *Decorative Paint Recipes* (Chronicle Books, \$19.95 softcover), by Richard Lowther and Lynne Robinson. Though many of the projects evoke antique charm, one with a decidedly modern look is the recipe for embellishing a staircase with gridded blocks in the style of Scottish architect Charles Rennie Mackintosh.

- John Rusk's *On Time and On Budget* has been published in a paperback version (Doubleday, \$11.95). It's a resource for any home remodeler in the throes of dealing with architects, contractors, and other professionals they'll meet in their rehab adventures. Included is advice about finding the right architect, negotiating with contractors, timely payments and performance, and how to keep costs from escalating out of control.

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Many kitchen plans are incorporating more than one cooking and cleanup center, multiple islands, varying counter heights, and numerous countertop materials.

For instance, unique materials such as concrete and stainless steel are on the rise as countertop materials.

The use of granite as a kitchen countertop material also is increasing, most notably in the Northeast and Southeast, according to a recent study by NKBA. In fact, about 30 percent of kitchens designed in 1996 had granite included in the plan, up from 23 percent in 1995.

Other hot decor items are elegant crown and dentil moldings, fluted columns, ceiling treatments, architectural carvings, and textured surfaces.

And that's not all. More recently, consumers have taken a liking to the "period furniture" look— islands, cabinetry, and other details that bring an "unfitted" look to traditional kitchen design.

This style also is being created by mantel-styled cooking centers— ones with a

fireplace look that incorporate fluted columns, moldings, and gothic decor— and hoods that produce a hearth atmosphere.

But not all designs are Old World classics. Contemporary plans still exist, but have a "soft contemporary" look, with warm woods and colors.

Designers also note that cabinet finishes in more bold and saturated colors are a growing trend.

Although white remains the predominant choice of color for kitchen cabinets, colors such as red, blue, and green are being paired with it.

The kitchen will continue to be a more elaborate living space in the years to come, one designer notes, since "this is the space where most of your time is spent, and it should look and make you feel good. And after years of 'lean and mean' company cutbacks, we seem to be treating ourselves once again!"

Consumers can find a Certified Kitchen Designer in their area and receive more information on remodeling their kitchens and bathrooms by visiting the NKBA Web site at www.nkba.org. Or they can call 800 401 NKBA for a list of local NKBA members.



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Use virtual visualization to choose paint, wallpaper, and furnishings

By Barbara Mayer
AP Special Edition

Whether the project is redecorating, remodeling, adding an addition, or building a whole new house, many thousands of dollars are involved. Consumers worry about making expensive mistakes.

Until recently, choices had to be made on a designer's say-so, augmented by hard-to-read blueprints and drawings or small-scale models. Now computer imaging can add a level of confidence.

"Imaging technology has advanced to the point where it is possible to create a room so real you'd swear it already existed," says architect Michael Markovitz, a principal in AGM Architecture and Design of Union, N.J.

Using virtual reality, Markovitz and other architects who employ this technology can walk clients through rooms from any angle, zeroing in on special features and furnishings, and rearranging on screen. The images can be downloaded onto diskettes or CD-Roms for clients to take home to study on their own computers.

Consumers also are encountering computer imaging at a somewhat lower level of realism in home centers like Home Depot and decorative furnishings outlets like Waverly Home Stores. The idea is to build confidence that what is being ordered is right.

"What we are working toward is for consumers to know ahead of time exactly what they are going to get," says Susan Chadwick, director of marketing technology for F. Schumacher & Company of New York, Waverly's parent.

The goal — they aren't there yet — will be met when "the consumer can bring in a photo of her room which is scanned into the computer, and then we are able to decorate it with fabrics, furniture, and accessories right on the screen."

At Waverly's five retail home stores in Atlanta, Charlotte, N.C., Greenvale, N.Y., Morristown and Princeton, N.J., customers can select wallpaper, fabric, trimmings, and furniture from an on-line catalog. They can "paint" their choices onto various surfaces in 15 generic residential rooms, experiment with different arrangements, and then take away a color print-out of their choice.

A similar software program is avail-

able at some retail stores and design showrooms that carry Waverly products.

"The computer program also figures out how much it would cost to do the whole room," says Chadwick. "Coordinating paint colors from 34 major paint brands are cross-referenced, so if you are looking for fabric to match the paint you've selected, you can find it, or vice versa."

The software that Waverly is using originally was created for interior designers and retailers, but it is being used increasingly at consumer level, thanks to improvements that make rendering more realistic, says the computer expert.

At Home Depot stores, the kitchen design department uses computer imaging to help customers envision their project.

"Customers can see the kitchen from various angles such as the top looking down and the outside looking in," says Mike McCabe, mid-Atlantic regional vice president, based in South Plainfield, N.J. "Working with their kitchen designer, they can try different arrangements and get them priced out, then take away a printout of various floor plans to study."

The same type of software has potential for other remodeling projects, such as building a deck or adding a bathroom. McCabe says that Home Depot is testing the use of imaging technology in deck design departments in its stores in San Diego and Baltimore, and is considering other uses as well.

While computer imaging is coming along nicely, it is far from widespread. The cost, time, and effort required to create a realistic picture is a limiting factor.

"To make a photorealistic model room is very time-consuming," says Kenneth Gruskin, Markovitz's partner at AGM Architecture. "It can take from eight to 40 or more hours to depict a single room, depending on the level of realism desired."

"Most people redoing a kitchen probably are not going to pay for imaging that could cost \$800 and up. But for an office building or a luxury house, it would be cheaper than knocking out studs later on."

Prices are likely to come down as the technology gets more sophisticated and personal computers grow ever more powerful and fast.

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Remember wall murals? They're making a comeback!

[ARA] Decorating with murals is enjoying a renewed popularity. The likely reason is that preprinted murals are one of the easiest and least expensive ways to give a room atmosphere and the sense of expanded space.

Based on various manufacturers studies, purchasers of preprinted murals are commonly young couples on a relatively tight budget. Oftentimes, they have never purchased a wall covering before. A preprinted mural gets the most mileage from their decorating dollar and makes even a sparsely furnished room seem complete. A mural and a gallon or two of paint are all they need.

Artist-created murals were popular a few decades ago before fading from prominence. Now, a growing interest in the environment has stimulated demand for scenes that bring the outdoors indoors. Preprinted designs are available that are suitable for living rooms, children's rooms, family rooms, and other areas such as home offices.

For example, you can go with a scenic view from nature to transform a plain room into a seemingly choice vacation

spot. And, at the same time, add "acres" to the size of the room.

It's all an optical illusion, of course. And the concept is actually centuries old, says Environmental Graphics, a Minnesota company that is one of the largest manufacturers of preprinted photographic murals. "In those days, French art patrons commissioned artists to paint their walls with eye-catching fantasies," explains the company. "This art technique was known as 'trompe l'oeil', which literally means 'trick of the eye'. It was terribly expensive."

"Part of the appeal of our photographic WallMurals is that we deal with reality, not an artist's concept of reality. Our murals allow the environment to be brought into the home. And if the mural design features plant life, putting real plants in the room enhances the realism even more," they add.

Environmental Graphics combines the skills of talented artists and photographers, along with laser scanning and lithographic printing, to produce highly detailed images that emphasize an illusion of texture and space. "All at an

affordable price that would have had those old French aristocrats eating their hearts out," says the company.

Mural designs that give the greatest sense of space expansion are the ones that lead the eye furthest beyond the wall. Examples are the company's Balloons in Flight design which features colorful hot-air balloons, and Cinnamon Bay, which pictures a secluded cove on St. John in the Virgin Islands. In both designs, your eye is drawn to the horizon, miles in the distance.

Most of Environmental Graphic's WallMurals measure over 8 feet tall and 13 feet wide. A question asked often by do-it-yourself decorators is, "What can I do if my wall isn't that big?" That problem is easily solved by trimming the mural, or by wrapping it around a corner. The instructions included with each mural give several options for hanging the mural, as well as tips on trimming around windows, doors, and electrical outlets. A flush door can easily be covered to match the wall.

Which mural design should you choose? The company suggests one way to decide is to go by your favorite season: "Some

people love springtime; others the bright colors of autumn. Or, if a design features something of personal interest, that should be your choice." For example, if you love the excitement of the big city, the skyline view in the Manhattan Lights design would be perfect. Other designs are a variety of scenic outdoors, sports, and outer space scenes.

And keep the 'temperature' of the mural in mind. The River Portage design shows a raging

white-water river and northern woods. It's definitely a 'cooling' mural— not one for someone wanting to curl up by the fire. The Hawaiian Sunset design, on the other hand, is sure to warm a room suffering from northern exposure.

"Any do-it-yourselfer can put up a pre-printed mural," says the company. "They're actually easier to apply than wallpaper. They're more cost-effective, and the end result is much more of a conversation piece."



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William Morris (1834-96) was one of the leaders of the Arts and Crafts Movement, a rebellion against the monotony and poor quality of machine-

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Getting fired up over new fireplace options

(NAPS) Few things are more relaxing or romantic than the warmth of a roaring fire, which is why more than 96 percent of Americans surveyed by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) want fireplaces in their home.

Besides enhancing ambiance, fireplaces are a good investment, adding as much as 10 percent to the value of a home, according to the NAHB.

As a result, approximately two-thirds of new homes are built with fireplaces. They are also becoming one of the more popular home remodeling projects.

As the popularity of hearth products continues to grow, so do consumers' options.

More homeowners are discovering the benefits of propane gas fireplaces over wood-burning units. According to the Hearth Products Association, in 1995 gas-burning units claimed 67 percent of industry sales and have been posting growth of about 10 percent a year, while sales of wood-burning units are declining.

"Propane gas fireplaces give you the best of both worlds," said Bruce Swjecicki, vice president of technical services for the National Propane Gas Association. "They offer the warmth and beauty of a fire, but are virtually maintenance-free and can be located in almost any room of the house."

Today's consumers are constantly searching for ways to maximize their leisure time by purchasing products that are easy to use and require little maintenance. With gas fireplaces, no time is spent arranging kindling or cleaning up ashes.

Glass block offers stylish alternative to windows

(NAPS) Glass block has long been recognized as an ideal building product for providing privacy, security, and aesthetic beauty while maintaining optimum light transmission. Whether in new home construction, remodeling, or window replacement, glass block provides design flexibility in a variety of patterns.

Now the beauty, durability, and distinctive style of glass block is available in pre-assembled, ready-to-install, vinyl frame windows. Pittsburgh Corning Corporation—a major producer, supplier, and innovator of glass block for more than 60 years—has developed the LightWise Glass Block Window which is as easy to install as a traditional pane glass window.

"The LightWise Window provides professional builders, remodelers, and the weekend do-it-yourselfer with a pre-assembled, high-quality glass block product that can be used in a wide range of applications," said Pittsburgh Corning President, Don Schlegel. "These windows are factory-built, making them a most cost-efficient way to install glass block windows. And because they're made of

Instead gas fireplaces are turned on and off with a remote control or a wall switch. Some models have a built-in thermostatic control to regulate the fireplace's heat output or adjust the size of the flame. The chore of chopping and storing wood is also eliminated. Gas fireplaces are heated by economical propane gas logs that last for years and are so realistic in appearance that they can't be distinguished from traditional wood logs.

Not only are gas fireplaces more convenient, they're also less expensive to install and cost one-third less to operate than wood-burning fireplaces. In addition, propane gas allows for installation flexibility. Gas fireplaces can be installed in less time than wood-burning units, and some gas products do not even require a chimney.

As a result, they can be located almost anywhere in the home, including the kitchen, bathroom, or master bedroom. Wherever they are installed, they provide an efficient supplemental heat source since they don't lose heat up a chimney and thus can actually heat part of your house.

In addition to comfort and convenience, fireplace safety is also a homeowner concern. With gas fireplaces, there are no worries about sparks, falling logs, or chimney fires. When a gas fireplace is turned off, it's off; there is no fear of a smoldering fire.

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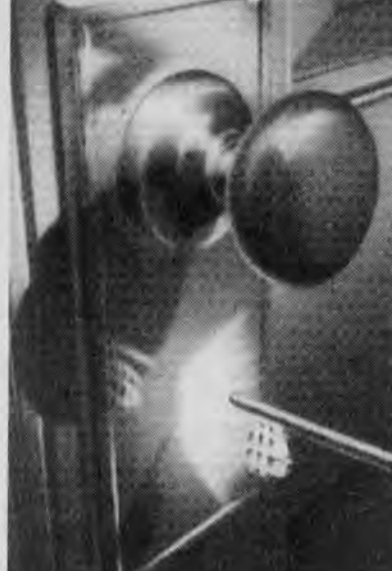
"There still will be many instances when a custom installation using individual glass block is preferred or necessary," said Schlegel. "But this new window meets a growing market demand for easier-to-install glass block for window applications."

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GOT A MINUTE?

Repair unsightly drywall holes

(NAPS) You may not even remember how the damage happened. The door swung open and the knob dented the wall. You took down cabinets or a ceiling fan or moved appliances, and there are ugly holes and cracks in the wall. A crack over the doorway keeps reappearing as the house settles.

These house "battle scars" may look overwhelming, but to get walls and ceilings in shape before painting or wallpapering, Red Devil, Inc., a New Jersey-based home improvement manufacturer, has some quick-fix tips that anyone can do.

Kerry Lane, technical manager for Red Devil, says all you really need to fix them is a ready-mixed filler and a few different sizes of putty knives. The putty knife should always be wider than the hole.

Lane says patch problems can take only minutes, but while you're at it, you may want to tackle all the unsightly damage you've noticed lately. Here's how:

- Choose a putty knife that is wider than the hole or crack.
- Remove all debris and loose material from the hole or crack, even along edges.
- Spread the filler evenly to cover the hole or crack, and feather the edges so it is level with the wall surface. Let the area dry completely before repainting or wallpapering.
- For large, gaping holes without a backing, use a piece of slat board or screen attached to a string at center. Punch it through the hole and coat the edges of the opening with filler. Pull the string forward as you apply more filler. When dry, cut the string and apply one more coat, feathering edges until the patch is level with the wall. Let it dry and repaint.
- For nail holes and thin cracks, apply filler with your finger or a small putty knife, blending until it is level with the wall.

It's a good idea to keep a tub of ready-mixed filler and a variety of putty knives on hand so you can take care of patch problems as they occur. Also remember to keep some extra paint and wall coverings in the house, so you won't have to match them later. The repairs can make a dramatic difference in your home's appearance and ensure the best possible results for a painting or wallpapering project.

Bring chaos into order with a closet organizer

For most people, the annual rite of spring means more than getting out the mop and dust rag to give the home a polished look.

Chances are pretty good that you've thought about organizing your life a little more.

Why not start with your bedroom closet? If you've resolved that this will be the year, here are some helpful hints to get you started toward a more manageable home.

Before buying any materials, first measure the space you're going to organize.

Will a few shelves do the work? Would you be better off with closet organizers? Is there room for cabinetry, and is it necessary?

"I tell people, even before they begin to draw up a plan, to decide first what they can get rid of," said Vickie McCann, a designer with The Home Depot. "It's not easy to get rid of things you've accumulated, but it sure makes it nicer when you begin the process of putting things back into place."

SHELVES

If you plan to install shelves, it's important to first look at what will be stored and an approximate weight. A set of books will obviously weigh more than a pile of sweaters, so you want to make sure the shelves will support everything you want them to hold.

A sturdy shelving unit can be built out of any one-inch lumber except particleboard, which has a tendency to sag under heavy weight.

You can solve some of this problem by using solid wood because it is more rigid than plywood. For heavy loads, like books, a shelving unit should be built from 1 x 10 or 1 x 12 hardwood boards. Making the shelf shorter also will help because the greater the span, the weaker it will be.

Even a strong shelf will tend to sag under the weight of a full load of books if it is over 30 inches long. Hardwood support strips can also be attached to the underside of the shelf.

Wall shelving can be installed quickly and easily using metal arm brackets.

Be sure to anchor the standards directly to wall studs for the greatest strength.

These type of brackets are available in both decorative and utility styles and come in a variety of sizes.

If your organizational plan involves long wall shelves, be sure to add extra standards a minimum of every 48 inches and increase the size of brackets depending on the load.

THE CLOSET ORGANIZER

Turn chaos into order by installing a closet organizer. This is a great way to double your closet capacity by making efficient use of existing space. When you are finished, there will be a place to hang your clothes, store accessories and organize your shoes.

Before buying your organizing system, draw a rough sketch of what you want.

Take into account the space you'll need for clothing, as well as items for storage. This will help you when you begin to compare brands and organizing systems.

If you plan on building it yourself, a simple organizer for a standard 5-foot closet can be built with a single sheet of plywood, a clothes pole, and a few feet of 1 x 3 lumber.

Pre-manufactured closet organizers are also available. They are made of either a laminate covered particleboard material called melamine, or of vinyl-coated steel wire. Melamine products give a clean, bright professional look and the impression of a custom-built unit.

The wire organizers come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and styles, including baskets, trays, shelves and rolling carts to be used however you want.

Depending upon your needs, you can combine the melamine shelving and wire systems to come up with an easy, economical and flexible storage unit.

Make sure you take a good look at what you're buying first, however, because some manufacturer's fasteners are not compatible with others.

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Clearing the air: remedies for a healthier home

When working on do-it-yourself projects around the house, it is important to consider possible effects on air quality, particularly if you are remodeling in poorly-ventilated areas.

Poor indoor air quality has become a much-talked about issue because we spend up to 90 percent of our time inside, where pollutants may be as much as 20 times higher than they are outside.

A few simple precautions taken by the do-it-yourselfer may make a big difference in your working conditions and add to the final enjoyment of your project.

Before beginning, make sure you have proper protection and gear for each task, says Kimberly Woodbury, of The Home Depot. "An inexpensive disposable paper dust mask might be adequate if you plan on sanding a single piece of wood, but probably wouldn't offer enough protection if you're applying oil-based paint to kitchen cabinets," she says.

Woodbury offers the following suggestions to reduce indoor air pollutants while making improvements around the house:

PAINTING

Inhaling paint or solvent fumes can cause headaches and nausea, as well as irritate eyes, skin, and lungs.

If you have these reactions, choose a low-odor paint that minimizes the emission of volatile components, and use water-soluble latex paints to avoid the use of thinners.

It's always best to take the project outside to paint, but when working indoors, leave windows open to allow ventilation.

Tightly seal and store cans by covering the opening with plastic wrap and replacing the lid so it fits securely. Then store the can upside down so it stays fresh.

Before stripping or sanding walls, be aware that they may contain lead-based paint, particularly if the home was built before 1978.

If testing reveals lead is present, consider having children tested for blood-lead levels. Never sand or scrape paint containing lead yourself because inhaling or ingesting it could result in serious health problems.

INDOOR PLANTS

Don't forget to pick up indoor plants when you're at the garden center buying shrubs. NASA studies prove that houseplants can remove toxins from the environment.

They do this by absorbing pollutants through their leaves and roots, and then convert them to food. Some of the most efficient houseplants include the: Peace Lily, Gerbera Daisy, Chinese Evergreen, Marginata and Janet Craig.

SPRING CLEANING

Since most homes are sealed systems that get fresh outside air only when doors or windows are opened, it's important to exchange all the air now and then.

The simple step of opening all the doors and windows and "airing out" your home when the pollen count is low and humidity comfortable should make it smell fresher and cleaner.

Rug and upholstery cleaners, as well as furniture and floor polish, may contain chemicals that can irritate the skin, eyes and nose.

Always wear gloves, work in a well-ventilated area, read the label and follow manufacturer's instructions.

FLOORING

Because it accumulates less dust, health professionals prefer hard surface flooring to carpet. Wood can either be installed with nails, or in some cases as a floating floor, to avoid using glues and further reduce any potential chemical off-gassing.

Ceramic tile is also one of the healthiest flooring choices when set with proper adhesives and grout.

If you plan to carpet your home, use low pile. Before installation, unroll it outside, or in a ventilated garage, to let it off-gas.

Vacuum both the old carpet and the floor before laying it, and use tacks instead of glue, which may emit harmful gases or irritate the skin. When you're finished, open windows and doors and let fresh air in. Finally, consider installing a properly vented central vacuum system.

ADDITIONS AND REMODELING

When insulating your home, wear protective clothing, gloves and the specified respirator to avoid inhaling harmful airborne particles.

Be sure the insulation contains a moisture barrier to avoid a possible mold problem.

If you're remodeling or finishing a basement, be sure it has adequate ventilation and does not leak.

If your furnace is located in the garage, as your car cools it will off-gas and these compounds will be drawn into the furnace and combustion air. "Besides building a detached garage, moving the furnace or parking outside, the only way to minimize exposure is to install special filtrations and an exhaust fan in the garage," Woodbury says.

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These state-of-the-art wall claddings literally wrap the exterior of a home in an energy-efficient thermal shield, thus lowering energy consumption and increasing interior comfort.

EIFS resemble stucco and natural stone, but are actually multi-layered systems that function much like layers of clothing on a cold, winter day. Though each layer plays a role in protecting a home from the elements, it is the innermost layer—a polystyrene insulation board—that holds the key to the energy efficiency of these products.

In a typical EIFS installation, the insulation board is first secured to the wood framing with a strong adhesive, or mechanical attachment. A durable base coat is then troweled over the surface of the insulation board.

To reinforce the system, a fiberglass mesh is immediately embedded in the wet base coat. Finally, an attractive, colorfast finish coat is added over the base. These finishes are available in a multitude of popular colors and textures.

The secret to EIFS' superior insulating performance is that they totally envelop the exterior wall of a home to create an insulated shell. Consequently, there are few escape routes for costly heat and air conditioning, or entry points for drafts.

EXTERIOR INSULATION & FINISHING SYSTEM

By contrast, conventional insulation is typically placed between the studs only. Regardless of its thickness, this type of insulation cannot protect the home from interior heat loss, or prevent penetration of exterior air through the studs, wall outlets, floor lines and foundation and wall joints. As a result, these homes are more expensive to heat and cool, and are often less comfortable for the occupants during both winter and summer months.

Depending on how they are used, expanded polystyrene board typically ranges from one inch to four inches in thickness, providing an R-value of

between R-3.7 and R-14.8. (R-value is a measure of resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the better the insulating value.)

When the insulation boards are used in concert with standard wall cavity insulation, the results can be dramatic, with effective insulation levels soaring to R-16, or higher.

The actual R-value is determined primarily by the thickness of the insulation board.

Superior insulation is not the only reason EIFS are growing in popularity throughout the country. These systems offer virtually limitless design possibili-

ties for contemporary or period homes.

But, like any building system, EIFS must be installed by qualified, experienced professionals. To be sure you're getting first-rate materials and workmanship, select only manufacturers and applicators who are members of the EIFS Industry Members Association (EIMA). This industry organization insists on the highest standards for its manufacturer members' products and systems.

For more information on the use of EIFS in residential construction, call 1-800-494-EIFS, or visit the EIMA web site at <http://www.eifsfacts.com>.

Insulate now for savings next winter

Next winter may seem far away, but it's a good idea to make decisions now about home insulation to reduce future heating costs. Johns Manville Corp. offers the following insulation tips for homeowners and do-it-yourselfers.

• **What is an R-value?** All insulation comes with something called an R-value. This is a rating that indicates the resistance value, which measures a material's resistance to heat flow. The higher the R-value, the greater the insulating quality. The R-value is marked on the insulation packaging.

• **Where should homeowners insulate?** Insulate attics, ceilings, walls, floors, and crawl spaces to maximize energy savings and comfort.

• **What's the R-value here?** Maryland, Delaware, and lower Pennsylvania are in zone 3. This means we should insulate attics and ceilings at R-30, exterior walls at R-13, floors at R-19, and basement walls at R-11.

• **What tools will you need?** Working with fiber glass insulation requires no special tools. All you need is a tape measure, a utility knife, and a staple gun. You should wear long-sleeved, loose-fitting clothing, gloves, and eye protection. Also, use a respirator mask approved for fiberglass protection.

Attics and ceilings

Attics and ceilings should include 10

to 18 inches of insulation. If you choose to insulate your attic/ceiling or add more insulation, for best results install insulation batts between the ceiling joists.

Be sure to keep the insulation away from any heat-generating fixtures, exhaust flues, and attic ventilators to avoid a fire hazard.

Walls

People who live in older homes with little or no insulation in the walls can often save a lot of money by retrofitting insulation.

The most common method is to blow insulation into the home's exterior walls through holes drilled into each stud cavity.

Floors and crawl spaces

When insulating under floors, you can install insulation from below or from above if the sub-floor has not yet been installed. To insulate crawl space walls, take long wooden strips and nail over insulation to the sill.

Homeowners can also add to the winterization of their homes by caulking and installing weather stripping around windows and doors, scheduling a heating system tune-up, cleaning furnace filters, and installing storm doors and windows.

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High energy bills? Try this easy energy audit

TOLEDO (AP) — One way to cut energy bills is to make a systematic energy audit, according to Owens Corning, which has launched an "Energy Savers" campaign in partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

Think about how all the materials, products, and appliances in your home work together as a system, advises the company, which makes insulation products. This will help you analyze future purchases and home improvement projects that can maximize energy efficiency and save you money.

For example, caulk, sealant, and insulation not only reduce demand for heating and cooling but let you use a smaller and less expensive heating-cooling system.

Here are some specifics recommended by the company:

✓ To find out if your attic has enough insulation, simply measure its depth. If there's less than a foot, you may need to add more. The DOE recommends R-38 — about 12 inches of fiberglass blanket insulation — for most U.S. homes. (Here in zone 3 we can get away with R-30.)

✓ On a windy day, hold a lighted candle next to windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, attic door openings, and other locations

where there may be an air path to the outside. A flickering flame indicates there may be an air leak that needs caulking, sealing, or weatherstripping.

✓ Compare your energy bills with those of an average house in your neighborhood; the utility company can provide the figures. If you note significant differences, ask your neighbors about their energy-efficiency practices.

✓ Are you using incandescent bulbs in your appliances, lamps, and light fixtures? Replace them with the new compact fluorescent bulbs to save as much as 75 percent on lighting energy.

✓ If your hot water heater was made before 1991 and feels warm to the touch, it may need an insulation blanket to prevent heat loss. Check that the water heater thermostat is set at 115 to 120 degrees (or 140 degrees if you have a dishwasher).

✓ Do your windows rattle? If they're swollen, rotting, or drafty even after they're sealed, consider replacing them with double- or triple-pane windows that can reduce energy use and make your home more comfortable. Today's vinyl windows also are easier to maintain.

✓ Check and service your furnace and air-conditioning units once a year. Change the filter in your forced air heating system each month, and close vents in rooms not often used. The DOE estimates you can improve your efficiency by as much as 10 percent by proper maintenance and adjustment to your existing systems.

✓ Keep your thermostat set at an inside temperature of 65 to 68 degrees during winter. In summer, set the air-conditioning thermostat at 75 to 78 degrees when you're home and at 80 degrees when you're away or asleep.

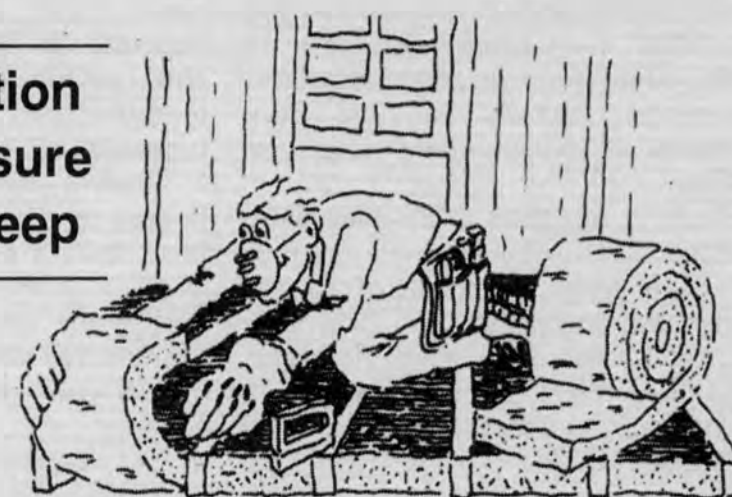
✓ Clean refrigerator coils regularly. Also check refrigerator door

seals by closing the door over a piece of paper or a dollar bill so that it is half in and half out of the refrigerator; if you can pull the paper or bill out easily, the latch may need adjustment or the seal may need replacing. Defrost your freezer on a regular basis to keep air vents open and working.

✓ Take an inventory of your appliances. As you replace the older ones, look for models with the Energy Star label with fuel efficiency ratings listed. Be sure to run dishwashers, washers, and dryers only when you have a full load.

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Attic insulation should measure 12 inches deep



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Colorful exterior paint choices win big prizes

By Barbara Mayer

AP Special Edition

For much of this century, quirky exterior features on houses from another era were something to conceal under a coat of white paint. But now these houses with strong character detail have lots of takers.

As a result, the one-color-fits-all practice is giving way to more exciting paint jobs.

Thomas Burzesi and Linda Navarra of Niverville, N.Y., typify the new attitudes about exterior painting. Using a period picture postcard turned up by their town historian as a model, they restored their 1888 Eastlake Victorian to its original glory — gingerbread and all. When they bought the house in 1991, white paint disguised whatever interesting details had not been removed or hidden under aluminum siding.

Burzesi designed a six-color paint scheme for the house itself — three shades of green, two shades of red, and straw for the gables. For good measure, he painted the porch floor gray and the porch ceiling sky blue.

Indicative of the appeal of colorful exteriors, the Burzesis' new paint job has earned them first prize in a contest co-sponsored by Home Magazine

and Benjamin Moore paints.

This isn't the only contest that has netted colorful winners. The Paint Quality Institute recently selected 12 neighborhoods — two winners from each of six geographic regions — as the Prettiest Painted Places in America.

"The purpose of the contest was not only to identify the prettiest places, but also to raise awareness of the benefits of an attractive exterior paint job," says John Stauffer, director of the Rohm & Haas Paint Quality Institute in Philadelphia. (Rohm & Haas manufactures paint ingredients.)

When a number of houses in a neighborhood sport a new coat of paint, pride in community goes up and often business and tourism increase as well, he says.

And a new paint job often is a colorful one.

"We saw very modest buildings that looked fantastic because of the selection of multiple colors," says Stauffer,

who was part of a team of judges that crisscrossed the country to select the award winners.

Even houses that originally would have been painted in one color were

often given contrasting colors on moldings or downspouts, shutters or storm doors.

Stauffer says that the greatest use of multiple colors seems to be in California and Washington State, but there are pockets of color all over the country in towns like Tubac, Ariz., Cape May, N.J., and Oak Park just west of Chicago.

While multi-color paint jobs are more interesting than plain old white, they are also far more time-consuming to execute.

All told, it took about Burzesi about 14 months to plan and paint his house in Niverville.

"The painting alone took me and three friends four or five months," he says.

Burzesi was pleased to win first prize — a week at a spa in Arizona for himself and his wife — in the contest. But he entered hoping for the proffered fourth prize: paint.

"I figure if there is one thing that I will always need more of, it's paint."



This 1888 Eastlake Victorian won first prize.

Use paint to emphasize exterior features

[AP] "You can pick out architectural details by changing colors," says Ken Charbonneau, color consultant at Benjamin Moore & Co. "A likely scheme today is two shades of taupe or some other shade for the siding, with several contrasting colors for trim, shutters, and front door."

Here are some tips from Charbonneau on selecting color schemes for house exteriors:

- To make a house stand out from its background, select a color that contrasts strongly with the surroundings. To have it blend into the setting, choose a related color.

Green fades into the background in a neighborhood with lots of trees and grass. White or yellow pops out. At the beach, white and yellow blend in while green jumps out.

- When there are neighboring buildings, find a color scheme that does not clash with them.

- Take roof color into account and

work it into the scheme by repeating it twice — once in a matching tone and once in a slightly lighter or darker shade.

An example: if the roof is dark green, consider using green for shutters, door, and architectural trim.

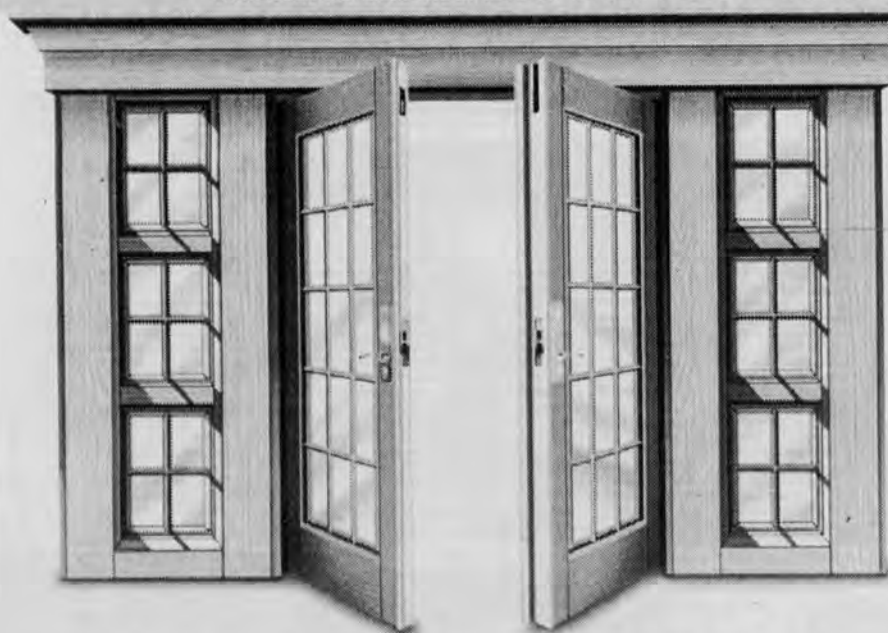
- Test a color scheme's viability before committing to it. The simplest way to do this is with color chips. Make sure each chip looks good against all of the others.

Approximate the real color scheme with chips in various sizes. The largest chip represents the siding and the smaller chips stand in for trim, shutters, and door.

If still in doubt, purchase small quantities of proposed colors and paint them on the house so you can study them together.

- Another trick is to take a photo of your house and enlarge it on a copier. Use colored pencils to color in the exterior walls, roof, and trim.

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PAINT LIKE A PRO!

Of all home improvement projects, painting is the endeavor most often undertaken by American do-it-yourselfers. Still, even the handiest homeowner could be intimidated at the thought of tackling a project the size of a house. In fact, a recent Sears Weatherbeater Survey revealed that nearly a quarter of Americans said they are concerned about not getting professional-looking results when painting their home's exterior.

"Painting doesn't need to be intimidating," says Tom Segreto, Sears Weatherbeater Paint Buyer. "It can be done efficiently and properly by simply following the instructions on the paint can label—something many people don't take the time to do."

Here are some of the most frequently repeated exterior painting tips offered by the Weatherbeater Paint Pros to help ensure long-lasting, professional-looking results:

1. Primers and paint are not interchangeable. Primers seal the surface and paints protect it. Surfaces that are bare, porous and/or have bleeding stains need to be sealed. If not sealed, the topcoat will soak into the surface, leaving little on top to protect it from the rain, wind, snow, rays from the sun, and large temperature swings. If bleeding stains are not sealed, they will travel through the new coat of paint to reappear.

2. Weather affects the outcome of the painting process. Weather can

affect paint's durability by interfering with the drying and curing process. Painting should be done when the temperature is between 60 and 90 degrees. The temperatures should not be expected to drop below 45 degrees for at least 24 to 48 hours after painting. In addition, it is very important that rain not be expected within 24 to 48 hours after painting.

3. Good surface preparation will ensure paint lasts the length of its warranty. These steps should be carefully followed:

- Scrape all loose paint and dull (lightly sand) glossy surfaces.
- Wash the surface thoroughly. Pay particular attention to the areas where the rain cannot reach, such as under the eaves. If mildew is present, add bleach, following all label instructions.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove soap residue.
- Repair as needed, including: installing vents, caulking, and fixing loose or broken gutters and downspouts.
- Prime all bare, porous, and/or stained areas.

4. A good applicator is essential to a professional-looking finish. A cheap applicator can make even the best paint look bad. The right type of applicator helps ensure the job is done as efficiently as possible, the paint is applied at the correct thickness, and the finished appearance will look great.

A paintbrush is the best way to apply exterior paint because it naturally forces the paint into the surface for better protection. A roller can be used on stucco and masonry finishes.

Check this list to avoid roofing nightmares

Avoiding roof problems can save you from costly damage, skyrocketing energy costs, and an unattractive home exterior.

Use this simple checklist to help identify early signs of potential trouble:

- ☐ Loose or missing roof shingles.
- ☐ Stains on interior or attic walls.
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- ☐ Shingles that are cracked, buckled or blistering
- ☐ Gutters full of granules from the shingles.
- ☐ Roof flashing that shows wear.

If you checked one or more of these signs, your roof may need replacing. A deteriorating roof not only detracts from a home's appearance, but can damage its interior and drive up heating and cooling costs.

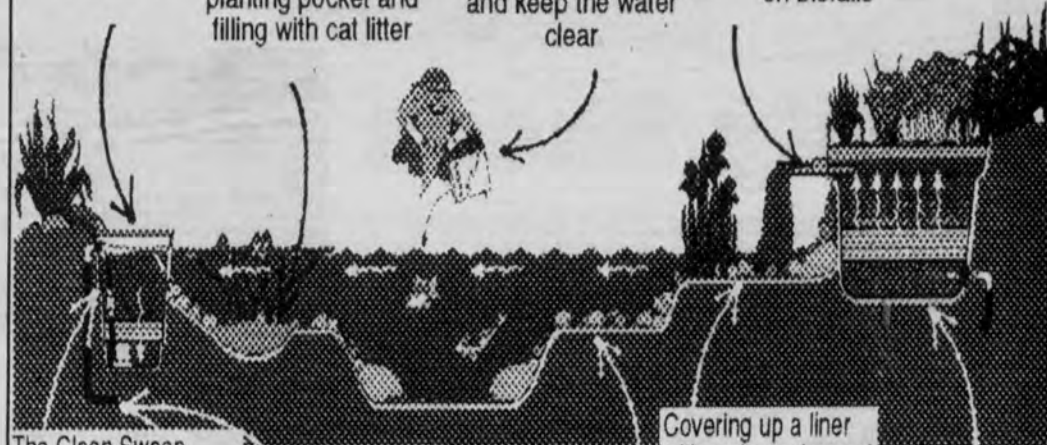
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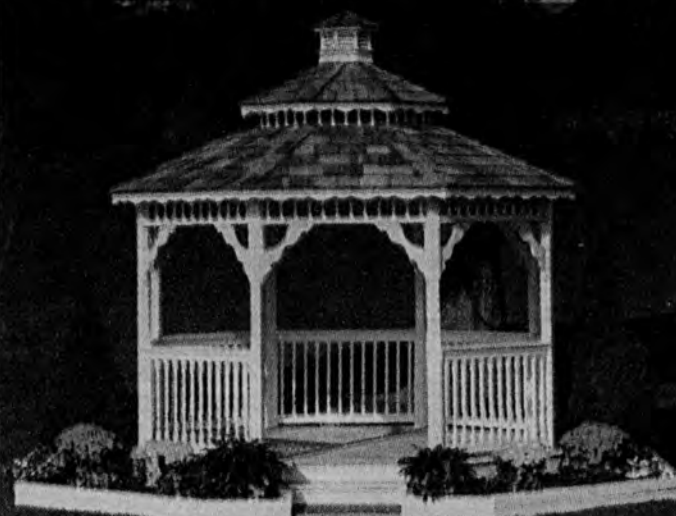


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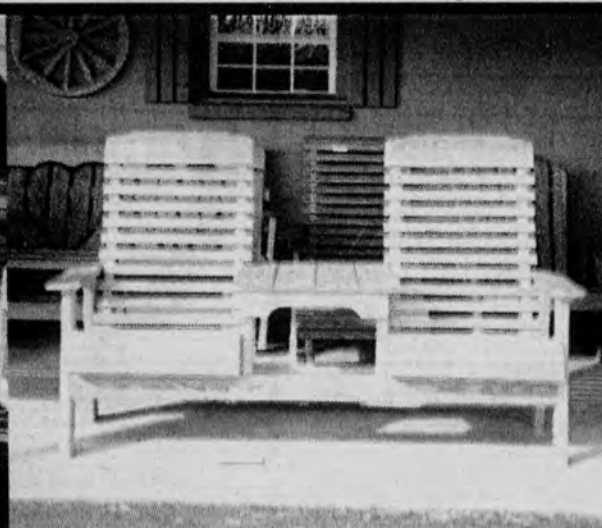
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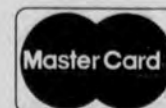


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New carpets offer exciting patterns and styles underfoot

Computerization has revolutionized the way carpet is made today. From design development to the production process, computerized machinery has made carpet manufacturing faster and more flexible, allowing for more daring design and construction possibilities at a moderate price. This is good news for consumers seeking uniquely designed custom carpets.

First of all, the variety of carpet patterns available is bigger and better than ever. Thanks in part to new tufting technology, carpets today can offer intricate patterns, adding drama to the floor just as oriental rugs have done for centuries.

Secondly, you don't have to stick to one style. You can use several different carpet patterns, even in the same room, if you tie them together with color, texture, and borders.

As for colors, neutrals and greens remain the top choices but blue is quickly catching up as the prevailing new hue on the decorating scene. Fortunately, it harmonizes with most colors. Decorators predict that most popular will be bright, energetic shades of blue mixed with yellow or gold.

Among the most popular styles these days are the pin dot, floral swirl, and geometric patterns we've all seen in offices and hotel lobbies. In new colors and patterns, they complement both traditional and contemporary living

spaces at home. These carpet designs may be especially welcome in high-traffic areas such as family rooms and hallways.

But carpet should be more than just a pretty base. It should work hard for you, too. Determining which carpet should go where before you head to your retailer can help you make smart choices.

In most houses, each room has its own personality, and some rooms experience more traffic than others. Basic carpet performance for various traffic zones is determined by the type of fiber used and the way the carpet is constructed. The Carpet and Rug Institute offers helpful room-by-room selection tips.

The dining room

Practicality is the key in this area. Carpet with built-in "stain resistance" works well. Durable saxones, a cut pile with a higher twist yarn, are a good example of carpet that combines beauty with practicality.

The living room

Usually the focal point of a home, the living room often is outfitted with lush, cut pile velvets. Deep pile carpet covers a room with luxury. After all, this is an area of first impressions, and often a low-traffic area.

The family room

Since your whole family probably spends a lot of time in this high-traffic area, you'll want carpet that can stand up to wear and resist stains.

Tight-level loop and cut and loop are two examples of what can work well here. New Berbers and lower pile pat-

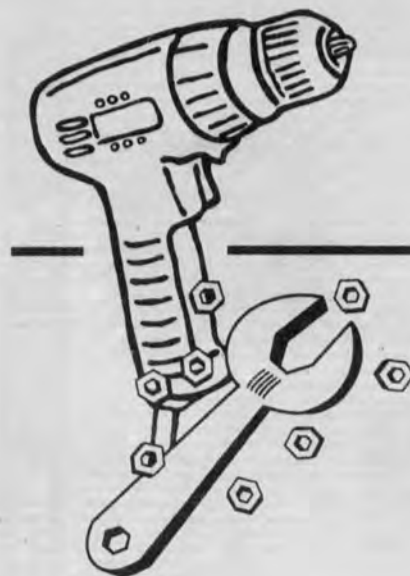
terned carpet offer a casual, informal look.

Look for a dense construction for this area—tufts that are close together.

The bedroom

One place you can let yourself go—it's your own private world. So why not sink into a deep plush carpet that cush-

Tool tips



Clean and sharpen. At the end of each project, make it a habit to clean your tools thoroughly before putting them away. This is also a good time to test cutting tools for sharpness and replace or sharpen dull edges. Dirty, dull tools do inferior work and could cause an injury.

Buy or rent? Before you purchase a new tool, ask yourself how often you expect to use it. The expense of a power circular saw, for instance, is justified if you're planning on a major project like building a deck. But for most homeowners and do-it-yourselfers, it's a better idea to rent expensive, specialized, infrequently used tools.

Redecorating? Try something unusual!

(NAPS) One of the hardest steps in redecorating a room is often the first: getting started.

Here are some tips to consider before making the leap.

- Turn to newspaper articles and design magazines for help. Tear out pages that catch your eye and keep them in a file. Study the elements and pay special attention to how the room is balanced—where furniture is placed and how different colors complement each other.

- Once you have an idea of what you want to do in a room and how to make it fit your lifestyle and person-

ality, it's time to go shopping. Take your picture file with you.

- Don't be afraid to experiment a little. Try the unusual. Use your imagination. A new solid-color highly textured carpet can add interest to the floor. Or try a floral, geometric, or oriental pattern combined with striped or plaid fabric on furnishings. Throw an area rug over wood, vinyl, tile, even carpeted floors.

- Consider a darker color for the walls. Dark colors make a room look small and cozy. The family of greens is very popular in paint, fabric, and carpet right now.



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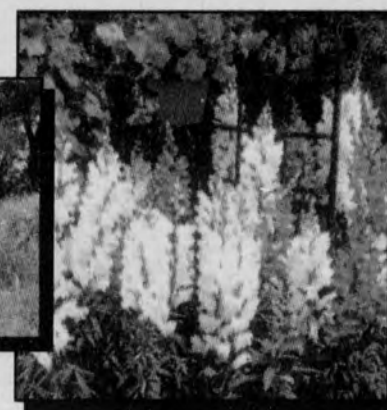
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Maintaining your deck brings increased returns

Home buyers rate decks as the most desired outdoor feature of a home, according to *Building Material Retailer* magazine.

That's because today's decks are no longer just surfaces to store lawn furniture and hang clothing to dry. They're outdoor living rooms that provide space for entertaining, cooking, lounging, and children's play.

And decks are a valuable addition, as they typically recoup 71 percent of their original construction cost.

Planning your deck

If you want a deck that holds its value and provides years of entertainment, consider the following tips.

- Take time to think very specifically about what kind of deck you need. How many people will be using the deck? When will it be used— is lighting necessary? Who will be using it— will steps be a problem?

- Remember that decks are an extension of your home. Your deck should echo your home in terms of shape and style, furniture, color, and landscaping. The goal should be to create a deck that looks as if it has always been there, rather than added as an afterthought.

- Decks are no longer just built in a standard rectangle. Experiment with geometric six-sided and eight-sided sections and curves, diagonal, herringbone

and sunburst patterns, as well as multi-level designs.

- If your deck is more than 24 inches off the ground, railings are usually required by code. However, railings can be an eye-catching feature— utilize ornate uprights and interesting patterns.

- If you will be using your deck primarily for entertaining, consider built-

in seating with a circular eating area. This provides a more intimate atmosphere, allowing guests to speak to one another in a close-knit space. Furnish it with weather-resistant chairs, lounges, and tables.

- Safety will be a concern if children will be playing on your deck. If you're using treated wood, pay special attention to its chemical content. Some brands contain arsenic, which can cause infection with splinters.

- Consider adding amenities to increase the value of your deck, such as a hot tub or spa. Many home buyers find that hot tubs are more practical than swimming pools and are easier to maintain.

Regular deck care

Treating and maintaining the surface of a deck is an involved, time-consuming process. You might want to consider hiring a professional.

If you do decide to do it yourself, follow these guidelines from Deckare, an Ohio-based franchise devoted to exterior wood maintenance:

1. Plan the job carefully. You can damage your deck beyond repair if you don't plan carefully and do it right.

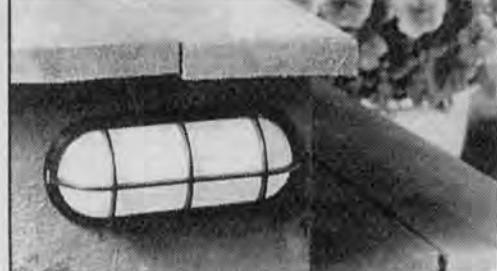
2. Protect all areas that aren't to be cleaned. Remove all items from the deck. Remove any moss or mildew from the deck surface.

Outdoor lighting extends use

One of the easiest and most economical ways to stretch the enjoyment of your deck past sundown is to equip it with low-voltage outdoor lighting.

- *mariner surface lights* feature a translucent white lens and a decorative black frame that lend a seafaring look to a deck. The fixtures can be mounted vertically or horizontally and are recommended for use around steps, railings, and benches.

- *compact deck lights* are made for hard-to-light areas under railings and around deck edges. They are usually available in rectangular or square shapes and have a crystal-like prismatic lens that delivers the right amount of brightness without glare.



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- *brick lights* mount onto architectural surfaces such as walls, steps, fences, and siding. Louvered panels diffuse and direct the light downward to create striking accents and bring safety to dark areas of the garden.

In addition to low-voltage lighting, you may want to consider installing solar lights, a natural choice on a sun-filled deck. The cost may be slightly higher initially, but there is no cost to run them.

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5. Use a pressure washer to remove the cleaning agent.

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7. Work the toner into all vertical services first, then cover the horizontal service in long even strokes. Don't stop in the middle of a board or you'll leave a mark. Work from a corner outward.

Remember, treated lumber is protect-

ed against insect infestation and rot, but it is not designed to withstand the elements. A wood deck requires ongoing maintenance.

Consider vinyl

An increasingly popular deck alternative is to use extruded vinyl instead of wood. These new products are similar in shape and appearance to regular wooden 2x6 boards. They require very little maintenance and never have to be painted, stained, or sealed.

Vinyl decks have no visible hardware — no popping nails or screws to cause injury. Color choices include white, tan, or gray. Most suppliers have railings available in 24 and 36 inch lengths, with a variety of picket styles and post caps.

Hints from Heloise:

Here is a cheap and easy home-made solution that should clean any deck.

Add one cup of regular liquid laundry detergent to one gallon of warm water. If the deck has mildew stains, add one cup of bleach to the mixture.

Apply the solution using a natural-bristle brush. Leave it on the deck for 15 to 20 minutes. Rinse the solution off with a garden hose or a pressure washer.

If the deck is really dirty you may need to repeat the procedure.



Employees of the Dan Banks Company of Elkton put screening on a deck they're building at the home of Clifford and Elaine Dresler in Cecil Woods, North East, MD. From left: Tony Townley, owner Dan Banks, Jon Granger, Ronn Simonson.

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Bob Vila's spring start-up tips for lawn mowers

Homeowners eager to cut their lawns this season should take notice that lawn mowers need general maintenance to provide faithful service. Sears, which has sold more than four million lawn mowers the past four seasons, asked home improvement guru Bob Vila to share his top tips on getting mowers up and running, all season long.

Tip 1: Use fresh gas

Fresh gas (87 or higher octane rated) is critical to an engine's performance. If gas has been stored in a gas can or in the lawn mower over winter, safely dispose of it by pouring it into a car's fuel tank. To fill the mower's tank, use a clean funnel to draw gasoline from either a one- or two gallon gas can. Plastic gas cans are a good choice because they won't rust.

If you own a five-gallon gas tank, dispose of it properly; the problem with a five gallon can is that it provides the user with more than a 30-day fuel supply. Gas that is older than 30 days may affect engine performance. Moisture buildup and octane loss can lead to gum deposits in the engine's fuel lines and carburetor, which can lead to poor engine performance.

Tip 2: Replace engine oil

Drain engine oil and replace it with clean SAE 30 engine oil. Check the lubrication section of your mower's owners manual for specific oil recommendations.

Tip 3: New spark plug

Replace the spark plug at the beginning of each mowing season. Spark plug type and gap can be found in the product specifications section of the owners manual.

Tip 4: Change air filter

If the mower's air filter is dirty, the engine may not run properly and may be damaged. Service the air filter after every 25 hours of operation or every season, whichever comes first. Remove the air filter cartridge and gently tap it on a flat surface. If the filter is very dirty, replace it with a new one.

Tip 5: Clean mower deck

Disconnect the spark wire from the

spark plug and position it where it cannot come in contact with the spark plug. Clean the mower housing thoroughly with soap and water, removing all dirt, grease, and grass. For heavy grass buildup under the mower's deck, use a scraper.

Tip 6: Sharpen blade

For best results, lawn mower blades must be kept sharp. Lawn mower blades can be sharpened with a file or on a grinder wheel. Never attempt to sharpen the blade while it is on the mower.

Special care should be taken to keep the blade balanced. An unbalanced blade will leave an uneven cut on the lawn and can eventually cause damage to the lawn mower or the engine. To check a blade's balance, drive a nail into a beam or a wall leaving approximately one inch of the straight nail exposed. Place the center hold of the blade over the head of the nail. If the blade is balanced, it should remain in a horizontal position. If either end of the blade moves downward, sharpen the heavier end until the blade is balanced.

Tip 7: Mulch

Mulching is a great option to economically and consistently fertilize the lawn. With mulching mowers, small particles of grass are returned to the soil to biodegrade and serve as fertilizer. In fact, mulching can contribute up to 25 percent of the lawn's fertilizing requirements. When mulching, cut only one-third of the grass's height.

Tip 8: Engine

Clean dirt and debris from the engine air screen and the engine's cylinder fins.

Tip 9: power mowers

Replace any worn or damaged belts. To keep the driver system working properly, check the gear case and area around the drive system. It should be kept clean and free of grass and dirt buildup. Clean under the drive cover twice each season.

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- Don't pour cooking grease or fat down the kitchen sink.
- No meats or bones either. Use the garbage disposal for vegetables and

other non-meat scraps only.

- Don't rinse paint brushes in the sink.
- Prevent drain and trap clogs with regular treatments of a natural enzyme product.
- Avoid doing several loads of laundry back to back. The high detergent levels will shock the system and displace large volumes of partially treated sewage into the drainfield.
- Use a minimum of harsh chemical products, bleach, or acid-based commercial cleaners.

An attractive, healthy lawn is more than just pleasing to the eye

(NAPS) During the summer months, many homeowners spend a few hours each week working in their yards for the benefit of having a finely groomed plot of grass. However, a healthy lawn is more than just pleasing to the eye.

Lawns play a vital role in maintaining a healthy and safe environment by cooling our neighborhoods, replenishing our oxygen supply, filtering our air, and reducing noise pollution.

Additionally, lawns that are free of weeds and mowed regularly protect allergy sufferers from weed pollen, help absorb smog-produced ozone, and add to a home's value.

Having a healthy lawn begins with using proper mowing techniques.

- Maintain a regular mowing schedule to keep grass at desired height.

Removing more than one-third of the grass' height can weaken its protection against disease and drought.

- Mow when grass is dry for a cleaner cut.
- Alternate mowing patterns to avoid uneven wear on the lawn.
- Keep the lawn mower blades sharp. Dull blades tear grass, leaving it susceptible to disease and drought.
- Leave the grass clippings on the ground. Grass clippings are 85 to 90 percent water, and "grass cycling" returns this water to the soil. Grass cycling also eliminates yard waste and serves as mulch to keep the ground cooler.

By following these easy mowing tips, homeowners can achieve the lush, green lawns they desire.

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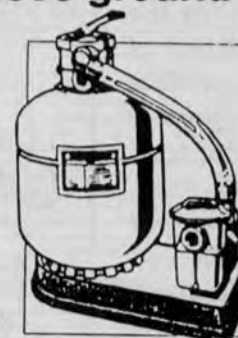


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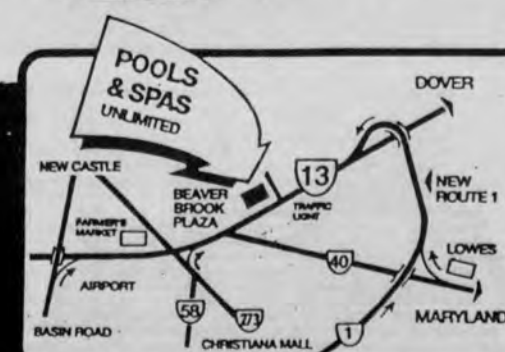
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Seeds may be sown directly in the prepared garden, after all danger of frost is past. However, they will produce earlier blooms and bushier plants if they are started indoors six to eight weeks prior to outdoor planting.

Use a garden hose or thin line of lime for outlining the garden and the sections within it. If the area is in grass, you will have to remove the sod first and then dig the bed to a depth of eight to twelve inches. If you are using brick, stone, or wood as edging, install them and raise the soil level of the bed.

Next, work in a two to three inch layer of organic matter like compost or peat moss and level the soil with a rake. Sow the seeds broadcasting lightly, each in its own designated section, and cover with the amount of soil recommended on each packet.

You will then have to water with a fine spray to keep the seeds from washing away. Keep the soil moist until the seedlings emerge (between seven and 21 days, depending on the kind, soil,

and weather conditions) and until they are well established. When seedlings are two inches high, thin them to the distances recommended on the seed packets.

When the plants are four inches high, cultivate lightly and mulch with shredded leaves, fine wood chips or well decayed compost to conserve soil moisture and control weeds.

Tips for cutting flowers:

- The best time to pick flowers is in the cool part of the day, either early morning or late evening.
- Always use scissors or a sharp knife, never your fingers, when cutting flowers. This will cause the least amount of damage to the stem.
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Attract butterflies to your garden

By Jane Berger

(AP) There's nothing as loyal in a garden as a butterfly. If you plant what they like, they'll return to your garden year after year and ensure that favorite flowers and shrubs keep on producing beautiful blooms.

Butterfly gardening is very popular these days, likely spurred by the environmental movement. Luring butterflies promotes creation of urban oases to replace natural habitats lost to development, and it requires elimination of herbicides and insecticides that are lethal to butterfly larvae.

Butterflies are sun worshippers, and they are attracted to brightly colored flowers that produce the sweet nectar on which they thrive. The butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*) is probably the best-known plant for drawing butterflies. From June to frost, its arching, lilac-like blooms will attract all kinds of butterflies, including Monarchs, Skippers, and Painted Ladies. Buddleias are hardy from zones 5 to 10, grow to a height of 10-12 feet, and have deeply fragrant blooms that come in purples, blues, pinks, lavenders, and whites. In smaller gardens, the buddleia "Lochin" may be more appropriate. It is only 3 to 6 feet high, with a compact, mounded habit, and its lavender flowers appear in late summer.

The brilliant orange perennial butterfly weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is the other great attraction for butterflies. A member of the milkweed family, it will grow almost anywhere with full sun and well-drained soil.

Perennials, shrubs, and annuals should be planted with blooming seasons in mind to keep a steady stream of butterflies in your garden from spring to fall. Appropriate spring varieties include lavender, impatiens, primrose, lilac and New Jersey tea (*Ceanothus americanus*). Later on, sunflowers, asters, cosmos, yarrow, goldenrod and zinnias will keep them flying in through the summer and into fall.

Most butterflies are not terribly fussy, but like humans, they have their preferences. The Giant Swallowtail, with a wingspan of more than 5 inches, likes bouganvillea, papaya, azalea and

honeysuckle; the Western Tiger Swallowtail likes hibiscus, red valerian, and coastal buckwheat.

The blue-winged Spring Azure can be lured by dandelion and privet; the Great Spangled Fritillary likes cone-flower, catmint, scarlet sage, and dogbane.

The Monarch's range extends throughout the country, and it is among the most familiar of butterflies. It prefers a range of easily grown and eas-

live in the suburbs there will likely be enough grass and weeds nearby to fill their needs. If not, hide a small patch of weeds somewhere (violets, dandelions, a weedy perennial like Queen Anne's lace) to give them what they require.

Butterfly gardens do not require extensive space. You can even fill containers on a balcony with plants that butterflies fancy, and as long as you place the pots in a sunny area that's out of the wind, the butterflies will find them.



ily found plants, including milkweed, cosmos, mint, sedum and zinnia.

Many gardeners are wary of luring any creature into the yard that might find something they'll consider delectable and cause a lot of plant damage. Butterfly larvae, depending on the species, might be tempted to munch on parsley, dill, milkweed and clover, and sometimes willow or poplar leaves. Birds and other natural predators will usually take care of excessive caterpillars, but most gardeners will have to tolerate a plant loss or two to get the beautiful payoff later in the season. A good solution is to plant a few extra parsley and dill plants, leaving plenty for you and for the caterpillars as well.

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- The Brittany Red Shallot from Cook's Garden is a traditional fixture in the kitchens on the west coast of

France. The extra-large, spicy, red-dish purple shallot is a prolific grower, easy to peel and dice — good for salads, sauces and marinades. Three pounds are \$18.50. Another offering is the Black Krim Tomato, an heirloom fruit originally from the Crimean peninsula in the Black Sea. This tomato turns a brownish purple at maturity, weighing in at about 10-14 ounces. A packet is \$1.95.

- Maybe you can call it a moonflower instead of a sunflower. Burpee's new hybrid, Moonshadow, has petals that fade to creamy white at 4-inch maturity. It flowers all summer long on a compact 4-foot-tall branching plant. Two 35-seed packets are \$4.95. On the other side of the color and size charts is a patinous black pansy hybrid, Zorro. A tiny golden eye peers out from the center of the dark blossom. Two 35-seed packets are \$6.95.

- A new raspberry variety from Hartmann's Plant Company produces up to

one pound of fruit per plant. Low-growing like a strawberry plant, it makes excellent ground cover. The bushy plants are thornfree and produce a carpet of decorative lavender flowers followed by bright red fruit with a tart-sweet flavor.

- Heirloom plants from Burpee include the Countess Spencer sweet pea, a turn-of-the-century favorite. The original form is soft pink; a mix of various hues including blue, scarlet, orange and other colors also is available. Either 40-seed packet is \$2.95.

- If you like variegated blooms, consider the Tie Dye Morning Glory or Splish Splash Geranium from Park Seed. The morning glory (two 20-seed packets, \$4.50) grows to a huge 6-inch span, displaying deep purple with lavender swirls and stripes. The geranium (two 5-seed packets, \$8.90) has mauve and blue streaks across white petals on 1 1/2-inch flowers.

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- The AutoMoist Soaker Systems from Colorite (\$7.99-\$24.99) are designed to deliver just the right amount of water needed for vegetable, flower or container gardens. They can be snaked through the beds or even buried in the soil — a technique to provide deep watering and prevent soil erosion. Four versions include a vegetable system, with 100 feet of 1/4-inch soaker hose; the flower system, with 25 feet; a container garden system, for up to 12 plantings; and the hanging basket system, which accommodates up to 10 hanging baskets. Each system is expandable.

- Ergonomics belong in the garden as well as the office, argues Ames Lawn & Garden Tools, which has introduced a line of ErgoConcept tools (\$20-\$25) with aluminum handles in Dali-esque configurations. The lawn rake, garden rake, and flexible steel-tine

rake, for example, have arc-curved shafts. Handles on the round- or square-point shovels, garden hoe and cultivator are slightly bowed. All are designed to help the user maintain a more comfortable upright position.

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Ripples in a pond: innovations in water gardening

The popularity of water gardening has gained the momentum of a river bursting into a waterfall. Backyard water gardens have come a long way since the labor-intensive concrete pools of the 1950's. Ongoing improvements have made the pleasures of water gardening accessible to all gardeners, according to the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA). Get your feet wet with the following information:

Mini to massive. The size of a water garden is limited only by your imagination. Garden centers are displaying the trend in miniaturized (some as small as 12 inches) water gardens to grace a table or foyer. The 'brook in a bowl' idea is perfect for apartment residents or anyone who wants the serenity of a water garden on a small scale.

Some homeowners like to think big. The typical backyard water pond has increased from an average 24 square feet in the 1950's to 100 square feet in the 1990's. This increase is driven by flexible liners made of enhanced polyvinyl chloride (PVC). Faster and much easier to install than concrete, PVC liners allow pond builders the freedom to create larger, more naturally shaped ponds.

Clean, not green. There are several methods of keeping pond water clear. Aeration isn't necessary if goldfish and water plants are stocked at the proper rate. However, as the fish population

risks, so does the bio-load. Fortunately, pumps are now more economical and energy efficient than ever before.

The biggest splash in water gardening is ultraviolet sterilizers. Pond water passes through a chamber containing an ultraviolet light. This light kills only harmful, free floating algae. Ultraviolet sterilizers are a quick, completely effective means of keeping pond water clean without harming fish or beneficial wall-clinging algae. Liquid or powder enzymes are another, somewhat slower, method in the quest for clean water.

Moving along. Considering the practical and aesthetic benefits, it's no surprise that over 90 percent of water gardens have moving water. Keeping water circulating does more than keep it clean. Some homeowners install water gardens outside their bedroom window to enjoy relaxing sounds as they go to sleep.

Lovely lilies. After a long period with few introductions, new colors and varieties of water lilies are now available. Exotic, yet hardy, lilies are shown in shades like salmon and peach. And exciting, exotic tropical water lilies can be selected to bloom at night, while you dine on your deck or patio.

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New American Garden favors ornamental grasses

By Jane Berger

(AP) Bored with all that green in formal borders? Tired of the fussy look of English cottage gardens? Then try your hand at the New American Garden, using native perennials and almost infinite varieties of ornamental grasses to add excitement, pizzazz and drama to otherwise ordinary landscapes.

Victorian gardeners were very fond of ornamental grasses, but like Victoriana generally, they eventually fell out of fashion. Today, grasses and related species are roaring back into popularity. New imports from Asia, Europe and elsewhere are now widely available, giving designers and homeowners a vast palette of plants to create new, innovative designs.

Maryland nurseryman Kurt Bluemel, along with landscape architects James van Sweden and Wolfgang Oehme of Washington, D.C., have been widely credited for the New American Garden look that first surfaced around the late 1970s. Bluemel began stocking his nursery with new varieties of grasses, and the Oehme-van Sweden firm

soon began using them as a central element in their garden designs. Their bold combinations of bulbs, native perennials, and sweeping drifts of ornamental grasses are unusual, exciting, and easy to duplicate.

Visitors to the capital can see Oehme-van Sweden's work at many sites around town, including the Friendship Garden at the National Arboretum and the Olmsted Walk at the National Zoo. Their one-acre garden surrounding the Federal Reserve's Martin Building in downtown Washington is typical, and garden enthusiasts can garner scores of ideas there for their own landscape projects back home. The austere white granite building has been brought down to ground level and softened by spring flowering trees, thousands of bulbs and native perennials. In summer, large numbers of ornamental grasses take over that last through the winter season.

In what may be a surprise to many, ornamental grasses come in blues, reds, and stripes as well as green. They range in size from just a few inches tall to 15



feet or more, and many of them flower prolifically in shades of white, gold, silver, rose, purple, and bronze.

Ornamental grasses fit easily with modern lifestyles, especially because they require little maintenance. In general, they are tolerant of drought and may simply be left alone once established. Most grasses are happiest in sunny sites, although a few varieties will tolerate shade. Ornamental grasses need only be cut to the ground once a year in early spring to maintain their vigor.

Landscape architects are using grasses today in a variety of ways to provide year-round garden interest. Low-growing evergreen grasses such as sedge (*Carex*) and fescue (*Festuca*) spill along walkways or line the front edge of a border. Sedges have narrow, arching foliage in colors ranging from copper to blue-green, tolerate considerable shade, and give a soft, flowing edge to brick or concrete. Blue fescue, with fine needle-like foliage, combines beautifully with other silver plants and is artful along a pond or pool as it picks up the water's blue-green hues.

Mondo grass (*Ophiopogon*) spreads slowly but steadily to form a solid groundcover in sun or shade, and it comes in either green or black (yes, black). The black version will have your neighbors oohing and aahing when its tiny pink bell-shaped flowers appear in late summer.

Grasses lend an exotic air to any garden, especially when used as architectural accents, as a screen around pools, or massed together to shut out unsightly views. Unlike many other plants, they'll also give you instant garden gratification: they shoot up rapidly in spring and attain their full height in just a month or two.

One of the most appealing mid-sized grasses is fountain grass (*Pennisetum*), with a carefree air resembling arching sprays of water. In August, it erupts into masses of white, pink, or rose-colored plumes. Fountain grass looks great cascading over a wall or defining a bor-

der within the garden. It is hardy to zone 5, but may be grown as an annual in colder climates.

Maiden grass (*Miscanthus*) should be reserved for a special place in the garden. If there is one grass I would have to have in my garden, it is this one. Maiden grass is both graceful and stately with beautiful, arching, green or striped foliage that turns a glorious bronze in the fall. Its pink, rose or white plumes soar to a height of 4 to 6 feet, forming a perfect screen around a hot tub, beside a small pool, or used simply as a single accent.

A good mid-sized screen is the erect, narrow-leaved switch grass (*Panicum virgatum*). Its profuse, airy flowers give way to red seed heads in late summer; the foliage turns deep yellow and burgundy, then takes on a golden color in winter. Even your teen-ager will appreciate the cultivar "Heavy Metal," aptly named for its metallic blue foliage.

Tall grasses should mainly be used because you want something to set your garden apart from others. They are not for the timid; they're what you need when you want to make a statement.

If you live in zone 7 or further south, pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*) is the variety you want. With a spread of 6 feet and 8- to 12-foot silvery-white plumes, it is one of the finest specimens available. Further north, try northern plume grass (*Erianthus ravennae*) with 14-foot silver spires that later turn a stunning golden orange, or perhaps the giant maiden grass (*Miscanthus floridulus*), which can actually be used as a "living fence" with 12- to 15-foot reddish-pink flower plumes that turn to gold in fall.

If you're not sure how you'd really like grasses, remember they are especially suited to the American landscape. They are reminiscent of the inland prairies and of wetlands and coastal regions throughout the country. Their plumes and foliage ripple, sway and bend with the wind, dancing to a tune of freedom that symbolizes the American spirit.

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Thirty years later, flower power takes hold

NEW YORK — In the '60s, America's Flower Children coined the term "Flower Power." That idea soon gave way to decades of disco dancing, conspicuous consumption and trickle-down economics. But now it's the "nesting '90s" and once again baby boomers are embracing flower power in record numbers.

Industry experts report that America's taste for tulips, roses, lilies, and other fresh flowers will kick overall sales of cut flowers in the U.S. to more than 8.5 billion dollars this year.

Market research reveals that approx-

imately 45 million U.S. households now purchase flowers at least once a month, up from 31 million a decade ago, according to Chicago-based marketing consulting firm, The Floral Index, Inc.

The increase in demand accompanies a change in consumer buying patterns.

Roses, long the dominant cut flower in popularity, have been joined by tulips, which have made a rapid rise in recent years as cut flower favorites.

Part of the reason may be the increased role that supermarkets and mass merchandisers now play in cut flower distribution.

While traditional florist shops continue to be the primary retailer for formal arrangements, the greatest increase in floral sales over the past ten years has been in supermarkets and mass merchandise outlets. Floral Index market research shows that supermarket sales volume alone has increased 183 percent in the last 10 years, a figure that may signal the first ripples of a sea change in American attitudes about fresh cut flowers.

Casual flowers fuel cultural shift

If America gave us "flower power," it is northern Europe, Scandinavia, and Asia that have long had the lock on flower culture. In northern Europe, corner flower shops and flower carts are ubiquitous.

In Asia, cut flowers are a part of the cultural and religious landscape stretching back centuries.

In the U.S., however, flowers were long considered specialty items reserved for occasions such as holidays, hospital visits and funerals. Today, Floral Index research shows that holidays and gifts still account for 30 percent of cut flower purchases.

However, casual purchases of flowers now account for 25 percent of all stems sold.

That figure is well above both hospital gifts (6 percent) and bereavement (15 percent) as reasons consumers cite for purchasing cut flowers.

Tulips are trend indicator

According to Sally Ferguson, director of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center in New York, Dutch export statistics also reflect this growing U.S. trend.

She reports that exports for the American 'forcing' factor, which are bulbs to be grown in the U.S. commercially as cut flowers, have increased a full 40 percent over the last decade.

Tulips, which are most often sold in casual bunches of 6 to 10 stems, are part of the growing trend toward integrating flowers into everyday American life. "That Americans are now buying flowers monthly is just a toe in the water," said Ms. Ferguson.

"In many countries, people buy flowers weekly—and this is for everyday life, for people at everyday income levels."

In northern Europe and Scandinavia, for instance, cut and potted flowers are already a more routine element of daily life, Ms. Ferguson says. "It's not uncommon in western Europe for small businesses to have floral displays delivered weekly, even car dealerships," Ms. Ferguson noted. "And, when you buy a new car, they send you home with a car and a bouquet!"

While it might not be so easy to imagine your local Ford dealer tossing you a bouquet along with your Bronco, it's not hard to imagine that many of the very appealing ways that other cultures use flowers are finding their way into American culture too.



Tulips have joined roses as America's favorite cut flowers.

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After the blossoms fade, cut off the flower stem (not the leaves!) a few inches above its base. Keep the plant growing in a warm, bright location. Don't be surprised if a second stem suddenly appears—with another heady round of colorful blossoms!

Water the pot regularly, keeping soil moist not soggy. Apply house plant fertilizer monthly to help the bulb "recharge itself" with energy for next year's bloom. (A leafy amaryllis makes an attractive house plant even without blooms).

In September, stop watering and feeding the plant to give it two to three months (10 - 12 weeks) of "down time." Put the pot in a cool spot and just let it sit, drying out.

In November/December, it is time



to clean and repot the bulb. Use the same pot or one sized slightly larger around than the bulb itself. Carefully clean the bulb of dried, loose outer scales and dead foliage. Roots should be fleshy and not damaged.

Re-pot in a clean container with the bulb's "shoulders" above the soil. Water well and place in a warm spot. Until the first sprout appears, water sparingly, then keep moist. Once growing, a cool site in the house is fine. In about eight weeks the bulb will bloom again.

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Shrub roses require less care than hybrid teas

By Ed Hutchison

(AP) Until a few years ago, growing roses was an all-or-nothing venture and the formula pretty much worked out to this:

Work at their upkeep and enjoy a harvest of blossoms. Ignore them and earn in return few flowers and often, a dead bush.

Enter the new, improved shrub rose and the equation shifts to this: Invest minimal effort and enjoy blossoms that are richly fragrant, colorful and of interesting shapes.

Most familiar rose varieties — Peace, Double Delight, Queen Elizabeth, Sterling Silver, Barbara Bush, Chrysler Imperial, John F. Kennedy, Mr. Lincoln — belong to different groups, notably hybrid teas and grandifloras. As a class, they require frequent feeding, watering, pruning, pest surveillance and in much of the country, protection from winter cold.

Shrub roses grow into large vase-shaped shrubs and bear blossoms in an interesting diversity of old-fashioned shapes. Many are richly fragrant. They tend to have the same pest problems as other types but they are usually more hardy over winter, sometimes doing just fine with little or no protection. Feeding and pruning chores are minimal.

Old-fashioned shrub roses typically bloomed but once a year. Most new shrub roses are repeat bloomers and David Austin, an English breeder, is generally recognized as the force behind putting new zip in this old style rose. He's coined the term English roses to describe the new types.

"Joe Blow on Main Street is looking for something easier to grow than the hybrid tea types," says Clair G. Martin, horticulturist and author of *100 English Roses for the American Garden* (Smith & Hawken/Workman Publishing, \$17.95 paperback). Martin is also curator of the rose collection at The Huntington Botanic Gardens in San Marino, Calif. The collection there approaches 4,000 bushes, representing about 1,500 varieties.

He believes the average gardener wants a bush that brings color and fragrance to the landscape and is convinced the shrub roses do just that.

"The best of them are hardy and will tolerate heat, or cold. For the most part, they require minimal care, and what care you do give them is like with a lilac — a little pruning, a little shaping and supplemental irrigation during a dry period. There's minimal care needed as far as disease and insect prevention. These are the characteristics I would want in the perfect rose and that's why I like the shrub rose group."

Despite their good points, Richard G. Hawke of the Chicago Botanic Garden (CBG) in Glencoe, Ill., has reservations about the utility of the modern shrub rose as a bush in the yard.

"People who saw them here fell in love with their colors, form and fragrance but without a good year, the shrubs were doggy," he says. As CBG's coordinator of plant evaluation programs, Hawke led an evaluation of 51 shrub roses. They

received minimal care, which was intentional, and none were protected over winter.

He found that modern shrub roses are similar to grandifloras, hybrid teas and other garden-type roses when it comes to bloom cover and disease resistance. Canadian-bred roses in the group had greater winter hardiness than garden roses and were somewhat harder than English roses. Both English and Canadian groups bore blossoms that were more fragrant and interesting than garden roses.

Hawke's advice: If you like roses but have grown weary with the upkeep required of the hybrid teas and other modern garden types, try either the English or Canadian types. He believes that with minimal effort, they'll reward the gardener with fragrant, interesting blossoms throughout summer.

Here are three of Martin's favorite shrub roses:

- **Golden Celebration.** Grows about 4 feet high and wide and bears double, bright golden-yellow blossoms. The color remains strong for the life of the flower. Martin describes the strong fragrance as a mix of fruit and tea rose aromas. New canes are mahogany colored and almost thornless. Tolerance to blackspot and mildew is good. Martin recommends this variety as a border plant or in a cutting. Its blossoms are excellent for cutting.

- **Tamora.** Martin favors this variety for its compact growth, strong myrrh fragrance and profusion of bloom. Blossoms are a blend of orange, peach and apricot and are set off nicely by the dark green foliage. He likes to see Tamora planted en masse, in borders or edges. The flowers are excellent for cutting. In cool climates, mature height is about 3 feet and width about 2 feet — and a bit larger in warmer regions.

- **Wise Portia.** Grows just under 3 feet high and wide in cool climates and a bit larger in warm ones. Martin likes it for its profusion of carmine red to purple blossoms, its dark green, shiny foliage and disease resistance. Unlike many varieties, it does OK in part shade. The fragrance is a strong old rose scent.



Gardener Clair G. Martin displays his shrub roses, a hardy new variety.

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Certain flowers add a fragrant scent to your yard

By Ed Hutchison

(AP) Achieving a summer garden rich with fragrance requires care while shopping but is otherwise within reach of anyone with a plot or pot of soil to plant.

Fragrant annual flowers are easy to grow and most are at their best in average, well-drained soil and in a spot that gets full or partial sun.

Most are available in either seed or transplant form.

Todd Perkins, a plant breeder for Goldsmith Seeds, Inc., Gilroy, CA., and Nona Koivula, executive director of the National Garden Bureau, Downer's Grove, IL., offer these recommendations to add color and fragrance to the garden: sweet alyssum, sweet pea, nicotiana, some petunias, snapdragons, stock, dianthus, some zinnias, heliotrope, four o'clock and pansies. Perkins considers sweet pea, sweet alyssum and nicotiana the most fragrant of the bunch; heliotrope with its vanilla fragrance is a Koivula favorite.

Interestingly, many of the most popular summer annuals have no fragrance to speak of — and probably never will, Perkins said. "Some flowers don't have a fragrance and there's nothing we can

do to add it."

Among summer favorites that Perkins said are likely to remain fragrance-free are geraniums, impatiens, salvia, begonia, and vinca. The fragrance in geraniums comes from its leaves, he noted.

"If there's a hint of fragrance we can often select it from among other variables in the plant and strengthen it." A recent example Perkins cites is the cyclamen. While primarily sold as a potted florist plant, breeders have succeeded in amplifying the fragrance of one strain. The result is, in Perkins' opinion, "a incredibly intense citrus-rose fragrance."

The fragrance story becomes even more heady at night. Some plants are pollinated after dark by bats and moths, and these are especially fragrant at night as a means of attracting these critters to their blossoms. Nicotiana, or flowering tobacco, is an example of a night pollinator.

That nicotiana is mostly fragrant when the sun goes down is more than a botanical curiosity. Gardeners who enjoy spending evenings on the patio or deck might include plantings of nicotiana up close so the fragrance from their bloom can be enjoyed.

Plants with fragrant blossoms come in a wide range of colors and growth habits. Here are particulars on each:

- Sweet alyssum (white, rose and pink). Plants are four inches high and wide; perfect for edging in sunny places.

- Sweet pea (shades of pink, rose, cream, red). Plants can be either bush or trailing form and about 14 inches tall. Needs full sun.

- Nicotiana (shades of salmon, red, peach, purple and white). These range in height from 12 to 24 inches. Best in massed plantings and in full sun.

- Snapdragons (red, pink, white, yellow, bronze, peach and shades in between). They range in height from 6 to 36 inches. Tall varieties should be staked to keep bloom upright; best in full sun and when temperatures are not blistering.

- Petunias (virtually all colors). They're probably the most diverse in flower color of all annuals. Koivula believes blue varieties are the most fra-

grant. Height from 8 to 12 inches and best in mostly sunny locations.

- Heliotrope (purple, violet and white). The heights range from 10 to 24 inches; part sun.

- Zinnia (red, white, yellow, pink, salmon and shades of each). Heights range from 6 to 36 inches; does best in full sun. The fragrance is subtle and more pronounced indoors as a cut flower.

- Four o'clocks (red, pink, yellow, white and bi-color). Grow on bushy plants 24 to 36 inches tall. Full sun.

- Pansies (virtually all colors and patterns, including a color that approaches black). Yellows and white seem to shimmer, even on a cloudy days. Does best in cool temperatures and in sunny to partly sunny locations. Grow 6 to 10 inches tall.

- Stock (white, light yellow, purple). This is a snapdragon-like arrangement of small flowers on a stem. Does best in full sun.

Pruning promotes health

To keep your landscape at its healthy best, start a regular pruning program. The following guidelines from the American Nursery & Landscape Association (ANLA) explain the basics. Nursery professionals are an excellent source of additional information.

- Remove spent flowers to stimulate growth and additional bloom; otherwise, plant energy is used for seed production.

- Prune spring-flowering plants such as lilacs, forsythia, or azaleas after they bloom. Summer-flowering plants like butterfly bush or crape myrtle should be pruned just before spring growth. Non-flowering ornamentals can be pruned in late winter, spring, or summer, since pruning in fall or early winter would encourage new growth that couldn't withstand the cold.

- Branches damaged by diseases,

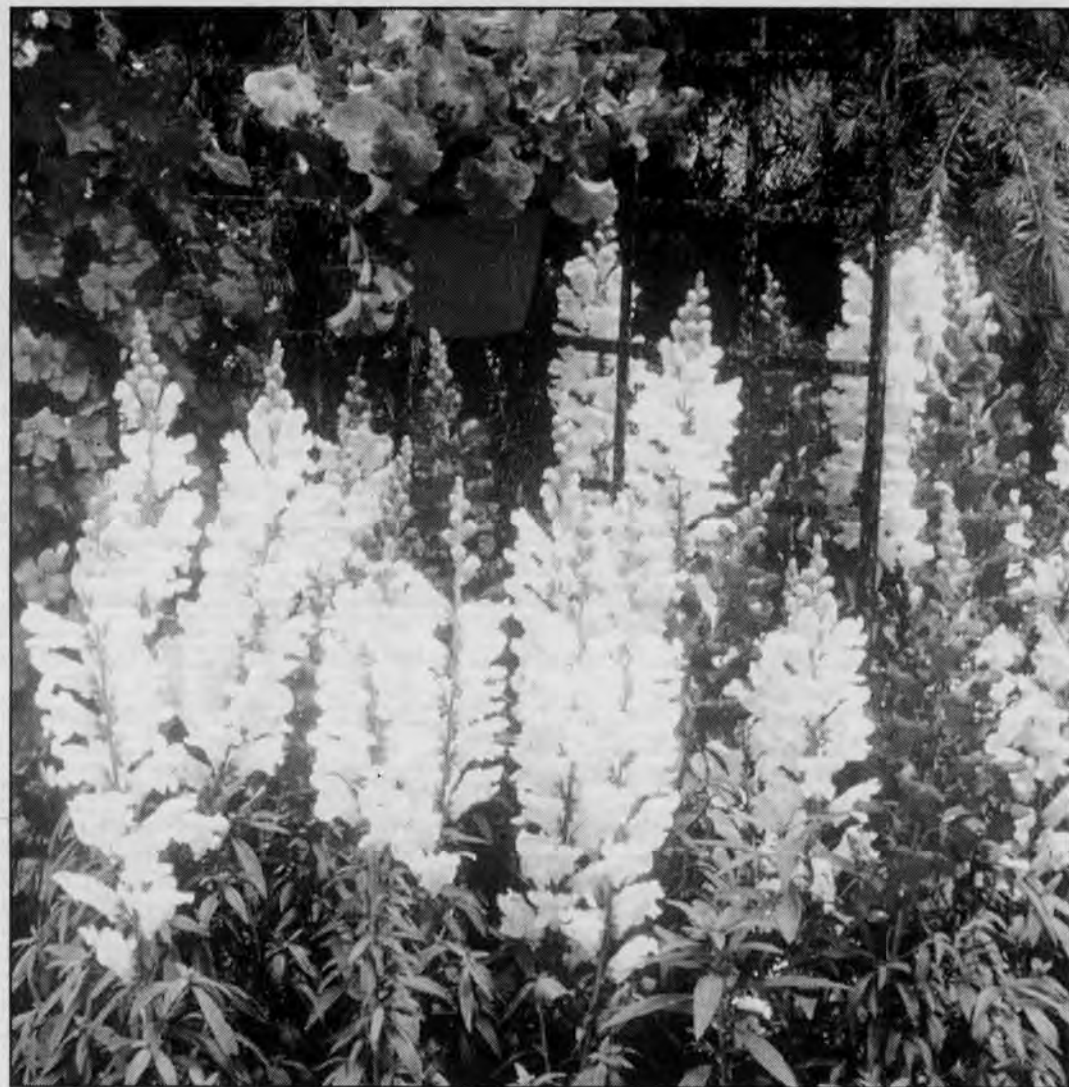
insects, winter, or storms should be pruned back to the healthy green wood. Remove branches that grow inward, rub against other branches, are leggy, or interfere with walkways or mowing.

- Thin to improve light penetration, shorten limbs, or direct growth. Cut back entire limb or shoot to its origin at trunk or branch. Cut at branch collar, but leave collar intact.

- Tip pinch to encourage thick foliage and new branching. Remove stem tip of new growth with thumb and forefinger.

- Renewal pruning brings abundant new growth. Plants such as forsythia and spiraea will benefit from a few of the oldest canes being cut back to 6 to 12 inches above ground.

- Shearing promotes lush new growth. Use hand shears on stems to create a uniform surface.



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Your garden is as much a reflection of your personality and the things in life that are most important to you as is the interior of your home.

But there's a great difference in most people's attitude towards these two important areas of their lives. Every so often they will decide to give their rooms a totally new look: refinish the walls, replace drapes and window coverings, move the furniture around or change it completely. Out with the old, in with the new! But rare indeed is a major overhaul of the yard or garden-escape.

There will be a few trial plantings from season to season, or a flower bed will be moved to gain better sun. A once attractive shrub will wither or become ungainly and have to be replaced. But a garden, once established, usually changes very little over the years and whatever changes are made come gradually.

For the garden reflects the more serene and contemplative side of our personality.

A good part of the joy we take in our garden comes from its continuity, from watching the annual cycle of blossoming and transitions of color and foliage with its reassurance that this part of our life, at least, will remain unchanging.

Among the more acceptable changes that can be made to a garden with little effort and without disturbing its continuity is adding an arbor.

Not only does an arbor provide an attractive accent in itself, it affords an opportunity for a dramatic display of one or more of the romantic old-fashioned climbing roses or the many new varieties of clematis or other flowering vines.

Or it can be situated so that it frames the entry to your garden or a special vista.

Selecting your arbor

While ready-made arbors are available in metal, plastic, and wood at garden supply stores, nurseries and home centers, the more enterprising do-it-yourselfers may wish to build it themselves. While a small arbor is a simple

structure, it is not an easy project to build from scratch even with a set of plans.

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A quiet arbor is a perfect spot to sit and reflect upon the beauty of your garden.

als, preferably rot-resistant. The best-looking arbors include lattice in their construction.

An alternate approach to building from scratch is to assemble an arbor from a packaged kit available through lawn and garden supply stores and departments.

They are offered in a variety of styles, the most popular being the classic roundtop or a straight-topped pergola.

side panels are pre-assembled at the factory, and full detailed instructions are provided, together with all necessary fasteners.

Placing your arbor

There are many places in the garden where an arbor can provide an attractive addition:

- as the entry to the yard or garden, or to a special garden walk.

- in a spot at the back of the garden, or in a corner, where it will offer shelter, particularly if you add an available accessory bench to convert it to a garden seat.

- to frame a view, either of part of your garden or of a vista beyond.

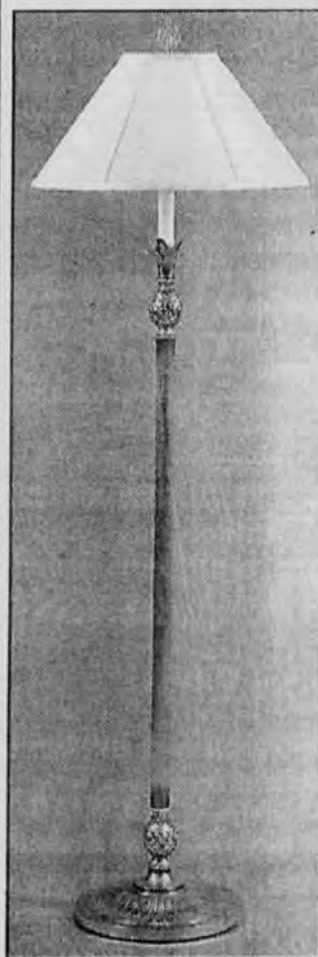
- in a section of lawn, with profusely-blooming roses or other flowering climbers, like clematis, honeysuckle, or columbine, to make a key feature of your yard.

- several in a row, with connecting trellis, to create a garden "tunnel" or gallery, with grapes or wisteria climbing overhead.

- at the top of a stairway, either wooden or stonework, down from a deck, or to a lower terrace or waterfront level.

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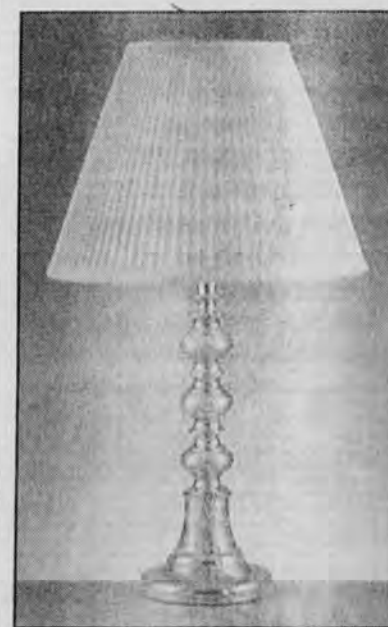


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Good news for beginners: gardening is easy!

By Ed Hutchison

(AP) Here's a comforting thought for the beginning gardener: Plants are on your side; you are a friend who helps fulfill their mission to grow and reproduce.

So there's little to fear and ample reason to believe you'll succeed. Pollsters tell us gardening is America's favorite pastime, and if you feel left out but now want to hop on board, here are some pointers that will help you make and grow a first garden:

SUN The majority of flowers and vegetables need at least six hours of sun. This suggests a spot in your yard that faces south or west. As you shop, keep in mind two basic terms — annual and perennial. An annual comes up, grows, and dies the same year. A perennial comes up every year. Most annuals and perennials are sunlovers, although there are colorful exceptions that like shade. Virtually all vegetables and many herbs are annuals.

SIZE Start small. A garden the size of a twin bed is big enough to grow three tomatoes, six peppers, several rows of lettuce, radishes and carrots and 24 flowering plants like petunias, marigolds and zinnias.

That's enough salad and flowers for a family of six.

SOIL It varies all over the country, and fortunately, "bad" soil can be made "good." If a fistful makes a hard ball, it has too much clay. If a fistful makes no ball, it has too much sand. Either condition can be improved by adding compost, leaves, grass clippings or sphagnum peat moss. These materials improve the soil structure so air and water can move about freely in the root zone.

GRASS If the ideal spot now grows grass and you want a garden instead, you'll need to get rid of the grass first. When it starts growing in the spring, spray it with a herbicide such as Finale or Round-Up. Either will kill the grass within a few weeks (and anything else green it touches) but will not harm to the soil. As with any garden chemical, heed label instructions.

You'll want to work up the ground the first year, especially if there is too much clay or sand and you're adding sphagnum peat moss or another amendment. Compared to other amendments, sphagnum peat moss is ideal because it adds helpful structure to the soil, doesn't break down too quickly and is easy to work in.

TILLING For a new garden, a power tiller makes short work out of preparing the soil. The bigger machines can pulverize and turn

over dead grass as well as work amendments into the top 12 inches of soil.

That's the target to shoot for: Good soil to a depth of 12 inches. You can rent a tiller or, for the same amount of money, you can probably find someone who'll till it for you. Wait until heavy spring moisture is out of the soil before working it by machine or hand, as working wet or frozen soil can make it lumpy for years.

WATER The best way to water a garden is with a hose that oozes water; this is a modern version of the old canvas soaker. The new types are made from recycled tires. They ooze water slowly from tiny holes along the length of the hose. Snake the hose so it is near the plants and run it for 30 minutes two days a week. If it rains, you can skip a watering. The soil should be slightly moist several inches below the surface at all times. Overhead water from a sprinkler wastes water and can spread disease.

FOOD Annual flowers and vegetables should be fed about every six weeks beginning about July 1. Some can be overfed, and the result is that they grow leaves at the expense of flowers. Not having a tomato flower means no tomatoes.

An easy way to feed is by spraying the leaves and surrounding area with liquid fertilizer applied with a hose-end

sprayer. If you don't have one, mix up the food in a pail and pour it slowly around the plants.

Don't use a sprayer or pail that had been used to apply weed killer; there may be enough residue to damage the plants.

WEEDS Save weed-pulling time by applying a weed killer that stops weeds just as they sprout. Preen is one popular brand of what's known as a pre-emergent herbicide. These are usually sold as granules that are sprinkled on the ground and lightly raked into top inch of the soil. They stop most weeds from sprouting most of the season.

MULCH A 3-inch layer of mulch keeps weeds down, conserves water and keeps the soil at a helpful temperature. Most organic mulches decompose in two or three years and need to be replenished.

Grass clippings make a so-so mulch. They clump as they dry, making it hard for water to get to the soil. Leftover weed killer on the grass could kill garden plants. Pine straw, shredded bark, wood chips and cocoa bean hulls are a few of the organic mulches available.

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Use trees as garden architecture

By Jane Berger

(AP) A great-looking garden just doesn't happen overnight after a quick trip to the nursery. Like spectacular homes, spectacular gardens benefit greatly from a little professional or do-it-yourself architectural planning.

Using trees for architectural effect is an easy, economical, and creative way to add year-round interest to any garden.

Trees are the backbone of a garden's overall framework, and they provide a sense of proportion for small patio gardens and large suburban properties alike. Every tree has a distinctive form and habit and should have a distinctive purpose. The tree you plant today will likely be with you for the rest of your life, so you should carefully consider how you want to use it.

Unusual shapes

Trees with unusual shapes and features lend verve and imagination to the overall design. Their strong branching patterns stand out against the sky or a solid fence. Japanese maples (*Acer palmatum*) are an excellent choice as garden specimens because of their layered branching, decorative lobed leaves, spectacular fall color and singular form that is attractive throughout the winter. There are many arresting cultivars of Japanese maples, from "Bloodgood," the burgundy foliage, to the dazzling "Dissectum" with lace-like leaves and long, arching branches that reach to the ground. But if you decide on a Japanese maple, don't make the mistake by letting it go unpruned for years — it'll end up looking like any other old tree.

Weeping trees are the living equivalent of garden sculptures and add class to any landscape. Can you ever remember a time when you didn't notice the graceful, drooping branches of a weeping willow beside a river or pond? Weeping trees contrast with ground-level horizontal lines and reiterate strong verticals, like the height of a house or garage. Other weeping trees not so commonly used that you may want to consider include the beech, pine, hemlock, fig and "Red Jade" crabapple.

Broad and spreading trees provide shade and relief from high summer

temperatures, and they cool your house as well. Big-leaved trees like London plane or cucumber magnolia will provide the deepest shade and coolest temperatures. A finely cut honey locust lets through a lot more light, giving you dappled shade where many perennials will thrive. In small urban gardens, the trident maple (*Acer buergerianum*) and yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentuckea*) are excellent choices for shading patios.

Defining property lines

Trees are perfect for defining your property, whether you screen the perimeter entirely with evergreens or plant a row of small deciduous trees along your property line to separate your lot from your neighbor's.

Trees also can divide your property into sections. At Naumkeag in Stockbridge, Mass., landscape architect Fletcher Steele linked the estate's upper gardens with the lower lawn by lining a curving staircase with an allee of birches that cascades down the hillside. At Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, a single enormous American beech tree sets apart upper

and lower garden terraces.

Decorative value

Many trees have the lovely attributes of unusual bark, spring or summer flowers, spectacular fall foliage. All can be used to energize your landscape and beautify it throughout the seasons. In spring, clouds of pink blossoms fill the sky of the nation's capital when thousands of cherry trees burst into bloom. A single weeping cherry on the front lawn of a suburban house will bring on a similar breathless reaction.

There are flowering trees suitable for any zone or any size garden. In February, delicate witchhazels trumpet the change of seasons with strap-like blooms in yellows, reds, and bronzes. In spring, the majesty of magnolias, whether the huge, evergreen Southern magnolia or the charming "little girl" magnolias, cannot be overstated. The goldenrain tree (*Koelreuteria paniculata*) is becoming more popular, and its deep yellow blooms that appear in summer are brightening shopping malls and many other urban landscapes. In southern climates, the red-flowering gum (*Eucalyptus ficifolia*) is covered in masses of red to pink clusters, and in California, it blooms both in spring and fall.

Northern residents can plan on an exquisite display once a year if they choose the right trees for fall. Among

favorites are the pure yellow of the ginkgo tree, the brilliant red of "October glory" red maple, the orange and scarlet hawthorns. Be sure to select the sites for these trees carefully so you can clearly see them from inside as they go through their autumn ritual.

In winter, the stunning bark of Stewartias peels away in layers of orange, gray, and brown.

A grove of birches stops the gaze cold against a background of evergreens, whether it's the pure white bark of most or the exfoliating cinnamon bark of river birch.

Evergreens, of course, are the instant solution to garden architecture. They can entirely shut out undesirable views, divide your garden into "rooms," serve as windbreaks to protect tender plants, or stand alone as specimens. The dense and fine-textured Japanese cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*) has a soft and flowing elegance that would accent any spacious lawn. A pair of pencil-like skyrocket junipers can identify an entrance; a single one will accent any bed or border.

Whatever you visualize as your garden dream, trees should always take first place when you begin to plan your garden. They give you the basic structure you need, and careful thought about their natural form and features will make your landscape look like those in the finest garden publications.



Gardening provides families with fun learning experience

Gardening is one of the best legacies a parent can give a child. It helps create a love of the earth and joy in seeing things grow, and it provides an outlet away from the increasingly complicated and technological world.

Gardening also is a great way for children to learn all sorts of scientific concepts, such as:

- Vegetables don't grow in supermarkets.
- Sun, wind, water, and temperature affect plants.
- Plants follow a growth cycle from seed to plant to flower to fruit to seed.
- Vegetables can be distinguished from one another by their leaves.
- Insects and disease can destroy plants.

Children who garden also learn important social skills:

- how to work together to make a garden grow.
- pride and satisfaction in creating, maintaining, and harvesting a garden.
- pleasure in working in the outdoors.
- how to deal with disappointments and mistakes.



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New garden books hot off the presses

Dig in for some reading:

- A fancy, formal garden demands the owner sustain it with a strict regime of cultivating, watering, spraying, and manicuring. "Is it necessary for the gardener to be at odds with nature in this way?" asks the English garden designer John Brookes in *Natural Landscapes* (DK Publishing, \$29.95 hardcover). He recommends — and gives examples — of how gardeners can make use of indigenous plants to integrate the plot with its surroundings and terrain. If you live in prairie country, you might use local grasses spotted with sunflowers, coneflowers, Rudbeckia and bee-balm. The garden in a desert locale will be welcoming to succulents, cacti, and palms. Brookes backs measured encouragement of wildlife, since many birds, insects and small mammals will help you combat pests without chemicals.

- The noted British garden writer Christopher Lloyd is self-deprecating about his cooking skills, but he appreciates the convergence of growing food, preparing it and enjoying it with friends: "We have always grown a lot of fruit and vegetables in the garden," he writes in *Gardener Cook* (Willow Creek Press, \$29.50). "What could be more natural than to want to use them effectively in the kitchen. As I gained confidence, the stream of friends visiting, largely at weekends, increased enormously and so did my enjoyment of

them." This self-described "fig pig" offers in often humorous prose advice about growing and recipes for eating.

- Keeping plants at home or at the office is almost instinctive to most garden enthusiasts. *Indoor Plants* (Reader's Digest, \$30 hardcover), by Jane Courtier and Graham Clarke, is a basic guide to getting the best out of your choices. Among the sections is one devoted to looking at your plant population from a whole-house point of view, choosing the most effective arrangements for decorating and growing. There's also information about buying and caring for your plants, but the section you're likely to use most is the fairly comprehensive plant directory and secondary plant lists, with facts and photos of each specimen covered.

- Two handy pocket guides from DK Publishing are *Garden Herbs* (\$9.95 hardcover), by Lesley Bremness, and *101 Essential Tips: Basic Gardening* (\$3.95 paperback), by Pippa Greenwood. The herb guide includes overviews of the most popular types, with information about growing them and using them in the kitchen and around the house. The basic gardening guide is a quick course (or perhaps refresher) covering tool and plant selection, preparation, planting, pruning, care, and propagating.

- At the other end of the scale is the

humongous (1,095 pages) *The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* (DK Publishing, \$79.95 hardcover), edited by Christopher Brickell and Judith D. Zuk. The serious plant person will find over 15,000 kinds profiled, along with information about cultivation and care in American growing zones. This is a natural companion to *The Encyclopedia of Gardening* (DK Publishing, \$59.95 hardcover), a standard reference published several years ago.

- Another reference in the superbook category is the 1,008-page *Botanica: The Illustrated A-Z of Over 10,000 Garden Plants and How to Cultivate Them* (Random House, \$50 hardcover with carrying case). Included are sections devoted to special types of gardens, a comprehensive listing of plants, and a glossary of botanical and horticultural terms.

- If you missed the show, you can still read the book: *Mrs. Greenthumbs Plows Ahead: Five Steps to the Drop-Dead Gorgeous Garden of Your Dreams* (Crown, \$25 hardcover), by television's gardener-comedian, Cassandra Danz. Ms. Danz disdains what she calls the "suburban park" yard and entertainingly instructs you on how to turn this boring spot of land into a beautiful, interesting, and private "cottage garden." But, she cautions, even after you've achieved this garden, you're not done.

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- Perhaps you're happy just to potter around the garden, planting wherever there's a likely space. On the other hand, you might have a vision of what the garden should be like. In *The Garden Design Book* (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$50 hardcover), by Cheryl Merseur and the editors of *Garden Design* magazine, you get to look at real gardens put together with some unexpected twists — like a pool made from a farm trough and a bamboo tepee covered with scarlet runner beans. The overall message is to look at your garden as a whole, with suggestions for natural, formal, container, kitchen, courtyard, cottage, and country gardens.

- One way to get your kids away from the computer or TV is to deputize them as assistant gardeners. Author Beth Richardson tells how to draw your children into the horticultural world and keep them interested and entertained in *Gardening with Children* (Taunton Press, \$19.95 paperback). One of her suggestions is to create a "pizza garden," planting plum tomatoes, parsley, oregano, garlic, peppers, onions and sweet basil. Even the plot can be laid out like a pie.

Storey Books revises four classics

Storey Books has revised and updated four of its classic gardening books that were first issued in 15 to 20 years ago.

Carrots Love Tomatoes was chosen as one of the top 20 garden books of all time.

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Roses Love Garlic is a companion to *Carrots*. It also encourages using the natural relationships between plants to create a healthier garden without the use of pesticides.

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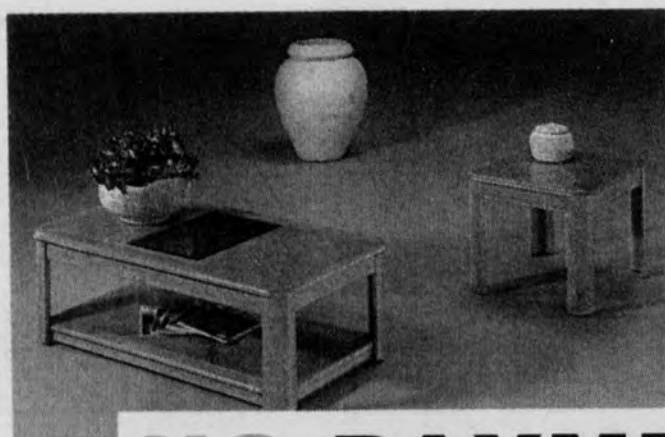
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