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Home Of Bryant Roberson

ISD committee report called 'frightening'

District's facilities described as 'embarassing,' but report offers no solutions

By Wade Warren
Staff Writer

Snyder ISD trustees and administrators were presented with a report from the Community Facilities Task Force Thursday night and it was anything but encouraging.

Words such as "unsafe" and "unsightly" dominated the six-page report and described the school district's facilities as "embarassing." The report, however, fell short of what some had hoped would be a call for a bond issue for major improvements.

The report, given by task force chairman Ray Courtney, gave credit for improvements made recently at Humble Smith, the high school auditorium and the East Elementary auditorium, but it was highly critical of the other facilities.

Safety concerns topped the list as Courtney described problems at the high school and junior high along with all the elementary buildings.

The report stated that the electrical wiring in all schools is inadequate, thereby creating a safety hazard. Additionally, the task force found that the plumbing in all the buildings had deteriorated to the point that it is almost unusable. This condition not only describes problems with the toilets, but with drinking fountains as well.

In reading from the report, Courtney said the committee had found the portable buildings being used on the various campuses to be "extremely unsafe and afford a very poor learning environment."

In summing up the committee's findings, Courtney said the problems that exist in the district's

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Attorney General praises area lawmen

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales joined area legislators Thursday night in saluting law enforcement personnel who he described as "over criticized and under appreciated."

Morales, serving his second term as attorney general, was introduced by State Rep. David Counts who organized the Northwest Texas Law Enforcement Appreciation Day event held each year in the Scurry County Coliseum.

Some 450 law enforcement personnel and their families attended along with State Reps. Charles Finnell of Holliday, Bob Hunter of Abilene and Bob Turner of Voss.

Rep. Counts, D-Knox City, also read a resolution in honor of Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier, who will retire at the end of the year after 32 years as sheriff.

Those honored included members of the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers, area sheriff department personnel, area policemen, peace justices, judges and prosecutors.

Morales touched on the importance of law enforcement personnel working together. He noted that in the early 1930s that law enforcement was the "lone ranger" variety enforced on the local level. "In those days criminals were technologically superior, but we've come together professionally. Today the men and women who wear the badges and uniforms are not only highly-professional, but highly trained and competent."

Morales warned that the nation, state and local jurisdictions will continue to face global criminal challenges brought on by drug lords, high-tech crime, gangs and organized crime.

"The bottom line is we must band together and refuse to become isolated."

Morales, a former prosecutor in San Antonio who later served two terms in the Texas House of Representatives, said a priority of his office is to "support in any way we can the men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line each day in the interest of the public safety of others."

Morales said law enforcement interests are well represented by legislators from West Texas. "Public safety is the first obliga-

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THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Funny how some people can remember a lie forever, and forget the truth in just minutes."

Keeping tabs on our neighbors:

The Rotan Advance warned of a scam in nearby Fisher County.

The Fisher County sheriff warned to be alert to a scam circulating involving credit cards.

Sheriff Gene Pack indicated that "boiler room" callers are especially targeting elderly residents by informing them they "have won a prize." However, before the prize can be delivered, the caller asks for the winner's credit card number on the pretense of verification.

The advice: don't give credit card information over the telephone.

According to the Sweetwater Reporter and Big Spring Herald, LULAC is challenging election methods in Nolan and Howard Counties.

The at-large method of electing school trustees is under fire at Roscoe, and the same organization claims that Howard County unfairly elects its Justices of the Peace. A voting rights suit has also been filed against the Big Spring Independent School District.

The Levelland News-Press said that an oil company's announcement that it would not locate its headquarters in Lubbock would have an adverse impact on Levelland and Hockley County.

A limited partnership between Amoco and Shell formed a company called Newco and decided on Houston as a site for the company headquarters.

On the hospital front, the Andrews County News reports that Permian General Hospital, a county-owned facility, is looking for a new management affiliation agreement. Currently, Permian General has a management contract with Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Lamesa Press-Reporter noted that its hospital, also affiliated with Lubbock Methodist, had approved a new $7.3 million budget after some downsizing. Lamesa's hospital board recently rejected offers to sell or lease the hospital.

Again from the Big Spring Herald....we'll call it the good grief department.

A Big Spring High teacher has been reprimanded for removing one of her shoes and throwing it in the direction of a student who was not paying attention.

Admitting that the shoe was "not thrown in a mean way," the mother of the student filed a Class C assault charge against the teacher even though the student was not injured.

(The assault charge has since been dismissed.)

Despite the mother's admission that the student was staring into space instead of doing his work, the mother wants the teacher suspended.

Guess it's the generation gap, but we've be in favor of hitting 'em with something more than a shoe.



PEACE OFFICERS APPRECIATION — Area legislators turned out Thursday to honor law enforcement workers in Northwest Texas. Guest speaker was Texas Attorney General Dan Morales (left), shown with Sheriff Keith Collier (center) and State Rep. David Counts. (SDN Staff Photo)

Anti-government letters distributed

The state's two chief law enforcement officers, Attorney General Dan Morales and Department of Public Safety Director James R. Wilson, came to Snyder Thursday night to honor local peace officers.

Those attending the function — including Morales and Wilson — were greeted with copies of an anti-goverment letter placed on each car's windshield at the Scurry County Coliseum.

Who distributed the letters was unknown, but was signed by Richard McLaren who describes himself as chief foreign legal officer, chief ambassador and consul general.

The letter, addressed to Wilson, was dated March 25. It read: "Please find enclosed ...the official documents of identification that the Citizens of the Republic of Texas will be carrying with them in Texas highways...including identification cards.

"We expect you to notify all city police, county sheriffs and their departments, and all members of your department of the documents that will be used by our Citizens in accordance with international law and the common law of the nation of Texas."

The letter further said members of the Republic of Texas will be surrendering their driver's licenses for certificates issued by the Republic of Texas.

The reverse side of the flyer gave instructions to members for obtaining citizenship documents.

Last month, some 700 members of the organization served similar notices to elected officials in office, including a demand that they vacate their offices.

"As peace officers, we take an oath to uphold the laws of the State of Texas and the United States," Scurry County Sheriff Keith Collier said this morning. "I'm a U.S. citizen and proud to be one. I don't advocate what they (Citizens of the Republic of Texas) are doing. I love Texas, and I love my country, too."

Local groups to aid in Texas Trash-Off

Nine Scurry County Adopt-a-Highway groups will join 70 others in the Abilene district and more than 2,000 state wide to rid state roads of trash in the 11th "Great Texas Trash-Off" Saturday.

Part of the Texas Department of Transportation's "Don't Mess With Texas" anti-litter campaign, the Trash-Off is one of the nation's largest one-day cleanups. While adopt-a-highway groups work the roadside, Keep Texas Beautiful groups will be sprucing up city streets, county roads and parks. Combined, the groups expect to pick up 7.25 million gallons of litter.

The groups in Scurry County signed up to participate are the Boys & Girls Club, Ira National Honor Society, Knights of Columbus Council 8875, Pride Petroleum Services, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Snyder Noon Kiwanis Club, Cub Scout Pack 177, Scurry County 4-H Club and the VFW Post 8231 and Ladies Auxiliary.

According to Doris Howdeshell, director of TxDOT's Travel and Information Division, the combined effort of the Great Texas Trash-Off, Don't Mess With Texas and Adopt-a-Highway has changed behavior about littering and reduced the amount of litter on Texas roads. The anti-litter programs also save the state between $2 and $4 million a year in litter pickup.

"The Great Texas Trash-Off is one day on which we hope to see the whole state cleaner for the traveling public," said Howdeshell. "Our hope is that seeing 130,000 people cleaning up after litterers, and seeing miles and miles of clean roads will make drivers think twice about throwing something out of their car."

Groups interested in participating in the Trash-Off or the Adopt-a-Highway program can contact the local TxDOT office maintenance section by calling 573-0142.



FLOWER TIME - Glen Holley of Wal-Mart, right, shows Furman Branson a selection of flowers that are available for planting. Numerous businesses that carry items for the home and outdoors are featured today in the annual Lawn and Garden & Home Improvement section. (SDN Staff Photo)

Show will feature lots of products

Scurry County area citizens can get tips on everything from landscaping to financing at the annual Home and Garden Show, scheduled Saturday and Sunday in the county coliseum.

The event is sponsored by Snyder Savings and Loan.

There is no admission fee for the show, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Featured will be displays from landscapers, florists, builders, realtors, decorators and painters.

Others will be leisure equipment suppliers, lawn and garden suppliers, heating and air conditioning representatives and many more.

A washer and dryer will be given away during a drawing at 6 p.m. Saturday.

ASK US

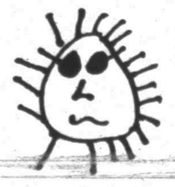
Q—Is it too late to file as a write-in candidate for the May 4 elections?

A—Yes, the deadline has passed. Early voting begins Monday.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Thursday, 87 degrees; low, 61; 7 a.m. reading Friday, 61; no precipitation; total for 1996, 1.93 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, clear. Low 50-55. Wind becoming S 5-15 mph. Saturday, sunny. High, upper 80s. SW wind 15-25 mph, gusty.



Rudy Ibarra

Sunny!

Sunset: 8:11 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:17 p.m.
Of 102 days in 1996, the sun has shone 98 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding.

Proverbs 17:27



GROUNDBREAKING — Avenue D Baptist Church conducted a groundbreaking ceremony service for a new auditorium on March 24. Construction will begin this month. The church's auditorium was destroyed by a fire on Dec. 23, 1989. The new structure will be built to the east of their present educational building. Those participating in the ceremony are left to right, Pat and Rev. Charles Day, pastor and wife; A.C. Weaver, Bill Burns, Virgil Streety, all deacons; and Dr. Darold Baldwin, Mitchell-Scurry Associational Director of Missions. Several members of the congregation are shown in back. (Contributed Photo)

West

UIL bound

The following students will compete in Saturday's UIL events slated in Lamesa.

Oral reading: Cassie Cooper, Krisi Early and Haley Elkins. Tate Thompson is the alternate.

Impromptu speaking: JoAnna Burk, Michael Pendleton and Sarah Pilgrim. Meagan Hatley is the alternate.

Ready writing: Cody Beaver, Ryan McAnally and Craig Bowen. Brodie Pierce is the alternate.

Maps, graphs and charts: Anna Williams, Tyler Neves and Justin McBroom. Jason Williams is the alternate.

Spelling: Cole McLeod, Trent Boyd and Alex Best. Wes Hardin is the alternate.

Number sense: Wade Pinson, Brandon McGuire and Whitney Rogers. Bailey Stoker is the alternate.

Calculator applications: Charlie Gorman, Bradley Bynum and Nicholas Landes. Marci Kruger is the alternate.

Dictionary skills: Dustin Whitson, Cliff Beights and R.J. Sanders. T.J. Cagle is the alternate.

The following students will compete in local UIL competition.

Science (life): Jeff Proctor, Amber Alexander and Andra Lancaster. Kasey Collier in the alternate.

Elaine Byrd is the UIL coordinator for West.



PURPLE SAGE MOTEL HONORED - Art and Helen Feinsod were presented with the Snyder Chamber of Commerce business of the month plaque this week. Jacalyn Lowrance, representing the Snyder Daily News and last month's recipient, presented the plaque at the event hosted by the Snyder Goldcoats. (SDN Staff Photo)

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Saturday, April 13, 1996

In the year ahead you might take on a unique project that could have political overtones. Your role in these situations could be exciting and you will play your part well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Try to avoid prying too deeply into the affairs of a close friend today. You might misinterpret something he or she has tried to keep from you. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail $2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you do not know much about a person's business ethics, do not recommend this person to a friend. Only endorse people you know well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Today you could easily be influenced by others. An open-minded and receptive philosophy has its merits, provided it is not carried to extremes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A poor attitude toward your work could not only affect your performance today, but it might create problems for co-workers as well. Complaining can be contagious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Use caution today regarding endeavors that involve a high degree of speculation. If you lack discipline, you might take big risks for nominal gains.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) An issue that disrupted your household in the past might surface again today. Try to handle this situation in a more sensitive manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today, do not say things about a co-worker that you would not say to his or her face, because your statement may come back to haunt you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to manage your money as a shrewd financial planner would today and don't let your extravagant whims get the better of you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) If you insist on doing everything your way today, serious complications could ensue. Try to tone down your ego.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Investigate your options thoroughly today so that you do not become a victim of your own ineptitude. Above all, don't do anything out of spite or anger.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Strive to be optimistic and positive today, but base your hopes on a realistic premise, especially in regard to your finances.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You may not achieve your goals today if you do not behave logically and methodically. Do not leave things to chance and try not to be too emotional.

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Pat Corley to quit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Last call for Phil, the raspy-voiced bartender who runs the favorite watering hole on "Murphy Brown."

Actor Pat Corley says he will leave the hit sitcom after this season to pursue other opportunities, said his publicist, Dick Delson.

Unusual highway signs suggested

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — One man wants the state to replace highway exit signs with "Xit" signs to save millions of dollars in paint.

The Ohio Department of Transportation has also been asked to lower all 35 mph signs to 33 mph to honor Jesus' age at his death.

And a group of middle school pupils in the Dayton suburb of Washington Township wants a yield sign so drivers won't hit the ducks that cross four lanes of traffic in search of handouts at a restaurant.

While none of those suggestions were adopted, the state keeps an eye out for ones that could work out of the dozens of unsolicited ideas received each year, officials said Thursday.

Gary Bammerlin, a state traffic management engineer, said some drivers expect too much from highway signs.

"If people are going to visit their grandmother, they want a grandmother sign at their exit," he said.

Irving Berlin, the prolific songwriter who wrote "White Christmas" and "God Bless America" among hundreds of others, taught himself to play piano in a bar, and could only compose in the key of F-sharp.

Gramm is banking on experience

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Republican U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm says political experience is his best weapon in the looming reelection battle against surprise Democratic nominee Victor Morales.

Gramm also emphasized his pedagogical roots, apparently seeking to capture some of Morales' common-man appeal.

"If there's a difference between us, it is that I know where I stand on issues," Gramm told the Bryan-College Station Eagle editorial board Thursday.

"But other than that, our backgrounds are very similar. Neither of my parents graduated from high school. I was a teacher at a slightly different level, but all students are the same."

Victor Morales, who campaigned out of his pickup on a shoestring budget, became the Cinderella story of Tuesday's Democratic primary runoff elections when he defeated U.S. Rep. John Bryant for the right to challenge Gramm.

Democratic voters preferred the neophyte over Bryant, a seven-term congressional veteran. But Gramm, a Republican who taught economics at Texas A&M University before entering politics, said he hopes his political experience will help him.

"I have a record for two terms in the Senate," Gramm, 53, said. "I've been a leader in trying to balance the budget. I think my record speaks for itself."

In addition to experience, Gramm has a $3.5 million campaign war chest. Morales had just $9,000 in the bank before winning the nomination and concomitant support of the national Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

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Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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IOU Is Legally Worth Paper It's Printed On

DEAR ABBY: Much as it pains me to publicly disagree with another attorney, the letter you published from Max D. Rynearson about the value of an IOU was more wrong than right — and your original advice to parents to get an IOU when lending money to their children was more right than wrong.

Yes, a detailed promissory note, with due dates, interest, default provisions and attorneys fees is nice. (A mortgage on the homestead or a security interest in the family Mercedes is even nicer.)

However, to say that a written IOU has no legal value is incorrect. I would hope that none of your readers, after seeing that in your column, would tear up an IOU or abandon their hope of repayment.

An IOU is written evidence of a debt. If signed by the borrower, it is even better evidence. As documentary evidence of a debt, a signed IOU is as good as any promissory note. Only the bells and whistles of a promissory note are missing. Any defense that could be used against a signed IOU can be used against a promissory note.

Not lending and not borrowing is best. Getting a note and secured collateral is next best. But if someone you cannot or do not want to refuse needs a loan at a time or place when you can get no lawyer, note or collateral, a signed IOU is enforceable written evidence of a debt. Surely, someone holding one should not think it has no legal value.

JOHN D. RICE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, CHANHASSEN, MINN.

DEAR MR. RICE: Thank you very much for straightening this out. I'm sure that many readers will be relieved to know that the IOUs they are holding are valid legal documents after all. But the words of William Shakespeare seem even truer today than when he wrote, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be ..."

* * *

DEAR ABBY: I have a family dilemma. My 11- and 5-year-old sons are disrespectful to my husband and me. They also swear a lot. My problem is my husband doesn't care and refuses to do anything about it, while I care a great deal and try to do everything I can to stop it. Obviously, my kids are getting a mixed message.

Since my husband allows it, my 11-year-old swears at him, but knows not to mess with me. My 5-year-old doesn't understand, though, and swears at both of us — and I just can't stand it. I feel as though I'll go out of my mind or even leave the house if it doesn't stop.

How should I deal with this?

UPSET IN UTAH

DEAR UPSET: One way to get a child to behave is to withhold privileges (something the child enjoys) if he misbehaves. It might be television, movies, sweets, phone privileges, playing with friends, favorite toys, video games or computer time. Your 5-year-old is certainly old enough to understand English. Once he realizes that cursing Mommy makes her less cooperative and generous, he might think before speaking disrespectfully to you.

By refusing to assert parental authority over his sons, your husband is being incredibly foolish. It appears you're dealing with three children — not two!

* * *

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder



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	♦K Q 10 9 6	
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West		**East**
♠Q J 6		♠4
♥K 4		♥J 9 8 3
♦J 7 4		♦A 8 5
♣A K Q 9 2		♣J 6 5 4 3
	South	
	♠A 10 9 5 3 2	
	♥6 2	
	♦3 2	
	♣10 8 7	

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: West

South	West	North	East
	1♣	Dbl.	3♣
3♠	4♣	4♠	5♣
5♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♣K

With no trumps left in the dummy, it looks natural to lead the club ace. Yet that works badly here. South ruffs, draws West's last trump and claims.

If East had two trumps, he would have ruffed the diamond 10. So, South seems to have started with 6-2-2-3 shape. This makes a heart the winning return, which *strands* declarer in the dummy. He will finesse dummy's queen, cash the heart ace and ruff a heart to try to return to hand, but West overruffs to defeat the contract.

Note finally that North and South would have done much better to double five clubs and collect 800 with best defense. However, that is easier said than done.

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Landed high and dry

By Phillip Alder

How often have you plucked a strand of lint from your spouse's clothing? My wife has often done it for me, but I don't think she sees the deed in the same light as O. Henry, who wrote: "She plucked from my lapel the invisible strand of lint (the universal act of woman to proclaim ownership)."

What is the relationship between that paragraph and today's deal?

West couldn't open one no-trump as it would have shown 12-14 points. East's jump to three clubs was preemptive over North's takeout double.

In five spades, declarer ruffed the club-king lead in the dummy and, being short of hand entries, played the diamond king. East won with the ace and returned his trump, covered by the 10, jack and king. Now came the diamond queen, a diamond ruff in the South hand, a club ruff and the diamond 10, on which South threw a club. After ruffing, what should West do next?

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Davidian survivors' suits moved from Waco to Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Nine federal court lawsuits seeking hundreds of millions of dollars in damages stemming from the Branch Davidian siege and fatal fire nearly three years ago are heading for trial — at least for the time being — in Waco.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas' ruling came on a Justice Department motion that contended the Houston-based Southern District of Texas was the improper place to consider the lawsuits, which have been consolidated into a single case.

No trial date has been set. Atlas' ruling suggests any trial may be years away. The Waco federal court had 381 civil cases on its docket as of the start of this year. At the same time, the 11 federal judges in Houston averaged a backlog of 585 civil suits.

The civil rights suits against the federal government and top Justice Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms officials have been filed by a number of survivors of the Davidians who died in the April 19, 1993, fire. The plaintiffs also include a few surviving group members.

The blaze at the David Koresh-led Mount Carmel compound at Waco killed Koresh and 80 followers and climaxed a siege that began 51 days earlier with the fatal shooting of four ATF agents.

"We're studying it," Lawrence Schilling, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, said Thursday of the ruling, entered a week ago. "We think the venue is in Houston. The criminal case was transferred from Waco to San Antonio.

"We're concerned. We think it is a serious injustice. It's really not fair for the trial to take place where there is so much emotion."

The plaintiffs contended Houston was proper for the trial because the government's supervision of the Davidians' investigation and planning for the Feb. 28 ATF raid was based in Houston, about 180 miles to the northwest.

"The court is unpersuaded," Judge Atlas responded in a 31-page opinion.

"The events in Houston have an insufficient relationship to plaintiffs' claims for injuries to support venue in the Southern District of Texas."

Community Calendar

FRIDAY

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointments; 573-9742 or 573-2763.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 573-8929; 8 p.m., open meeting (last Friday of the month is the birthday meeting, pot luck at 7 p.m.).

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; for information call 573-3956 or 573-2101; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for more information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 863-2349; 10 a.m.

Scurry County Museum; Western Texas College; open from 1 to 4 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Narcotics Anonymous Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 573-2101, 573-0949, 573-3667 or 573-1579; 5 p.m.

Beginners Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club at Winston Park, 37th & Ave. M; 7 p.m.

Fires destroy 10 houses, 7 mobile homes

HOPKINS PARK, Ill. (AP) — Wildfires swept through a wide stretch of Kanakakee County, destroying 10 houses and seven mobile homes on Thursday, fire officials reported. There were no serious injuries.

Firefighters rescued a dozen children and elderly people from homes surrounded by flames, said William Millar, chief of the Pembroke Township Fire Protection District.

The homes and 20 additional barns and other outbuildings were burned to the ground, he said.

Hopkins Park is about 50 miles south of downtown Chicago.

Northeast

Students ready for UIL competition

The following Northeast Elementary fifth grade students will participate in UIL competition Saturday in Lamesa.

Dictionary: Ashlee Grantham and Lili Valdez.

Impromptu speaking: Jason Guynes and Chris Sorrells.

Number sense: Kellie Dodson, Matt McCormick and Afton Schwertner.

Calculator math: Taylor Cotton and Shelley Fisk.

Spelling: Wendy Profitt.

Maps, graphs and charts: Whitney Jones, Natalie Perez and Jeff Turner.

Oral reading: Rachel Cave and Aaryn Jordan.

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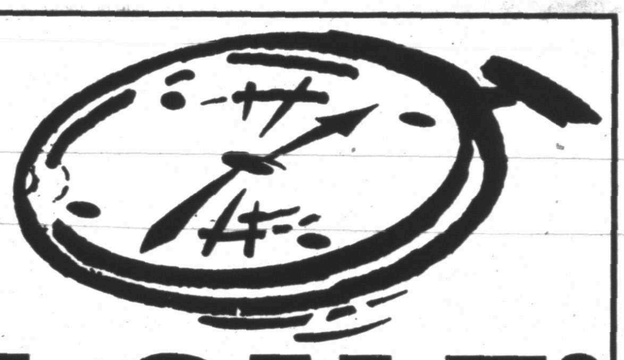


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5 Actor Ayres
8 Amino —
12 Central points
13 One Day — — Time
14 Lose luster
15 Pub drinks
16 Paving material
17 Without charge
18 Cheese dish
20 Diner
21 Compete in a race
22 — alai
23 Boxer Patterson
26 Wagons
30 Grassy area
31 Author Jean M. —
32 Shelter
33 Hill dweller
34 Swimming aids
35 Metric measure
36 Baby waterfowl
38 Synthetic fabric
40 Astern
41 Guitarist Paul
42 — — Janeiro
45 Author Rudyard —
49 Bomb shelter
50 Astronaut's ferry
51 Jacob's twin
52 Author Grey
53 Luau memento
54 Yale students
55 Cupid
56 Sandwich type (abbr.)
57 Nuisance

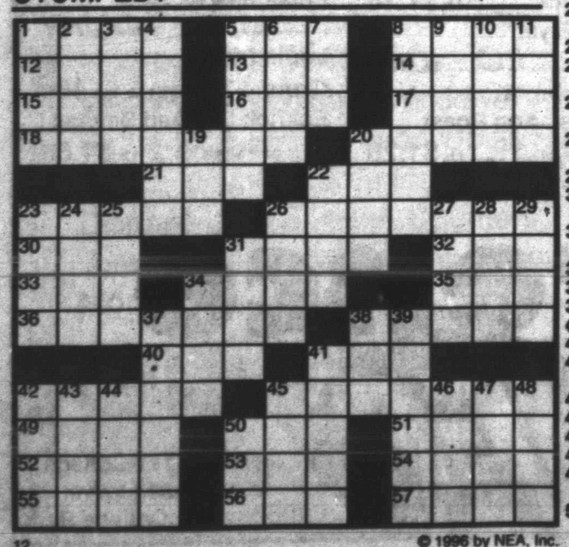
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2 Bitter nut
3 Champagne bucket
4 Sorrow
5 Language of ancient Rome
6 Coup d' —
7 Child's card game
8 Liaison
9 Shopper's wagon
10 — fixe
11 Forest denizen
19 Comedian — Abbott
20 Nobleman
22 Namath and DiMaggio
23 Banner
24 Letterman's rival
25 Certain grains
26 Respiratory organ
27 Now — — me down to sleep
28 Architect Saarinen
29 Observed
31 — Misbehavin'
34 Drums' partner
37 Women
38 Sales agt.
39 Snoozing
41 Boundary
42 Tear down
43 Construction beam (2 wds.)
44 Yes — —
45 Ship part
46 Emerald —
47 River nymph
48 Sudden breeze
50 Atty.'s deg.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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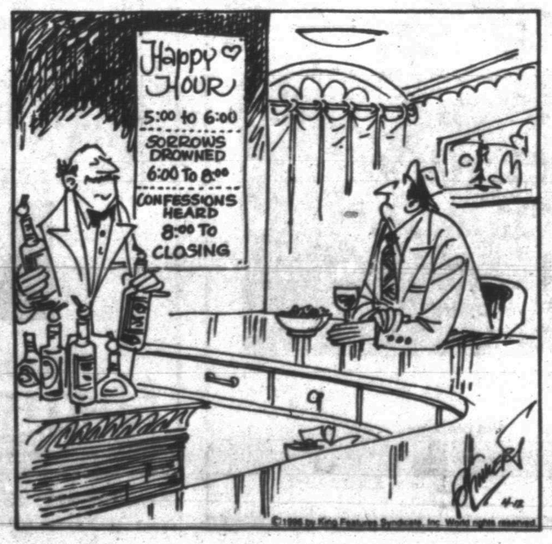


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SPORTS

Boxie Weems to be inducted McMurry Hall of Honor

A Snyder resident since 1968, Bernard Weems-better known to his friends as "Boxie"-will be inducted into the McMurry University Athletic Hall of Honor Saturday.

After moving to Snyder, Weems coached junior high football, basketball and track and taught physical education. He retired from teaching and coaching in 1991 with 37 years of service.

Weems has worked with Snyder's summer track program for five years and also worked with the Little League and teenage baseball and girls' softball.

He currently is employed with the South Plains Community Action organization where he drives a bus from Snyder to Lubbock twice a week, transporting clients with medical problems who otherwise could not afford to make the trip.

Weems received a commendation for saving one of his client's life by performing the Heimlich maneuver. He has also won first place in the "Bus Road-e-o" the last three years.

Weems was an all-conference football player for the Indians in the early 1950s who also earned honorable mention all-American honors. He also competed in track and field in 1951.

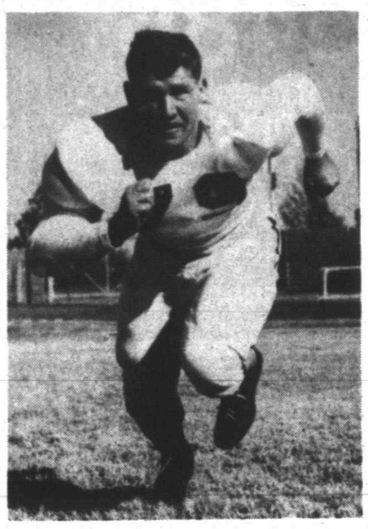
Weems went to McMurry from Rotan in 1950 and was named to the all-Texas Conference team in his junior and senior years. He won recognition for the most unassisted tackles in a season as a junior and was runner-up for that award in his senior year. In addition, he won the trophy for most downfield blocks.

He was listed as an honorable mention all-American and served as team captain in his senior year. His 1953 team was co-champion of the Texas Conference.

As a freshman, Weems was a defensive starter where he recovered seven fumbles, a record. He was a starter on offense and defense his sophomore year before concentrating on the offensive line his junior and senior years.

Weems graduated from McMurry with a bachelor of science degree in physical education and history in 1954. He earned the master of education degree from Sul Ross State University in 1976.

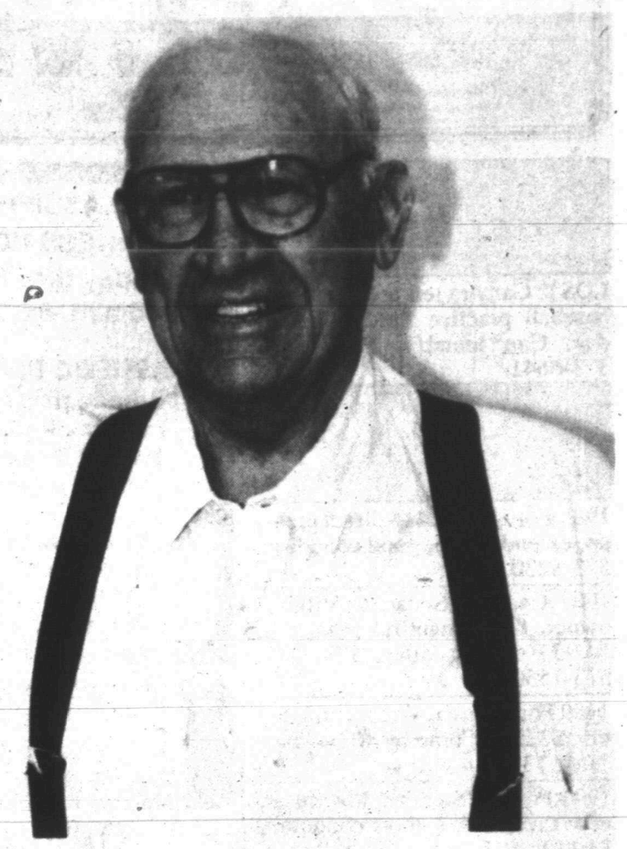
After graduating from McMurry, Weems served 1½ years in the U.S. Army in Germany and rose to the rank of staff sergeant. Part of his duties included playing football. His team won the Central League title and played for the USA-Europe championship.



After returning from the military, he coached at Rotan from 1956-57 and was head coach at Melvin for the 1958-59 school year. He moved to Ralls as coach from 1958-59 and then to Stephenville in 1959-60 as a line coach and head track coach. Weems then became athletic director and head coach at Springtown, and he also coached girls' basketball from 1960-63.

He moved to Hobbs, Tex., as assistant principal and head coach. The junior high team won five consecutive championships in football, basketball and track and the high school team was district champions in 1966 and 67. The high school basketball team won district in 1965. He was honored as coach of the West all-star football team at the Six-Man coaching school in 1967 and won the game.

Weems and his wife Patsy, have three grown children and two grandchildren.



Bernard "Boxie" Weems

District championship on the line tonight with Sweetwater

The battle for the District 5-4A softball championship will unfold tonight when the Snyder Lady Tigers entertain the Sweetwater Lady Mustangs at 6 o'clock.

The winner will represent the district as the number one team while the loser will take second. Regardless of the outcome, both teams will be in the state playoffs.

Snyder and Sweetwater have split their two previous meetings, both winning on the road. The Lady Mustangs took the first game here, 12-8, but Snyder came back with an 11-6 win on the Lady Mustangs home field.

Going into the championship game, the Lady Tigers are hitting .388 as a team. Senior Jodi White is the leading hitter at. 525. White has 52 hits, including 31 singles, 19 doubles and two homers.

Joanie Wemken is hitting .495 while sister Raechele Wemken is at .417. Mendy Winter is also above .400 with a .402. Brittany Drummond, who was brought up off the JV a few weeks ago, is hitting .412.

The Lady Tigers' leading pitcher, Amanda Huff, has been lost for the year due to a small bone fracture in her pitching arm. Drummond has come on and taken the top spot and has a record of 6-2 with a 2.84 earned run average, allowing 50 hits in 49.3 innings. Drummond has struck out 12 while giving up only eight walks.

The winner of tonight's game will play Joshua while the loser will take on Brownwood. According to coach Billy Hicks, a Snyder win will mean a game tentatively set for next Friday in Brownwood against Joshua.

Professional baseball is coming to Snyder

A final agreement has been made with the Texas-Louisiana League to bring the Lubbock Crickets and Abilene Prairie Dogs to Snyder for an exhibition baseball game.

The game will be played at 2:05 p.m., Sunday, May 12 at Moffett Field.

Texas-Louisiana League president Byron Pierce said, "This will not just be two minor league baseball teams coming to play a game. It will be a production the entire family will enjoy."

The mascots from the two teams will be at the game, entertaining the fans between innings.

Three different ticket packages will be offered to local merchants, church groups, and others. Individual tickets will also be sold. The tickets will go on sale soon.

For more information locally, contact Brent Taylor at 573-5486.

Tigers travel to Lamesa for district encounter

For the first time this year, the Snyder Tigers do not have to worry about playing a team that is undefeated in district play.

The Tigers will hit the diamond in Lamesa at 5:30 today against the Golden Tors. Lamesa comes into the game with a 0-4 record, 6-13 for the season.

Snyder will be looking to rebound after losing to Frenship Tuesday, 11-5. Lamesa was knocked off Tuesday by Levelland, 9-5.

In other district games this weekend, Frenship will be at Levelland for a 4:30 game this afternoon while Sweetwater travels to Levelland for a 1 p.m. game Saturday.

DISTRICT 5-AAAA STANDINGS

BASEBALL

Team	District W	L	Pct	Season W	L	T	Pct
Frenship	3	0	1.000	5	12		.294
Snyder	3	1	.750	16	8		.666
Estacado	3	1	.750	7	14		.333
Sweetwater	1	2	.333	4	14		.222
Levelland	1	3	.250	12	9		.571
Lamesa	0	4	.000	6	13		.316

Tuesday's Games: Frenship 11, Snyder 5; Estacado 6, Sweetwater 0; Levelland 9, Lamesa 5.

Friday's Games: Snyder at Lamesa, 5 p.m.; Frenship at Estacado, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games: Sweetwater at Levelland, 1 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Thursday's Games
Minnesota 6, Boston 5
New York 5, Kansas City 3
Seattle 9, Detroit 1
Oakland 11, Milwaukee 0
Chicago 8, Texas 5, 11 innings
Toronto 7, California 4
Baltimore 14, Cleveland 4
Friday's Games
Oakland (Reyes 0-2) at Chicago (Fernandez 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 1-0) at Boston (Sele 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Appier 0-1) at Milwaukee (Sparks 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
California (Finley 1-1) at Detroit (Lira 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Hill 2-0) at New York (Cone 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Robertson 0-1) at Baltimore (Mussina 2-0), 7:35 p.m.
Seattle (Hitchcock 2-0) at Toronto (Quantrill 0-1), 7:35 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
Montreal 6, Pittsburgh 5, 11 innings
San Diego 2, Atlanta 1
St. Louis 2, Philadelphia 1
Houston 9, Cincinnati 4
Colorado 7, New York 3
Los Angeles 5, Florida 0
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Chicago (Navarro 0-1) at San Francisco (M.Leiter 0-1), 4:05 p.m.
Montreal (Rueter 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Darwin 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Swindell 0-1) at Cincinnati (Salkeld 1-0), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (M.Williams 0-0) at St. Louis (Urbani 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
New York (Clark 0-1) at Colorado (Freeman 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Florida (Burkett 0-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 0-0), 10:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Schmidt 1-0) at San Diego (Bergman 1-0), 10:05 p.m.

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Thursday's Games
Chicago 113, New Jersey 100
Miami 115, Milwaukee 105
Cleveland 101, New York 97
Houston 113, Denver 109
Portland 114, Dallas 99
Golden State 111, L.A. Clippers 101

TEXAS BASEBALL COACHES POLL

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas high school baseball coaches poll:

CLASS 5A
1. Round Rock (22-1)
2. Duncanville (19-3)
3. Grapevine (20-3)
4. SA Churchill (16-1)
5. FW Keller (18-2)
6. Bellaire (20-4)
7. Lake Highlands (19-3)
8. Dallas Neuman-Smith (18-2)
9. CC Moody (19-5)
10. RR Westwood (17-3)

CLASS 4A
1. Calallen (23-1)
2. Little-Cypress Mauriceville (18-0)
3. Boerne (16-3)
4. Waco Midway (16-3)
5. Kerrville Tivy (19-3)
6. Brenham (20-5)
7. Midlothian (17-5)
8. Clearbrook (16-3)
9. Carthage (18-6)
10. Denton (15-2)

CLASS 3A
1. Crockett (17-2)
2. Aledo (18-3)
3. Barbers Hill (14-1)
4. Robinson (16-2)
5. Kermit (13-3)
6. Alpine (17-2)
7. Falfurias (15-4)
8. Stafford (17-4)
9. Connaly (13-3)
10. Whiteoak (16-3)

CLASS 2A
1. Pilot Point (14-1)
2. Comfort (16-1)
3. Alto (15-3)
4. Marion (15-2)
5. Banquete (10-3)
6. Rivera (14-2)
7. Rosebud-Lott (12-2)
8. Maypearl (12-1)
9. Gunter (14-2)
10. Proper (15-5)

CLASS A
1. D'Hanis (12-3)
2. Chester (12-0)
3. Thorndale (11-1)
4. Crawford (8-0)
5. Blue Ridge (13-4)
6. Burton (8-1)
7. Trinidad (12-2)
8. Spurger (16-3)

Note: There was not enough input from 1A coaches to list 10 teams.

Competition underway at junior college rodeo

HOBBS, N.M.—The Western Texas College rodeo team is off to a good start at the New Mexico Junior College rodeo here.

Lance Gaillard is in first place in saddle bronc with a score of 74 after one ride. Jeff Decker is in a tie for third with a 68.

In goat tying, Emily Schaffer is sitting in second with a time of 8.5. Also in second place is Shawn Minor with a score of 68 in bare back.

Two WTC cowgirls are in the top five in barrels. Jaime Stewart is in third with a time of 17.11 while Chasity Rickman is in fifth with 17.28.

Rusty Turner had a 65 in bull riding for fourth place.

The long go continues tonight at 7:30 (MDT). There will be slack after tonight's performance and then again at 8 a.m. Saturday. The finals will be at 7:30 p.m. (MDT) Saturday.

MGA results

The team of Jeral Beard, Billy Roach and Patrick Maher won the A-B flight with a 29 during the Western Texas College Men's Golf Association play Monday.

Second place in the three-man scramble went to the team of Tommy Baker, Robert Reyes and Jeff Lowrance with a 31.

In the C-D flight, Jim Anderson, Alan Fine and Fred Buchanan fired a 32 for first place.

The monthly tournament will be tomorrow with tee time at 1 p.m. The format will be two-man low ball with A-B and C-D flights. Cost is $5.50.

Jack Nicklaus, for years the King of Golf, was voted "Golfer of the Century" in 1988.

Golfer Arnold Palmer is also a pilot and set a number of world aviation records.

Correction

The story concerning the Little Dribbler all-star games in Thursday's edition failed to mention that the major division all-stars, who were runner-up, will advance to the national tournament in Brownsboro next weekend.

SDN apologizes for the oversite.

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9-?
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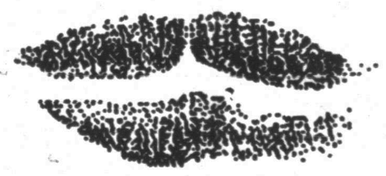
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Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.



What's obsessive-compulsive disorder?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been diagnosed by my physician as having an obsessive-compulsive disorder. What does this mean, and is there medication that can be given for control?

DEAR READER: Obsessive-compulsive disorder is an affliction, probably caused by a deficiency of certain brain chemicals, that causes its victims to suffer from a constellation of symptoms: most commonly, recurring and uncontrollable ideas or fantasies accompanied by behavior that the patient cannot resist. Symptoms can vary in severity.

Frequent components of the syndrome include repetitive hand-washing and avoidance of "germs," which the patient recognizes as being absurd, yet is helpless to control.

Other rituals include periodically shutting off lights (to prevent some imagined catastrophe), inability to drive (because of the unrealistic conviction that the person may kill someone), and refusal to venture outdoors (for fear of becoming "contaminated").

Many patients with obsessive-compulsive disorders are severely handicapped because of the affliction; their lives are in chaos, they cannot function because of irresistible anxiety that they correctly perceive as being foolish, yet cannot neutralize except by committing uselessly repetitive acts.

A significant number of such patients can be helped by medication, such as anti-depressants (Prozac and others). Other patients require psychotherapy or behavioral modification. Sometimes, all three therapies are used simultaneously.

Obsessive-compulsive disorder is dreadfully disabling but, with proper treatment, it can be overcome in a high percentage of cases.

To give you more information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Mental and Emotional Illness." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I've been looking for information on hypoparathyroidism for years and can't seem to find much. Can you provide any?

DEAR READER: The parathyroid glands, buried in the thyroid gland in the lower neck, control calcium metabolism. When these glands are underactive (hypoparathyroidism), the level of calcium in the bloodstream plummets, leading to tetany (painful muscle contractions), confusion and other mental changes, convulsions, and abnormal electrical patterns in heart muscle.

The affliction has many causes, the most common being accidental removal of some (or all four) parathyroid glands during routine thyroid surgery. More unusual forms are associated with genetic deficiencies and other glandular disorders, such as Addison's disease (underactive adrenal glands).

The diagnosis is made by blood tests.

Because calcium deficiency is such a serious disorder, emergency treatment with intravenous calcium is often mandatory. In addition, synthetic parathyroid hormone is always prescribed and must be taken indefinitely.

In my opinion, patients with hypoparathyroidism should be under the care of endocrinologists, specialists in glandular disorders.

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LIONS DONATION — Juanita Glass accepts a donation for Special Olympics from Forrest Pendleton, Lions Club president. (SDN Staff Photo)

A sure cure for a superiority complex is to spend an entire evening with the family cat.

What they'll do next in Washington to finance the bureaucracy taxes the imagination — and don't bet they won't try to do just that.

Snyder Junior High

60 students headed for UIL competition

Sixty students from Snyder Junior High School will travel to Lamesa Saturday to compete in the District 2-AAAA literary meet with Sweetwater and Lamesa. The following students will compete.

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One crash victim admits he is illegal immigrant smuggler

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A survivor of a pickup truck wreck that killed seven of the 25 illegal immigrants aboard has admitted helping to smuggle the men into the country, officials said.

Fernando Covarrubias Varela, 19, of Mexico, told investigators he was one of two men hired by a Tijuana smuggler known only as El Oso, or the Bear, to take the human cargo from Tecate, Mexico, to Los Angeles.

The trip ended last Saturday morning when the driver of the overloaded truck began speeding to avoid border patrol agents. The truck flipped over in a drainage ditch along a winding road outside Temecula, 60 miles northeast of San Diego. All 18 men who survived were injured.

Covarrubias was to be paid $200 for helping to transport the group, Ana Cobian, a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office, said Thursday. A second smuggler was also riding in the pickup, but officials would not identify him.

San Diego Border Patrol Chief Johnny Williams had vowed to make an example of the smugglers, saying they had no regard for human life and were preying on their countrymen "like leeches."

Date Book

April 12, 1996

Today is the 103rd day of 1996 and the 24th day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to orbit Earth.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Henry Clay (1777-1852), U.S. statesman; Lionel Hampton (1913-), musician, is 83; Ann Miller (1923-), dancer, is 73; Herbie Hancock (1940-), musician, is 56; David Letterman (1947-), TV personality, is 49; David Cassidy (1950-), singer-actor, is 46; Shannen Doherty (1971-), actress, is 25.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1988, Frank Robinson, who had become baseball's first black manager in 1975 in Cleveland, managed his first game for his old team, the Baltimore Orioles.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "I have heard something said about allegiance to the South. I know no South, no North, no East, no West, to which I owe any allegiance.... The Union, sir, is my country." — Henry Clay

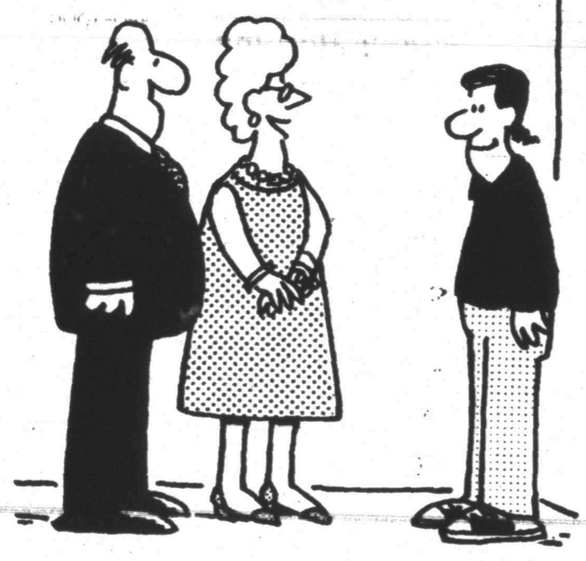
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1994, one Boy Scout was swept away and killed in Laie, Hawaii, when a flash flood rapidly filled the creekbed in which he was hiking.

SOURCE: 1996 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (April 10) and new moon (April 17).

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Task force

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facilities did not break down or wear out in one year.

"The needed repairs are an accumulation of years of wear with money being diverted from the maintenance department for other uses," said Courtney.

He added that the committee felt the district's maintenance department could make most of the repairs "if their staff and budget are increased."

Bill Parker, a member of the committee, also addressed the board and said he felt the committee had not done the job Supt. Gayle Lomax had charged it with in January.

In a letter written to all the committee members, Lomax wrote that the "Community Facilities Task Force will be given the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board of Trustees."

"We did not do that in my view," said Parker.

"The committee found the problems but not the solutions," he said.

He went on to say that there will be a "day of reckoning" soon concerning the district's infrastructure and that for every $100,000 in repairs that the district puts off, they will cost at least $130,000 in five years.

Parker suggested that the committee be pared down to a workable size from the original number of 30.

"A workable size committee might be able to come up with workable solutions," said Parker.

Courtney also addressed the board after he presented the report and said his comments were his own personal thoughts.

Courtney suggested that the district look at travel costs now being incurred by administrators and teachers alike and suggested the district consider cutting staff members by attrition.

"The district's budget is 80 percent salaries," said Courtney. "This is where the district can realistically cut the budget."

Courtney said in the 1988-89 school year there were 2,142 elementary students with an average of 15.7 students per class. "This school year," said Courtney, "there are 1,835 students and the average is 14.7 students per class.

"Since 1989, the enrollment in the district dropped four percent while total personnel employed has increased more than eight percent," said the former SHS principal.

Courtney said the number of employees in the administration office has increased by three over the past eight years, from nine to 12.

Board president Charles Anderson summed up the findings of the committee by describing them as "frightening."

"We do have to face them," said Anderson.

In other action last night, trustees voted to cancel the May 4 board election due to no contested races for Places 1, 4 and 5, and adopted the school calendar for 1996-97.

The first day of class for the coming school year will be Aug. 19.

Trustees also approved the appointment of Davis, Kinard & Co. as auditors for the 1995-96 school year and accepted the resignation of transportation director Bill Denson.

Denson has been named director of maintenance/transportation for Breckenridge ISD. Lawton Taylor will assume the duties of transportation director as well as serving as the district's maintenance director.

The board approved the Update 50 supplement to the district's policy book and considered on first reading a minor wording change to the district's leaves and absences policy.

Anderson presided at the meeting and trustees in attendance were Luann Burleson, Richard Chambers, Mark McCormick, Glenn Clarady, Geraldine Parker and Janet Stribling.

Eight arrests keep peace officers busy

Eight people were arrested Thursday and early this morning, including one on felony charges.

Darla Jean Nachlinger, 29, of 2705 L, was arrested at 12:25 p.m. on a felony warrant for motion to revoke probation. She was arrested in the 2200 block of Midland Street.

Other arrests Thursday included a 58-year-old man who was taken into custody at 11:51 a.m. in the 500 block of Coliseum Drive on a JP warrant for the issuance of a bad check.

Two people were arrested at 2:27 p.m. in the 3700 block of Avenue M. Arrested were a 17-year-old male charged with failure to appear and a 19-year-old female charged with failure to wear a seat belt and failure to appear.

A 29-year-old male was arrested for driving while intoxicated at 12:01 a.m. today in the 2700 block of Avenue F. The subject was released to Cogdell Hospital and admitted for observation.

At 1:29 a.m. today police made three arrests in the 1300 block of Coliseum Drive. Taken into custody for public intoxication were three men, ages 21, 24 and 25.

A man contacted police at 8:05 a.m. Thursday in reference to someone assaulting his 14-year-old son the previous evening. A report for Class C assault was filed.

A woman came to the police department at 10:19 a.m. Thursday to report that her 11-year-old son had been bitten by a dog the previous day. A report for dog bite was submitted.

A Snyder Lanes employee contacted police at 4:26 p.m. Thursday in reference to a theft. A report for Class B theft was filed.

A subject contacted police at 7:40 p.m. and requested that an officer talk to a juvenile who had shot her son with a BB gun. The juvenile and his mother were advised of the complaint.

Terry Webb contacted officers at 8:03 p.m. Thursday in reference to a burglary at 3014 El Paso. A report was submitted.

Officers investigated two minor accidents Thursday. The first occurred at 7:30 a.m. at El Paso and U.S. 180. Involved were a 1995 Chevrolet pickup driven by Stanford Leamon Land Jr. of 2106 40th St. and a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Eddie Glenn Thompson of 2065 N. Ennis Creek Rd.

The second accident took place in the IGA parking lot at 3:23 p.m. Involved were a 1984 Chevrolet pickup driven by Louise Tatom of 1704 28th St. and a parked, unoccupied 1994 Mercury owned by Faye Mullins of 3004 Beaumont.

Man's probation is revoked here

A 47-year-old Snyder man, placed on probation in 1994 for felony driving while intoxicated, has been ordered to serve five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Senior Judge Gene Dulaney revoked the five-year probated sentence of Lelton Neal Hoyle. Hoyle admitted to violating terms of his probation, including not refraining from the use of marijuana and by failure to make monthly installments on court costs. Hoyle's address was listed as 2101 Ave. M.

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tion of government, and we can count on these legislators to support the needs of law enforcement."

Morales added, "The real victories, the hard-fought battles, are on the floor of the state legislature. You are well-represented in this part of the state."

Morales closed by saying "thanks to each of you for making a dramatic difference."

Law enforcement personnel from some 13 counties were represented. Col. James Wilson, director of the Department of Public Safety, also attended.

Concert tonight on WTC campus

Western Texas College, in cooperation with Sykburn Digital Media Group and Fry & Ian Records, will host a concert this evening, featuring seven alternative bands from around the state.

The event will be held in the WTC courtyard from 6:45 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are $4 each.

Milkweed, a local group, will open the show at 6:45 p.m. Static 23, an Abilene band, will perform from 7:15 until 8'clock. They will be followed by a Pecos-based band, Rigby, which will pay from 8:15 until 9.

Lusbucket, a group from Dallas, will play at 9:15, and Burnt Sienna of Abilene at 10:15. 4-Way, another Snyder band, will follow with a short set.

Closing the show will be Fete, a known local band which will feature "What's It to You" and "Why Me" from their recent debut single produced by Fry & Ian Records.

Concessions will be available.

Obituaries

Mr. McPherson

1945-1996

Graveside service is set for 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Hillside Memorial Gardens for Gerry Ellis "Sandy" McPherson who died Wednesday, April 10, at his home in Odessa.

The Rev. Ernie McGaughey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Snyder, will officiate. Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McPherson, 50, was a teacher with the Ector County Independent School District.

A 1963 graduate of Snyder High School, Mr. McPherson graduated Alpha Chi from Sam Houston State University in 1968, and he was currently doing graduate work in education at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

He was named volunteer of the year in 1995 for First Call for Help of the American Red Cross in Odessa.

Mr. McPherson was born Oct. 23, 1945 in Roscoe, and he married Evelyn Starnes in 1966 in Snyder. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Houston.

Mr. McPherson was preceded in death by his father, Gano E. McPherson Jr.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn McPherson of Odessa; a son, Mike McPherson of Harlingen; two sisters, Marjann Morrow of Hot Springs, Ark. and Marsha Doss of Arlington; his mother and step-father, Carlene and Charlie Morrow of Snyder; and his in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Starnes of Snyder.

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BakerHughes	29⅝	29⅛	29⅛— ⅛	
BellAtl	60⅛	59⅝	60⅛+ ⅛	
BellSouth s	36⅛	36⅛	36⅛+ ⅛	
BethSteel		13⅜	13⅛ 13⅜	
BritPet	110⅛	109⅞	110⅛+ ⅛	
BurlNoSFe	79⅝	79	79⅛+1	
Caterpillar	70	68⅞	69⅛+1	
CenSoWst	27⅞	26⅞	27⅛+ ⅛	
Chevron	56⅛	55⅛	55⅝— ⅜	
Chrysler	61	60⅛	60⅛+ ⅜	
Conntel		39⅛	39 39⅛	
CocaCola	81⅛	79⅝	80⅛+1	
ColgatePalm	76⅛	75⅛	76 + ⅜	
ComclMetals	29⅛	29⅛	29⅛+ ⅛	
Cooperin	38⅛	38⅛	38⅛+ ⅛	
CyprusAmax	28⅛	28⅛	28⅛— ⅛	
DallSemicn	19⅝	19⅛	19⅝+ ⅛	
DeltaAirl	78⅝	78⅛	78⅜— ⅛	
DigitalEq	52⅜	52	52⅛— ⅜	
Dillard	36⅛	34⅛	35⅛+2⅛	
DowChem	88⅛	87⅞	87⅞— ⅛	
DresserInd	31	30⅝	30⅝— ⅜	
DuPont	81⅜	81	81⅜+ ⅜	
EastmanChem	66⅜	64⅛	66⅛+1⅝	
EstKodak	69⅛	68⅞	68⅝— ⅜	
ElPasoNG	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝— ⅛	
Emerson	16⅛	16⅛	16⅛— ⅛	
Entergy	26⅛	26	26⅛+ ⅛	
Exxon	83	82	82 — ⅝	
FstBkSAm s		9⅝	9⅝ 9⅝	
Flowers s	13⅜	13⅛	13⅜+ ⅛	
FordMotor	34⅛	33⅞	34⅛+ ⅛	
GTE Cp	42⅛	42⅛	42⅛+ ⅛	
GenDynam		58⅛	58⅛ 58⅛	
GenElec	76⅛	75⅞	76 + ⅛	
GenMills	55⅜	55	55⅛+ ⅜	
GenMotors	55⅛	55	55⅜+ ⅜	
GenMotors E	53⅛	52⅞	52⅞— ⅛	
GaPacif	71⅛	70⅞	70⅞— ⅛	
GlobalMar	11⅛	11⅛	11⅛— ⅛	
Goodrichs		40⅝	40⅛ 40⅝	
Goodyear s		50⅛	50⅛ 50⅝	
GtAtlPac	35⅛	34	35⅛+1⅝	
Halliburtn	57⅛	57⅛	57⅛— ⅜	
Hanson ADS	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛+ ⅛	
HarteHanks s	21	20⅛	20⅛— ⅛	
HoustonInd s	21⅜	21⅛	21⅛+ ⅛	
IBM	115⅜	111⅛	112⅜—5⅛	
IntlPapers	40⅛	39⅛	39⅝— ⅜	
JohnsnJns	89⅛	87⅛	89⅛+1⅛	
K mart	9⅝	9⅝	9⅝— ⅛	
Kroger	44	42⅝	42⅝+1⅜	
Litton	42⅜	41⅛	42⅛+1⅛	
Lowes Cos	30⅛	29⅝	30⅛+ ⅛	
Lubys	23	22⅝	23 + ⅛	
LucentTech n	32⅛	31⅛	31⅛— ⅜	
MayDeptStrs	49⅝	48⅛	49⅛+1	
Medtronics	54⅜	53⅜	54⅛+1⅜	
Mobil	115	114	114⅝— ⅛	
Monsanto	146⅞	146	146⅛—1	
Motorola	55⅛	54⅛	55⅛— ⅛	
Nationsbk	76⅛	75⅛	76⅛+1⅛	
Navistar	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛— ⅛	
NoramEngy	8⅜	8⅛	8⅜— ⅛	
Norwest	35⅛	35	35⅛+ ⅜	
Nynex	49⅜	49	49⅛+ ⅛	
OryxEngy	15⅜	15⅛	15⅜— ⅛	
PacTelesis	32⅛	31⅜	32⅛+ ⅛	
PanhECp	31⅜	31⅜	31⅜+ ⅛	
Penney JC	48⅜	47⅝	48⅛+ ⅛	
Pennzoil	40⅝	40⅛	40⅛—9-16	
PepBoys	33⅛	32⅛	33 — ⅛	
PepsiCo	62⅛	61⅛	61⅜+1⅛	
PhelpDodge	71⅛	70⅝	70⅝—1	
PhilipPet	39⅛	38⅛	39 — ⅛	
Polaroid	43⅛	43⅛	43⅛+ ⅛	
Praxair	39	38⅛	38⅝+ ⅛	
ProctGamble	82⅜	81⅛	82⅜+ ⅛	
PubSNwMx	17⅜	17⅛	17⅜— ⅛	
RoyalDutch	147	146	146⅛—1⅛	
SBC Comm	47⅛	47	47⅛+ ⅛	
SaraLee	31⅛	31⅛	31⅛— ⅛	
SearsRoebs	49⅝	48⅛	49⅛+1	
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Sprint		37⅛	37⅛ 37⅜	
SterlingChm	12⅜	12⅛	12⅛+ ⅛	
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Tandy	47⅛	47⅛	47⅛+ ⅛	
TempInl		47	46⅞ 46⅞	
Tenneco	57⅛	54⅛	54⅛+ ⅛	
Texaco	86⅜	85⅞	85⅝— ⅛	
TexasInd	64	63⅛	64 + ⅛	
TexasInsts	51⅝	50⅛	51⅛—1⅛	
TexUtil	39⅞	39⅛	39⅛+ ⅜	
Textron	82⅛	81⅛	82⅛+ ⅛	
Travelers	60⅞	59	60⅝+1⅝	
TrinityInds		33⅛	33 33⅛	
TritonEngy		56⅛	56 56	
Tyler	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛+ ⅛	
US WestCm s	32⅜	32	32⅜+ ⅛	
USWstMda s		19⅛	19⅛ 19⅝	
USX Delhi		12⅛	12⅛ 12⅝	
USX-Marathn	20⅛	19⅝	19⅝— ⅛	
USX-USS	35⅞	34⅝	35⅛+ ⅛	
UnCarbde	46⅞	46	46⅜+1⅜	
UnPac	66⅜	66	66⅛+ ⅛	
UnitedTech	108	107⅛	107⅜— ⅛	
Unocal	33⅛	32⅝	33⅛— ⅛	
WalMart	22	21⅛	21⅜— ⅛	
WstnGasRs		14⅛	14⅛ 14⅛	
WestghEl		18⅛	18⅛ 18⅛	
WinnDixie s	32⅛	32⅛	32⅜— ⅛	
Woolworth		17⅛	17⅛ 17⅝	
XeroxCp	127⅛	127	127⅛— ⅛	
ZenithE	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛+ ⅛	

Births

Kim and Travis Babcock of Tyler announce the birth of their son, Britton Travis, born at 5:18 a.m. April 11 in Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler. He weighed eight pounds and three ounces. Maternal grandparents are Darlon and Mary May of Graham and Steve and Linda Babcock of Snyder. He is welcomed home by a sister, Amber Babcock.

What's Up?

Morningside revival

Morningside Baptist Church will conclude its revival this evening with evangelist Mark Cole and family conducting the 7 o'clock service. Everyone is invited.

Members-only meeting

G-20 Club is holding a members-only meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday in the home of Stephanie Whittenburg, 3100 42nd St. All members are required to attend. If a member cannot attend, she must call Whittenburg at 573-3837 or Traci Eicke at 573-1400.

Park Club sets sale

Snyder Park Club, Inc., located at Winston Park, 37th and Avenue M, will hold a garage sale Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. Donations are accepted and will be picked up by calling 573-8929, 573-9458 or 573-1579, or leaving a message at 863-2349.

Garage and bake sale

The local geneological chapter is having a garage and bake sale from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Towle Park Barn. The Jeanne Pruett cook book will be available.

Spaghetti meal planned

The American Legion will sponsor a spaghetti meal from 3-6 p.m. Sunday at the Legion Post, 1800 Ave. R. The cost will be $3 per person.

NHS sets induction ceremony

The public is invited to attend the induction ceremony and hooding of seniors of the Snyder Chapter of the National Honor Society at 4 p.m. Sunday at Martha Ann Woman's Club.

AARP chapter to convene

Scurry County AARP Chapter 2063 will meet at noon Monday at the Senior Center. District Attorney Dana Cooley will present the program.

DCOS board to meet

Development Corporation of Snyder board will meet at 4 p.m. Monday. The only agenda item is an executive session to consider compensation for staff members.

Clean-up at the Ritz

A work and clean-up session will be held at the Ritz Theatre from 1-5 p.m. Saturday. Volunteers are needed. Supplies will be furnished.

End of school party

Parents interested in helping plan the 8th grade end of school party are encouraged to attend an 8 p.m. meeting Wednesday in the junior high school library.

City wide clean-up planned

A city wide clean-up campaign will be held April 16-19, sponsored by the city, chamber and Snyder Beautification Committee.

Wastella Reunion planned

The Wastella Reunion will be held Saturday, April 20, at Martha Ann Woman's Club here. Registration will begin at 10 a.m.

Bike-A-Thon slated April 20

The St. Jude Children's Research Hospital annual "Wheels For Life" Bike-A-Thon in Snyder will be held April 20 at Towle Park. Volunteers are needed. For more information, contact event coordinator Sheryl McClendon at 573-5008.

Sausage Festival coming

St. Elizabeth Catholic Church will hold its annual Sausage Festival from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, at the Parish Center, 30th Street and Avenue A. Featured will be an all-you-can eat dinner with trimmings for $6 (children $3). Sausage will also be sold by the pound. Raffles, game booths and a country store are other events.

Free tax help available

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) provides free tax assistance to persons age 60 and older, and to low income persons of any age, in preparing their income tax returns. This service is available free at Scurry Senior Citizens Center each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until noon and 1-3 p.m.

For more information, call 573-4035 or 573-3822.

Blankets for sale

Snyder High School sophomore class is selling stadium gifts as a fund-raiser. Blankets are $49.50. Order forms may be obtained from Traci Eicke or any sophomore class officer, class sponsor Virginia Lomax or school secretary Katie Necessary. A $35 deposit is required when ordering.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

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Proper Planning Is Important To Any Home-Improvement Job

Before the birds begin to sing in the trees, homeowners already have their spring home-improvement projects planned. Whether it's replacing windows, reshingling the roof or installing new flooring, they're ready to take action as soon as the weather gets warm.

Whether people are doing the work themselves or hiring professionals, proper planning is an important part of any home-improvement project. When hiring a contractor, people need to know exactly what they want done, so they can meet with professionals, explain the work and get realistic estimates. Do-it-yourselfers need to plan ahead to ensure they have set aside enough time for the project, have the right equipment and materials, and understand the work that needs to be done.

Having the proper equipment means not only having the tools specifically designed for the task at hand, but also having tools that are in good condition. It is a good idea for do-it-yourselfers to check that tools are in working order before beginning a project. All handles should be fixed firmly into the tool's working end, and jaw teeth, cutters and blades should be sharp. Any tools that are damaged should be thrown away.

If, when planning a project, do-it-yourselfers find that they don't have a tool they need, they can buy, rent or borrow it. Renting or borrowing allows them to see if they like a particular model or brand, making the decision easier when they finally decide to buy the tool. If people want to buy the tool, many home-improvement professionals recommend going to a knowledgeable local dealer. While prices may not be as inexpensive as those in a catalog, do-it-yourselfers will be able to get a feel for the tool before buying it.

After getting the proper equipment, people should follow the manufacturer's instructions when using each tool. Tools should be kept clean, dry and away from excessive heat. Before using a tool near electricity, people should shut off the current. They also should use steady pressure on jaws or cutters, instead of rocking the tool. If they are doing continuous work, it is a good idea to wear gloves or use comfort grips to help avoid getting blisters or calluses.

With the proper planning and right tools and materials, people are well on their way to a successful project and a more beautiful home. *SH961952*



WINDOW SHOPPING? Vinyl windows — with their low maintenance and energy efficiency — are becoming increasingly popular. Shopping, however, can be a bit complicated, so do your homework beforehand, says Dean Johnson, host of the popular home-improvement television show, HOMETIME®. The first thing to look for? A quality brand. Owens-Corning's new Luminess™ vinyl windows (shown here) are backed by a limited lifetime warranty. (See actual warranty for details.)

BACKYARD BUILDERS GET EXTRA HELP

Soaring construction costs and a renewed interest in "building it better yourself" have inspired thousands to tackle more demanding building projects.

Those handy with a hammer and saw can save up to 60 percent of the cost of a new backyard structure. Even beginning craftsmen can save up to 30 percent by doing the small jobs, while leaving the major work to the pros.

To help builders of all skill levels, Homestead Design has created a collection of 27 practical designs for workshops, barns, garages, studios, stables and garden sheds, with blueprints readily available. For those who want to build something themselves and save money in the process, the "Homestead Design Planbook" is a valuable tool. To get the book, send your name and address, along with $1 for shipping, to Homestead Design Inc., P.O. Box 2010-F, Port Townsend, WA 98368. *SH961597*

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Search for the Simple Life Drives Demand for Low-Maintenance Surfaces

Time at home is becoming more of a luxury than ever. People constantly are searching for ways to simplify their lives to provide more time for family and fun.

This move toward simpler lifestyles is spilling over into home design, creating a demand for carefree surfacing options. Renewed interest in easy maintenance is driving the resurgence of decorative laminate as a preferred surfacing option.

"Everyone wants to make life simpler. Products that are easy to maintain mean we spend less time doing household chores and more time with our families," says Lynne Wilde, consumer specialist for Wilsonart International. "For years, laminate has been used on counters and cabinetry for its durability and low-maintenance characteristics. And, for the same reasons, laminate is now traveling onto our floors."

"It is a great alternative to traditional flooring options, such as wood, tile and vinyl, in areas where impact-resistance, wear-resistance and easy maintenance are a must," she comments.



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Here's How to Choose Vinyl Windows To Block Unwanted Heat Flow

By DEAN JOHNSON, host of the popular home-improvement television show, HOMETIME®, now in its 10th season on PBS

(MPS) — If you're building or remodeling a house and have noticed deterioration of your window frames, you'll soon have to make a decision about new or replacement windows.

You'll find a multitude of styles, shapes and sizes from which to choose in a variety of material systems.

Your first step is to shop among reputable building-products brands, brands that stand behind their products.

You'll find a wide selection of windows sold through building-materials dealers and home centers. You'll want to look for windows that feature solid construction, energy efficiency and low maintenance for your busy lifestyle. Your choice is critical in ensuring beauty, as well as performance.

For a number of reasons, many homeowners are choosing window frames made of vinyl over those made of primed wood, wood with vinyl or aluminum cladding, or aluminum. Often, vinyl windows are less expensive than traditional wood or wood windows with vinyl or aluminum cladding. Vinyl windows also effectively block heat escape, which occurs through gaps and cracks in wood frames. Unlike wood, vinyl windows don't require painting, saving you time during installation, as well as costly maintenance down the road.

While aluminum windows are generally the least expensive windows, their disadvantages are aesthetics and energy efficiency. Heat flows readily through the frame from indoors to outdoors, making the indoor side of the window feel cold. This problem applies even to aluminum frames that are "thermally broken," i.e., have insulation between the interior and exterior parts. (Aluminum is fine, though, to reinforce horizontal members of large windows.)

If you decide the low maintenance and energy efficiency of vinyl windows appeal to you, check out the following details. And, remember, not all vinyl windows are created equal:

- Welded corners are airtight and watertight and won't pull apart after exposure to heat and cold.
- For increased energy efficiency, look for Low-E/Argon glazing, which helps keep the house warmer in winter and cooler in summer.
- Consider double-pane windows, which also slow heat flow through a window, nearly halving the heat loss that can occur through a single pane.
- R-value measures a window's resistance to heat flow, so the higher the R-value, the greater the insulating performance.
- U-value measures the actual heat transfer through a window's frame and glass, so a lower U-value means the window is insulating more efficiently.
- The new single-hung and double-hung tilt windows make cleaning a breeze, and many casements open a full 90 degrees. Check the tilt features out on a couple of different brands.
- Installation ease may be a factor if you're doing the replacement work yourself. Look for a frame depth of at least 3¼ inches or one that may not be as deep but is offered with an accessory — a drywall return or wood return — that snaps on to the frame and brings drywall or wood flush against the window, so you won't have to caulk or trim.
- Check the warranty. Ten years for glass and lifetime for vinyl are reasonable. The warranty should be nonprorated.

Choosing windows is often a complicated exercise. Following these tips should help you through the purchase process and ensure your new windows will contribute to your comfort and savings throughout the year. *SH961781*

Homeowners Should Have Air Conditioners Checked Now Before Summer Arrives

Homeowners should have their air-conditioning system checked now — before the peak cooling season — by a qualified contractor or service technician to ensure the system will work efficiently this summer, according to the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Institute (ARI).



If your air conditioner is no longer cooling properly, it could involve something as simple as replacing a fuse, resetting a circuit breaker or checking to see if the thermostat is set properly. If an electrical problem isn't the cause, the refrigerant may be low if the system still runs but doesn't cool enough. However, if the problem involves any major part, like the compressor, says ARI, you would hear strange noises similar to those of mechanical equipment not running correctly.

When your air-conditioning system starts giving you more problems than seem cost-effective to fix, you should consider replacing your system. Because newer equipment usually is much more energy-efficient than older central air-conditioning or heat-pump systems, you might actually save money by replacing your old system before it completely wears out. In some cases, the money you save in reduced utility costs might pay back your purchase price of a new system years earlier than you think.

For more information about the basic rules to follow for keeping cool this summer at minimum cost, send for ARI's free pamphlet, "How to Keep Your Cool and Save Cold Cash." Send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to ARI, Department 96-HT, 4301 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 425, Arlington, VA 22203. No phone orders are accepted.

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According to the Turfgrass Resource Center, before starting a lawn-repair project, people should identify their best source for replacement sod. People can check the phone book listings under "Sod" or "Sodding," which should provide a number of alternatives. Additionally, consumers can call the industry's international association, Turfgrass Producers International, at 1-800-405-TURF, for a list of local growers. Garden centers, nurseries and home building-supply firms also may have turfgrass sod available in small amounts.

The Turfgrass Resource Center publishes "Turf Installation Guide," a brochure that illustrates and describes each of the four simple steps for quick and easy sod installation.

Consumers can receive a free copy of this guide and "Our Precious Planet," which describes the environmental benefits of turfgrass, by writing to Turfgrass Resource Center, Dept. PR, 1855-A Hicks Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. *GT961963*

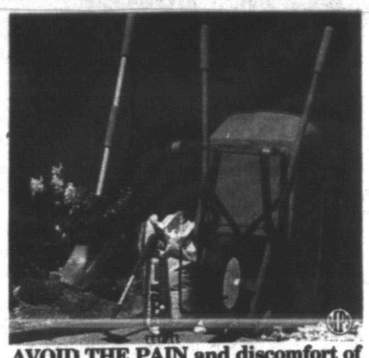
Get a New Grip On Your Tool Handles

(MPS) — Spring is here. Time to bring out your old, faithful gardening tools and start working on the yard. Time also to get out the bandages and salves for your aching hands and blisters? Not necessarily so.

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These grips are sold at many home and garden centers (they cost about $5 for a package of two), or you can buy them directly from the manufacturer. Send $5.75 (includes shipping and handling) to Acuity, Dept. M, 73 Paul Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903; (800) 211-7711.



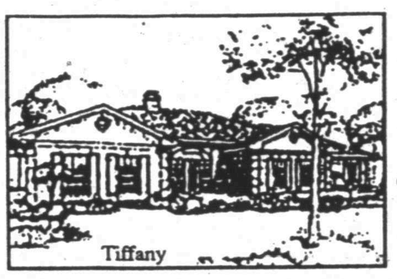
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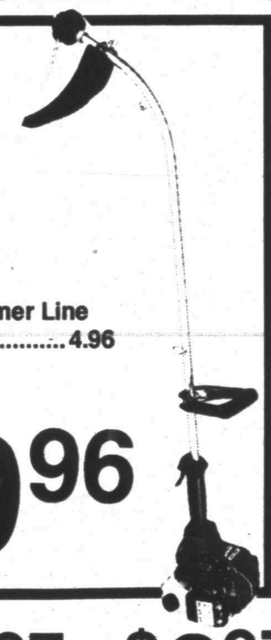


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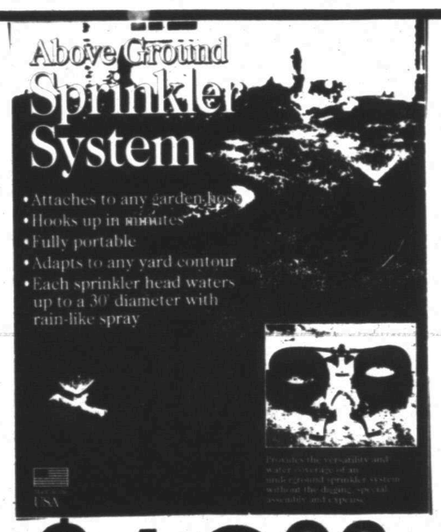
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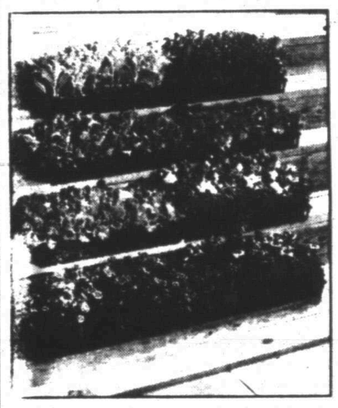


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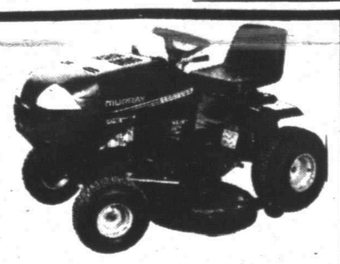
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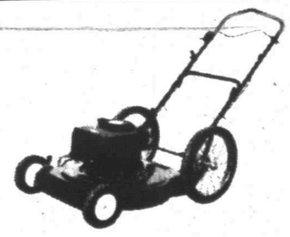
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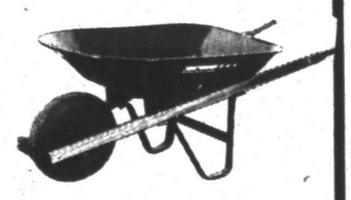
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Decorative Planter Provides Plenty of Herbs

(MPS) — Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme — grow your favorite herbs in a decorative planter for a delightful display and handy supply.

A strawberry pot is ideal with its protruding pockets that allow an assortment of herbs to cascade from all sides, providing versatility in the kitchen, as well as an attractive show on the deck. Most herbs are sun-lovers, so choose a sunny site where they will be convenient for picking. Position tall herbs, like chives, parsley and mint, at the center and shorter or trailing herbs toward edges and in the pockets.

For best results, use a top-quality, peat-based potting mix. An easy way to judge quality is to look at the ingredients listed on the potting-mix bag. If Canadian sphagnum peat moss is the first ingredient listed, you are assured of good quality. The proper mix is particularly important for container plants to ensure adequate drainage. Yard soil tends to retain too much water, leading to rotting roots, and poor-quality potting mixes allow water to run through too quickly, leading to dried-out plants.

Creating the herb planter is easy. You will need a strawberry pot, about 10 herb plants, peat-based potting mix, some small stones and a cardboard tube from wrapping paper.

1. Add about 2 inches of peat moss to the bottom of the strawberry planter. Place the cardboard tube in the center of the planter. Work it into the peat moss so that it remains upright.



A STRAWBERRY POT is ideal for keeping a fresh herb garden. All it takes are the right ingredients: a healthy potting soil with plenty of organic matter, like peat moss or compost, herbs and lots of sunshine.

2. Fill the pot with potting mixture to the first pockets. Now add plants, gently passing roots through the holes. Cover roots with potting mix, and repeat until planter is filled. Leave about 1 inch between the potting mixture and the planter rim to allow for watering.

3. Fill the cardboard tube with small stones, and then carefully pull it out. The stones improve drainage, allowing water to seep evenly throughout the potting mix.

4. Plant herbs in the open soil at the top of the planter. Use herbs that require less water, like basil, thyme and rosemary.

The herbs should be ready for picking within a few weeks. Water the planter frequently to keep the soil moist but not wet to the touch, and use a water-soluble fertilizer every two weeks. Pick herbs often, never taking more than a third of the plant at one time. The best time to pick is in the morning. For best flavor and fragrance, harvest herbs before they bloom. *GT961859*

Simple Planning Can Beautify Your Yard

(MPS) — A lovely new lawn can be just two weekends away with the right tools. All you need is fertilizer, some organic matter, like Canadian sphagnum peat moss, a sprinkler and some grass seed.

Growing your favorite herbs can be easy and fun when you grow them in a decorative planter.

A strawberry pot is ideal for making an attractive fresh herb pot that will allow an assortment of herbs to grow. For best results, use a top-quality, peat-based potting mix, like Canadian sphagnum, herbs and lots of sunshine.

George Washington gave the shortest presidential inaugural speech in American history when he was sworn in for his second term. His speech was only 135 words long.

Battery-Powered Hedge Clipper Greens the Environment

(MPS) — The American landscape will get "greener" in early 1996 as a new era in pollution-free outdoor tools is pioneered — the first true commercial-duty, battery-powered hedge clipper.

One such innovative tool, the Echo DHC-3000, addresses several environmental issues. The electric power system produces no exhaust emissions. There is no exhaust noise, only the murmur of a powerful, 12-volt electric motor. The loudest sound is the quiet clipping of vegetation trimmed by a 30-inch, single-sided cutter reciprocating at 2,000 cycles per minute. The sealed, lead-acid, gel battery is fully recyclable, as are most of the plastic and metal parts.

Battery-powered equipment goes a long way to reduce human stress. The DHC-3000 cutting head weighs only 7.2 pounds, compared to 14 pounds for many commercial, gasoline-powered hedge clippers with 30-inch cutters.

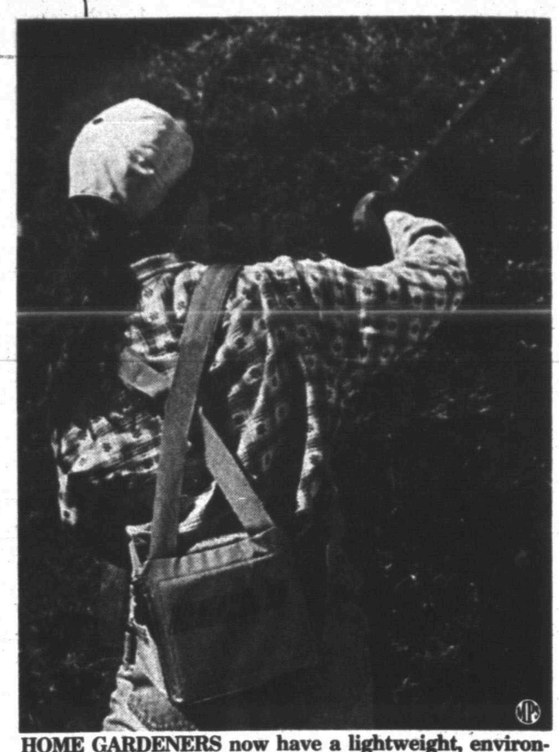
Echo Inc. engineers tested the DHC-3000 with landscapers who maintain the outdoor beauty of America's top resorts, commercial centers and homes. Operators find that battery-powered hedge clippers let them work better and faster because they are not fighting fatigue.

Users need fewer rest stops. Landscapers and serious home gardeners love using equipment that is lightweight and environmentally sound. Also, battery-powered equipment is as green as a tool can be. Equipment that's easy to use and creates beautiful landscapes helps them take more pride in their work, and it shows at the end of the day.

User friendly, the DHC-3000's 14-pound battery pack rides in a cushioned backpack with a "belly belt." The design spreads the load between the shoulders and midsection and keeps the backpack from flopping.

When purchasing battery-powered equipment, research the warranty offers, as well as the network of professional dealers and rapid-response parts delivery network.

For more information, contact Echo Inc., 400 Oakwood Road, Lake Zurich, IL 60047, or call (708) 540-8400.



HOME GARDENERS now have a lightweight, environmentally friendly trimming alternative with Echo's new DHC-3000 battery-powered hedge clipper. *GT961778*

Give Your Yard an Extra Dimension of Beauty

(MPS) — If you really like being in your yard and would like to beautify it, as well as become the envy of all your neighbors, try putting in your own yard pond. Yard ponds are easy to construct, easy to maintain, beautiful to look at and will provide years of trouble-free enjoyment.

A full line of products and information on constructing a yard pond is now available from Tetra/Secondnature. To receive this information, write to Tetra/Secondnature, 3001 Commerce St., Blacksburg, VA 24060-6671, or contact your local pet store or lawn and garden center.

Create an Instant Garden

People love to have beautiful plants and flowers around their home and yard, but what if they don't have room? Tower Planters, a modular stacking unit consisting of four interlocking pots with one drip tray, can help. Each planter allows up to nine herb, strawberry or flowering plants to grow indoors or out. Assembled, the black or white planter stands 22 inches high and less than 1 square foot around. Each one provides for ventilation and irrigation. A set of planters retails for $29.95. To order or for more information, call (800) 613-4750. *GT961763*



Metal Roofing Has Many Advantages

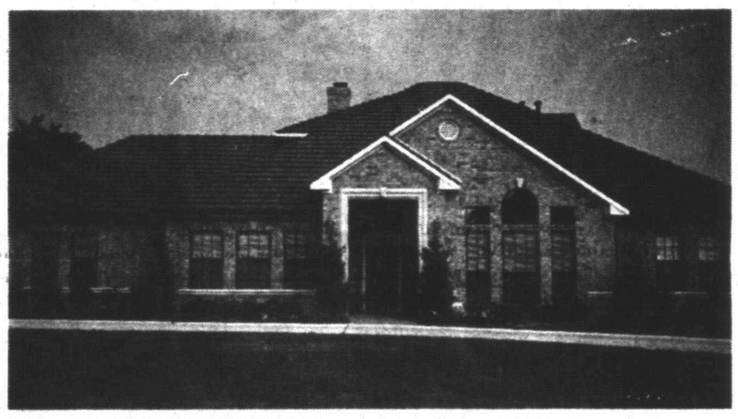
Q: My roof shingles are curled, cracked and stained with fungus. I've heard that metal roofing eliminates these problems — should I consider a metal roof?

A: Yes. Metal roofing is quickly gaining popularity, especially with homeowners who are fed up with the short life of traditional roofing materials. While metal roofing costs more upfront than composition shingles, it's actually cheaper, because it lasts much longer, requires less maintenance, and provides a better appearance (and greater value) for your home. Metal roofing has advantages in every climate, especially in areas with threats of fires or airborne sparks, severe storms, or extreme heat or cold. Another advantage is that some metal roofs can be installed directly over your existing roof without the added cost and mess of a tear-off.

Q: Won't a metal roof make my house hotter in the summer?

A: It depends on the metal. Steel will absorb and transfer the radiant heat of the sun, but not all metals do. Aluminum, for example, reflects radiant heat; that's why NASA uses aluminum to shield satellites in space, where there's no atmosphere to diffuse the heat of the sun.

One metal-roofing manufacturer had its aluminum-roofing product, Rustic Shingle, tested by the Florida Solar Energy Center. The center found it to reduce attic heat gain by up to 34 percent more than traditional roofing materials. This can add up to substantial savings on your utility bills. If you decide to use a metal roof that is not aluminum, you will need to install a radiant-heat barrier in your attic to achieve similar results.



METAL ROOFING PROVIDES many benefits, and it also can be very attractive, like these aluminum shakes.

Q: I don't like the "industrial" look of flat metal roofing with vertical lines. Are there alternatives?

A: You are describing "standing seam" roofing, so named for the vertical seams that stand up between the panels. And, yes, there are many alternatives. Most popular are the products that resemble cedar shakes, tile or slate. These give a traditional, stately appearance with all the benefits of metal roofing.

Q: What should I look for to know that I'm buying a quality metal roof?

A: A quality metal roof will have a Kynar® finish, known to architects and engineers as the best for lasting color and protection. Also, a metal roof should be designed to allow for expansion and contraction caused by temperature changes. For informative literature on one roofing system that meets these requirements, write to Metal Shingles, Classic Products Inc., P.O. Box 701, Piqua, OH 45356.

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10 Tips for Creating A Knockout Kitchen

Is your kitchen boring and lifeless? If your kitchen needs help, don't worry. Countless solutions for creating a knockout kitchen exist, and most of them can be accomplished in one weekend. Following are 10 tips for enhancing and updating the look of your kitchen.

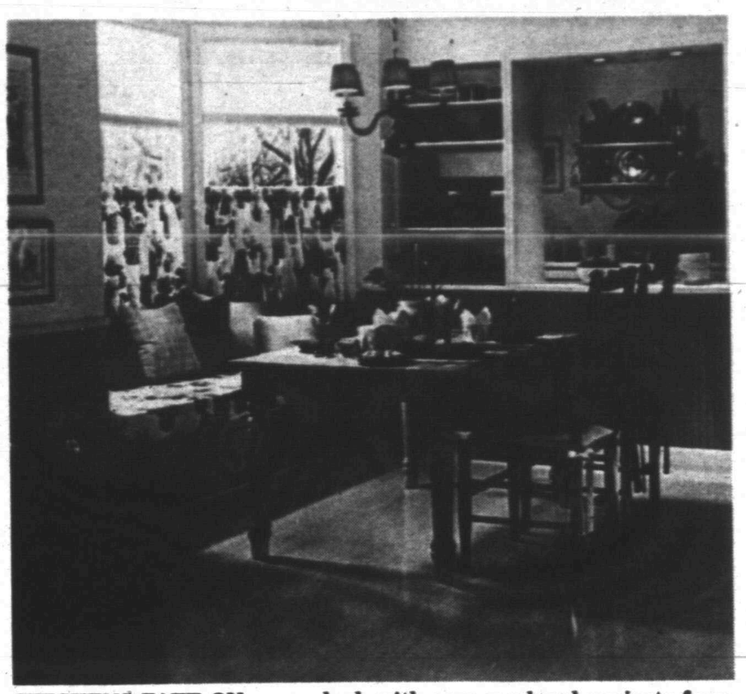
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2. WORKING WINDOWS — Let the sun shine in your kitchen. Create a cozy window seat, or grow herbs right on your windowsill. It's easy with Grand View® Vinyl Windows from Georgia-Pacific. Designed to visually open any room, a garden or bay window ensures maximum insulation and lowest air-infiltration rates.

3. MOULDING MAGIC — Available in a wide variety of shapes and contours, Georgia-Pacific real wood moulding can add immediate drama to your kitchen. Customize your cabinets with moulding profiles along the tops, or add panel moulding to flush cabinet and drawer fronts. Create an attention-getting ceiling with a cluster of lights surrounded by moulding. Your dishwasher door even can blend in with a new moulding-framed front, glued in place with epoxy. And, it's easy to build an overhead pot rack with moulding to display and store your wares at the same time.

4. A FABULOUS FAUCET — If you're looking for fashion appeal and value-packed performance, then take a look at the wide selection of kitchen faucets available from Delta Faucet Co. These faucets come in a variety of finishes to match any kitchen decor and are known for their reliable operation. For instance, the Waterfall™'s elevated spout swings 360 degrees, so it's easy to clean large pots. Other convenient and timesaving accessories include a contemporary-style vegetable sprayer and updated soap dispenser.

5. PRE-HUNG WALLPAPER — If you like the look of wallpaper, but don't want to endure the hassle of hanging it, The Paper Works Collection® from Georgia-Pacific is the solution. Available in many different patterns, the attractive "wallpaper" prints are mounted on plywood paneling sheets for easy application. Simply nail the 4-foot-by-8-foot panels onto the wall, and cover the seams with matching seam tape. No more hassles with messy wallpaper paste, matching up seams or smoothing out wrinkles. This collection also features designer-style borders with a peel-off back that can be used by themselves or to further enhance The Paper Works Collection.



KITCHENS TAKE ON a new look with easy weekend projects from Georgia-Pacific. Wainscoting around the walls, adding a window to provide natural sunlight and installing EternaFloor for a new easy-to-clean floor all can help create a knockout kitchen.

6. ORGANIZED COOKING UTENSILS — Now, you can find exactly what you're looking for without rummaging through your "junk drawer" or hunting through cabinets. Cover the top half of a wall with a perforated hardboard, like Clutter Cutter® from Georgia-Pacific. Attach small hooks into the holes in the board, and hang your cooking utensils, measuring cups, small pots and pans. Everything you need will always be right at your fingertips.

7. TEMPTING TILES — Decorative tiles can add a splash of color and design to countertops, backsplashes or even the floor. There are lots of sizes, colors and shapes to choose from, but one constant remains: You'll need to install a stable, moisture-resistant base beneath the tile. Georgia-Pacific's Dens-Shield® Tile Backer installed underneath tile helps prevent moisture damage to the subfloor or wall cavity.

8. "GREEN" APPLIANCES — If it's time to replace appliances, you may want to remodel "green." That doesn't mean green-colored appliances, just ones that are more environmentally friendly. According to Whirlpool home economists, your best bet when it comes to buying a new refrigerator is one of the new 1995 CFC-free systems, which beat 1993 federal efficiency requirements by as much as 41 percent. The newest dishwashers also are more energy-efficient — about 25 percent more. If you choose a dishwasher with internal heating, you can further cut energy costs, say Whirlpool home economists. That's because it raises temperatures to grease-dissolving levels, so the machine doesn't place extra demands on your hot-water heater. Other items to consider are trash compactors and in-sink garbage disposals, which will help reduce the volume of household trash.

9. WAINSCOTING — Change the look of your breakfast area by paneling the bottom half of a wall and capping it off with a chair rail. The natural beauty of its classic beaded look and the choice of nine rich wood-grain shades make Bedford Village® paneling from Georgia-Pacific a perfect choice. This adaptable design can dress up your breakfast nook or any of your kitchen walls.

10. EASY MAKE-OVERS — Don't forget the little details, the small touches. By doing a few simple things, you can give your kitchen a distinctive flair. Try hanging some large ferns from the ceiling. Add new knobs and hardware to your cabinets. Install a dimmer switch on your light hanging over the kitchen table. Replace the solid doors of a few cabinets with glass ones, and show off your tableware. Use a stencil pattern, and add some color to your backsplash or walls.

These are just a few ideas. Let your imagination soar, and the opportunities are endless. Tackle one project every weekend, and before you know it, your kitchen will be a knockout. For more information on Georgia-Pacific's building products and free project brochures, call 1-800-BUILD-GP.

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Managing Mosquitoes

(NAPS)—What mosquitoes lack in size, they more than make up for in audacity and sheer numbers. These tiny flying pests are a summertime nuisance and are carriers of diseases that are harmful to people and their pets.

Fortunately, there are things you can do to minimize mosquito problems other than staying indoors all summer.

Mosquitoes must have standing water upon which to lay their eggs and develop during their early life stages. Therefore, it is important to remove or regularly clean any items which collect water and become mosquito breeding grounds. These include stopped-up rain gutters, birdbaths, shallow ditches, hollow tree stumps and discarded items such as tin cans or tires.

It is also helpful to carefully prune dense vines and shrubs around houses so that these areas do not harbor mosquitoes.

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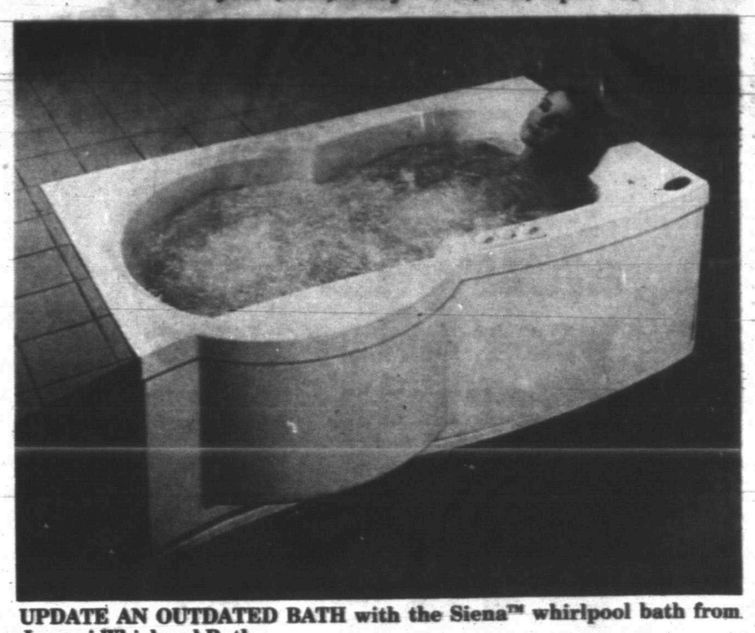
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According to a recent national survey, one of out every five gardeners has expressed an interest in making extra money growing plants. Now, a free 32-page booklet lists dozen of ways to harvest money from the backyard garden. "Profitable Plants — Your Guide to the Best Backyard Cash Crops" includes valuable growing and marketing tips on everything from herbs and flowers to bamboo and vegetables.

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To get the free booklet, send your name and address, along with $1 for shipping, to Homestead Gardens, P.O. Box 2010, Port Townsend, WA 98368-0080. *GT961598*



UPDATE AN OUTDATED BATH with the Siena™ whirlpool bath from Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath.

Update an Outdated Bath

If your bathroom is starting to show its age, be assured of one thing: It will look even older next year. But, take comfort in knowing that not every bathroom requires full-scale renovation. Simple ideas can spruce up a bathroom and give it a sophisticated new look.

From the company full of bright bathroom ideas, Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath has found a way to give homeowners a luxurious, yet easy, bathroom update with the Siena™ whirlpool bath. Measuring 60 inches long by 32 inches wide by 20 inches high, the Siena easily replaces standard five-foot bathtubs.

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For a dealer near you, call Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath toll free at (800) 678-6889. *SH961700*

Vinyl Windows Offer Style and Efficiency

(MPS) — Homeowners across the country have discovered that vinyl windows offer an unbeatable value, providing beauty, energy efficiency and long-lasting performance.

Sharon Hanby, a member of the American Society of Interior Designers, points out, "Windows can be just a hole in the wall, or they can bring a tremendous sense of style to a home. The placement, the shape, even the construction details can affect the whole character of a room."

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Over the Range Microwave Installation

An Easy Home-Improvement Project

Consumer spending on remodeling was up 5.3 percent in 1994 and has doubled over the past decade, according to the National Association of Home Builders Remodelers Council.

At the top of homeowners' lists for remodeling is the kitchen. Many people will give their kitchen a new look with a sleek design and uncluttered counters. One cost-effective way to do this is with built-in appliances, like over the range microwave ovens.

Over the range microwave ovens are designed to maximize space and leave the counter clutter-free. Space requirements are approximately 30 inches wide, 16 inches high and 14 inches deep. Key features are a full complement of microwave capabilities, exterior exhaust or recirculating fan, and hood light, both of which can be used independently. For many, the over the range is an exciting replacement to an existing range hood/fan.

"Over the range microwave ovens are an affordable way to give your kitchen a new look and save space on the counter," says Anne Howard, general manager, marketing, Sharp Appliance Division. "Installing an over the range microwave oven is simple and can be done in less than an hour in three easy steps."

An over the range microwave oven installation is an easy do-it-yourself home-improvement project that doesn't require hiring an expensive handyman. All that's necessary is for an electrician to install a 120 volt/15 amp dedicated circuit in the cabinet above the microwave oven, so you can have access to the oven plug if necessary.

The leader in microwave oven sales for the past five years, Sharp offers over the range microwave-only models that combine a turntable and stirrer system, allowing users to prepare everyday dishes with the ease of a turntable or opt for a three- or four-quart oblong dish with the turntable off for additional convenience when cooking for a crowd. Some models even offer an Electronic Sensory Processor (ESP™) that automatically senses the vapor emitted from food as it cooks, making for mistake-proof cooking every time. New models also will offer an Interactive Cooking System that displays full-word prompts and a Custom Help™ Key that guides the user through microwave functions, provides cooking tips, and include a language option of English, Spanish or French.

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Keeping the Lawn in Shape Makes a Yard Look Beautiful

With the return of spring, homeowners begin to work on their yard, planting everything from beautiful floral borders to huge vegetable gardens. However, if their lawn doesn't look lush and green, the yard can lose its appeal and all of the work put into it could be for naught.

To help homeowners maintain a healthy lawn, The Lawn Institute recommends that they have a lawn-care program that works.

Many lawn-care experts believe that a majority of lawn problems are a result of not mowing at the proper height and not keeping the lawnmower blade sharpened throughout the mowing season. Every type of grass has a specific height for optimum performance. Keeping grass at its best growing height will increase a lawn's density and attractiveness — and reduce problems.

A simple rule of thumb to follow when mowing is to never remove more than one-third of the leaf surface each time the lawn is mowed. Leaf surface, or cutting height, refers to the length of grass above the soil. Cutting below the optimum height impedes root development, which is essential to having a dense, healthy lawn.

Also, homeowners don't have to collect the grass clippings after they finish mowing. These clippings decompose quickly and put nutrients back into the soil. It's a built-in fertilization program, according to the institute.

When it comes to watering a lawn, the institute says that the best lawns grow when they are watered heavily at infrequent intervals. On average, the lawn needs about 1 inch of water a week, either from rain or irrigation during the growing season. This inch of water normally will soak the soil to a depth of 4 to 6 inches, which allows the water to reach deep into the root system.

Homeowners should determine the rate of application of their sprinkler system to set up any irrigation program. An easy way to do this is to set out a series of cans if they have an underground sprinkler system or a couple of cans if they use a single sprinkler. After running the system for 30 minutes, they can measure the water in the cans and determine the length of time it will take to apply 1 inch of water.

The best times to water a lawn are in the early morning or early evening, when there is generally less wind and heat. The least desirable times are in the heat of the afternoon, when water evaporates too quickly, and very late in the evening, which can cause the lawn to stay wet all night. This encourages disease development.

With these tips, homeowners can be well on their way to a healthy, lush lawn — and a beautiful yard. *GT961937*



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Are You Water-Wise?

You use water in most aspects of your daily life, from cooking to cleaning to just plain drinking. However, this fundamental "ingredient" is often misunderstood. Test your water smarts with this true-or-false quiz.

1. Boiled water is sterile and free of all contaminants.

False — While it's true that boiling kills many harmful bacteria, evaporation during boiling actually can increase the concentration of contaminants in water that boiling doesn't remove. Distillation is the most effective method of water purification.

2. Hard water makes water-using appliances and fixtures hard to clean, but seldom causes permanent damage.

False — Scale from hard water builds up on the inside of pipes and appliances just like it builds up on the outside. This buildup forces appliances to work harder and often less efficiently, causing premature maintenance problems over time.

3. Reverse-osmosis filters are the best drinking-water filters available.

False — No single filter is the best for solving all drinking-water problems; the best filter is the one that directly addresses your specific problems. Reverse-osmosis filters remove bacteria, lead, mercury, iron and other contaminants. Carbon filters reduce chlorine, organic materials, dissolved gases, and other materials that can cause water to taste and smell bad.

4. It's easy to determine the quality of your home water supply.

True — Determining your home's water quality is as easy as having a water-treatment professional conduct several in-home tests. A trained consultant can test your water for iron, acidity, hardness and other common problems. For a complete water analysis, most testing laboratories provide inexpensive kits to mail in your home water sample.

5. Water that's been softened too much won't rinse away soap and shampoo.

False — Water cannot be "too soft." Washing with soft water may give a slippery feeling like soap hasn't rinsed away, but that sensation is actually your skin's natural softening agents. In reality, hard water clogs pores with soap residue, leaving skin "squeaky," but not clean.

6. Acidic water smells like rotten eggs.

False — Water that smells like rotten eggs contains hydrogen sulfide, but is not necessarily acidic. Acidic water can't be detected by smell, appearance or feel; however, it can eat away at fixtures, corrode water-using appliances, and etch sinks, countertops and tiles.

How did you do? If you want to increase your water wisdom, call 1-800-86-WATER for a free educational booklet about common home water problems and their solutions. Ask for EcoWater Systems' "The Water in Your Life" booklet. *SH961837*

A Bed of Color Is Easy to Create

(MPS) — If you've admired a neighborhood's flower-filled landscape, but didn't know where to start to beautify your own yard, follow this simple advice: Start small. A single flower bed is easy to create in a weekend or less and will stay colorful all summer long.

PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT

Look around your yard for a logical focal point for a flower bed. Do you have a small tree or a large flowering shrub? Or how about a birdbath, sundial or some other object that will be taller than your plants when they're fully grown? Pay attention to how much sun the area receives — is it in the sun most of the day or only a few hours? This will be important when selecting plants.

Use a tape measure to determine the size of your new bed. Keep it small — 3 feet across or less is ideal, so you can reach plants growing toward the center or close to the back. Sketch the dimensions of the bed on graph paper. On another page, make two columns for notes on shorter and taller plants. Then, take both with you to visit your local home or garden center.

SELECT PLANTS

You don't have to spend hours weaving through the plant aisles to get what you need. Simply select a few flowers with colors and textures you like, then check the labels for how much sun the plants need, how tall they'll grow and how far apart they should be planted. Look for taller plants to surround your focal point and shorter ones toward the edges of the bed. If you have trouble choosing, pick out just two varieties, one taller, like zinnias or geraniums, and one shorter, like marigolds for sunny spots or coleus and bright impatiens for the shade.

Next, look at the various edgings available — from bricks or landscape timbers to flexible plastic garden edging. The edge separates lawn and flower bed, so you can mow grass without cutting down plants.

Once you've selected the plants and edging you want, quickly sketch their dimensions on your graph paper to determine how many plants you'll need. To get you started, here's a sample shopping list and the tools you'll need to finish the job.

SHOPPING LIST

- Small bag of Canadian sphagnum peat moss
- Two to seven medium-tall plants that complement or contrast with your focal point
- Two to seven shorter plants, all of one type
- Shredded bark or other mulch
- Edging to surround flower bed

TOOL CHECKLIST

- Shovel
- Hoe
- Rake

BEFORE YOU PLANT

Use a garden hose or a length of rope to create an outline for your flower bed. This lets you see how you like the shape of the bed and provides a digging guide. The next — and most critical — step is to improve the soil.

Start by loosening the ground across the entire bed. Remove the weeds, sod or old plants from the area. Next, spread 2 to 3 inches of peat moss across the bed. Then, dig this into the top 6 inches of soil. The peat moss helps sandy soil hold moisture, so you won't have to water as often, and it loosens and improves the drainage in clay or hard-packed soil, so air can get to the plant roots. It also makes weeding easier and reduces the amount of fertilizer you'll need.

Once the soil is ready, position the plants according to their planting instructions. Then, complete the bed with a layer of shredded bark or other bagged mulch to give it a more polished look. Water your new bed frequently until the plants take hold and, then, regularly during the summer to supplement the rainfall in your area. Then, just watch your garden grow and enjoy. No one has to know it took less than a weekend to create. *GT961862*

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Seven Habits of Highly Effective Gardeners

(MPS) — You can grow healthier lawns and beautiful flowers by following these seven habits of successful gardeners.

They also will lead you down the garden path toward less maintenance and more time to enjoy a healthier, more beautiful landscape and garden.

1. **Amend soil annually.** Add 2 inches of Canadian sphagnum peat moss or a peat moss/compost blend, and work this into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil. Use peat moss to amend the soil when planting trees, adding a lawn or transplanting. The better your soil, the healthier your plants and the easier it is for you to garden.

2. **Water regularly, and feed when necessary.** Feel the soil to decide when your plants need more water. Fertilize when your plants need it — not just when you get around to it. Too much fertilizer causes as much harm as too little, resulting in a scorched or burned look to the foliage or fast, rank growth more susceptible to insects and disease. Read and follow label instructions.

3. **Mulch is a must.** Mother Nature never intended the soil to be naked. A mulch is like frosting on a cake — you could do without, but why would you want to? A few inches of an organic mulch will conserve moisture, block weeds, equalize soil temperature and slowly feed the plants.

4. **Be picky about your plants.** Choose varieties that offer more than one season of interest: spring-flowering trees with interesting bark in the winter or blooming shrubs with the added bonus of winter berries or autumn-foliage color.

5. **Compost.** Nothing else does so much for so little. By layering green material (a source of nitrogen), like grass clippings, weeds and pruning crumbs, with brown material (a source of carbon), like fallen leaves, peat moss or soil, you can create a rich, black compost perfect for adding to poor soil or as a feeding mulch.

6. **Walk your garden frequently.** This will encourage you to deadhead, pick weeds, and appreciate the small details and tiny miracles that make gardening so satisfying.

7. **Garden and learn.** Avoid costly mistakes by reading, talking to other gardeners and sharing information. The education of a gardener can be just as enjoyable as the hobby itself. After all, they're both about growing.

Four free brochures from the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association provide more quick and easy tips for successful lawn and garden projects, including composting, lawn care, and vegetable and flower gardening. To obtain all four, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 52 cents postage to Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association, Box 385102, Minneapolis, MN 55438. *GT961861*

Four Steps to a New Lawn

(MPS) — A lovely new lawn could be just two weekends away if you follow this checklist of steps to take. Like any big project, breaking the job down into manageable chunks will smooth out the problems of when to do what. Extend this guide into four weekends if your new lawn is going to be quite large, and speed things up to just a two-day project if you're adding lawn to a small area.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Measure the area where you want to lay sod or seed, and calculate the square footage by multiplying the width by the length.

If using sod, call and reserve the amount you'll need, and schedule delivery on the day you will finish soil preparation.

Check with local rental services about reserving a tiller, roller and landscaper's rake for the next two weekends. In the busy spring season, these tools may be checked out every weekend — get a jump start, and reserve now.

Stockpile the supplies you will need for the project: fertilizer, peat moss, sprinkler and grass seed.

NECESSARY SUPPLIES

- Large rake (can be rented as a landscaping rake)
- Rototiller
- Peat moss to amend soil
- Wide board or old ladder to drag and level soil
- Fertilizer for new lawns
- Seed, hydroseed or sod
- Roller
- Sprinklers or irrigation system to keep new lawn well-watered

FIRST SATURDAY

Prepare your soil. Remove big weeds and rocks, and then rototill the area to a depth of at least 6 inches. The deeper you can loosen the soil, the deeper the roots will grow and the less care from you the lawn will need.

FIRST SUNDAY

Improve your soil. Work 2 to 3 inches of Canadian sphagnum peat moss or a peat moss/compost blend into the top 6 to 8 inches of soil. Organic matter like peat moss helps sandy soil to retain moisture and loosens and improves drainage in clay or hard-packed soil.

SECOND SATURDAY

Level and rake. Drag a ladder or wooden plank across the new lawn area to make sure the bed is level and free of dips. If you rent a landscaper's rake, go over the ground twice to smooth out the rough spots. Another tool the professionals use is a roller. These are also available for rent and are used to break down small lumps of soil just before seeding.

SECOND SUNDAY

Once the soil is tilled, amended and leveled, it's time to add fertilizer. Make sure you spread a lawn food especially formulated for new lawns.

At last you're ready to spread seed or sod the area. Hand seeding or seeding with a drop spreader is the least expensive. After sprinkling the soil with seed, top it off with a thin layer of peat moss (no more than ¼ inch deep). This will help keep the seed from blowing away or drying out.

Sodding gives instant gratification, and because you start with a thick grass carpet, there is less trouble with invading weeds. After you lay sod, be sure to fill in the cracks between the sections with peat moss. This will help the sod sections to knit together quickly.

Once the seed or sod is down, all you have to do is keep the new lawn well-watered until established. The soil should be moist at all times, but not wet. This could mean watering twice a day in hot weather or once a week if it rains.

Taking the extra time to prepare the soil before planting will give your new lawn deep roots and a vigorous, healthy future. *GT961860*

Fending Off Fleas

(NAPS)—Fleas will literally jump at the chance to attach themselves to your family pet, and will happily hitch a ride indoors. Once inside your house, these small, hardy pests will set up residence and rapidly multiply.

Fleas have sucking mouths that are used to feed on the blood of mammals such as rodents, family pets and even humans. While feeding, fleas produce a secretion that causes skin irritation and discomfort. It has been estimated that as many as one in three visits to the local neighborhood veterinarian are due to flea-related problems. In addition to irritating skin, fleas can also cause tapeworm infestations, behavioral changes and, in young or very old animals, anemia.

But you can battle flea attacks if you take the proper steps. Outside the house, apply a proven product such as SEVIN® brand carbaryl insecticide to shrubs, woody areas, around entranceways and to areas where your pet sleeps or rests. Inside your home, wash your pet's blankets and other bedding material in hot, soapy water. Be sure to vacuum your carpets and upholstered furniture regularly, paying special attention to crevices and corners near baseboards where fleas love to hide. Immediately dispose of the vacuum bag so that it will not become a breeding ground for fleas in your closet.

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How to Choose a Smoothtop Range

In the 1980s, smoothtop ranges were relatively rare. You were lucky to find more than one of them to choose from in a single appliance store. However, times have changed. These good-looking, easy-to-clean smoothtops have become so popular that appliance dealers now offer dozens of models from every major range and cooktop manufacturer. If you're considering a new range for your home, here is some helpful background information to help you with your search for a smoothtop.

First, about the smoothtop material: Though it looks like glass, on the vast majority of smoothtop ranges and cooktops, the material is in fact an extraordinary glass-ceramic material called Ceran. Ceran® glass-ceramic is translucent (you can see the heating elements underneath), is exceedingly strong, can withstand very high temperatures and is unaffected by sudden, extreme changes in temperature, like ice water spilled on a red-hot cooking surface.

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The most recent development has been multiple color surface decorations. The Ceran panel can be decorated with up to four different colors, making it a distinct design element in the kitchen.

The other major differences in smoothtops are in the various types of heating elements that are used. Basically, there are three types, but only two are commonly used. Radiant elements use electrical resistance to create heat and reach maximum temperature in 3 to 10 seconds. Halogen elements use halogen lamps to generate the heat. It's sometimes called "cooking with light." The halogen elements themselves light up and reach their maximum temperature almost instantly. The third and most expensive type of heating element, called induction, generates a magnetic field, which in turn creates heat within a ferromagnetic pot or pan. Induction units provide quick heating and very precise temperature control, but will not work with nonmagnetic materials like stainless steel or aluminum.

Many, but not all, cooktops incorporate hot-surface indicator lights, which are an important safety extra. Hot-surface indicator lights glow while the corresponding cooking zone is hot to the touch. As a safety feature, the heat indicator light stays on even after the unit is turned off and remains on until the Ceran surface is cool to the touch. These indicators, combined with the visible glow of heating elements through the Ceran panel, help ensure safe operation of the cooktop.

For more information about smoothtop cooktops and ranges, write to Schott Corp. for a copy of "Your Pocket Guide to Ceran Glass-Ceramic Rangetops," an illustrated, eight-page, four-color booklet with short, direct answers about smooth-surface cooktop systems. Send your request to Schott Corp., Technical Glass Division, 3 Odell Plaza, Yonkers, NY 10701.



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Opulence Returns to Windows

(MPS) — Windows covered only with blinds were, not so long ago, the height of fashion, but that's all changed now. The newest look for windows is a dressed-up opulence, best exemplified by a soft, flowing window dressing in loose, unconstructed folds.

Gone are the pinch pleats. Today, loop-top panels that hang from decorative hooks on decorative rods are the basis of much window dressing. Scarves that simply drape over the rods or swags, jabots, cascades and other top treatments that are hung on the rods can be layered for a more formal decor or a change of pace — or season.

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Rebirth of Kitchens

Is your kitchen boring and lifeless? If your kitchen needs help, don't worry. Countless solutions for creating a knockout kitchen exist, and most of them can be accomplished in one weekend.

Wainscoting around the walls, adding a window to provide natural sunlight and installing a new easy-to-clean floor are examples of simple ways to help create a knockout kitchen, according to Georgia-Pacific.

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"Contrary to popular belief — especially in the furniture industry — shoppers with high levels of disposable income and expensive homes do not represent the best prospects for upper-end furniture purchases," says Beemer. "Our research shows that the more frequently consumers entertain at home, the more they will spend for furniture."

These findings ought to be a wake-up call for the industry, which Beemer says has been wandering like a ship without a compass.

The most likely furniture prospects, he feels, may subscribe to a gourmet magazine for its recipes and in-home dining ideas, not a slick designer publication masquerading as a status symbol. *SH962005*

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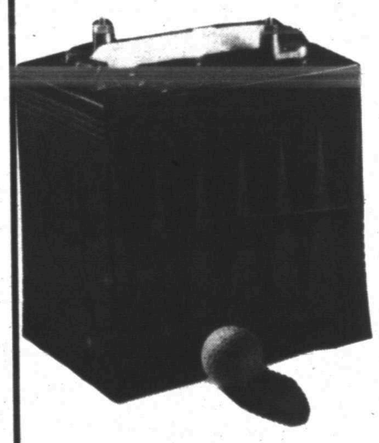
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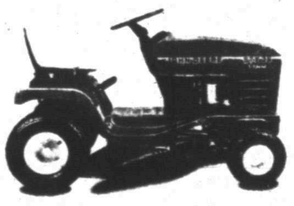
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Beautify Your Yard With an Easy-to-Build Pond

(MPS) — If you really enjoy being in your yard and would like to give it that extra dimension to make it even more enjoyable, as well as the envy of the neighborhood, here's a great suggestion — put in your own yard pond! Too much trouble? Don't know how to do it? Through new technology, all these worries are needless.

Installing your own garden pond is simple, maintaining it is easy, and best of all, your pond will provide years of trouble-free enjoyment.

PONDS AROUND THE WORLD

European gardens, particularly in Great Britain, southern France, northern Italy, Holland and Germany, almost always feature a yard pond.

Nine years ago, a German company, Tetra Werke, known best in the United States for its home aquarium products, developed a bonded, two-piece, heavy-duty (32 millimeters thick), flexible rubber pond liner. This liner allows homeowners to free-form a yard pond efficiently and easily, in whatever shape is best suited for the terrain or the homeowner's needs.

This liner can withstand the warmest summers and the coldest winters and is available in sizes big enough to create ponds almost 10 feet in diameter.

Through Tetra Werke's U.S. distributor, Tetra/Secondnature, a full line of products and complete information on constructing a yard pond are now available.

How do you construct a garden pond? Start by selecting a location on your property where the ground is fairly even, although, because of the flexibility of the liner, some leveling can be achieved when digging your pond. The pond should be placed where it will get approximately six hours of sunlight per day.

While you can place your pond anywhere, it is not recommended to place it directly under trees, since falling leaves can foul the water and tree roots will make digging difficult.

Using a heavy garden hose or a rope, free-form your pond design to conform to your landscaping scheme.

When constructing your pond, dig both a shallow area and a deep area. Fish will feed on insects in the shallow area, and it is the ideal place for potted plants, like lilies.

The deep area will provide security for your fish and protect them from birds and small animals. Depending on your climate, the deep area of your pond should be anywhere from 24 to 40 inches, and the shallow area from 4 to 12 inches.

After digging out your pond location, line the ground with sand, carpet padding or even old newspapers before installing the liner. This will protect the liner against sharp, protruding objects like roots and rocks.

To create that professional look, build a rock border around your pond, allowing the rocks to overlap the edge of the pond by 1 or 2 inches. You can landscape back around the pond and even build a patio, if desired.

EASY MAINTENANCE

Maintaining your pond is very easy. Tetra has an economical, permanent pond filter and air pump, as well as a full line of water chemicals and foods, to ensure that your fish will prosper. If you want to add the grace and beauty of a waterfall or fountain to your pond, Tetra even offers a powerful and reliable water pump.

What kind of fish should you put in your pond? The hardiest are large common or Comet goldfish. Depending on the size of your pond, these hardy fish will grow rapidly and can withstand the worst climates. As long as the water in your pond does not freeze to the lowest depths, these fish can survive the cruelest winters.

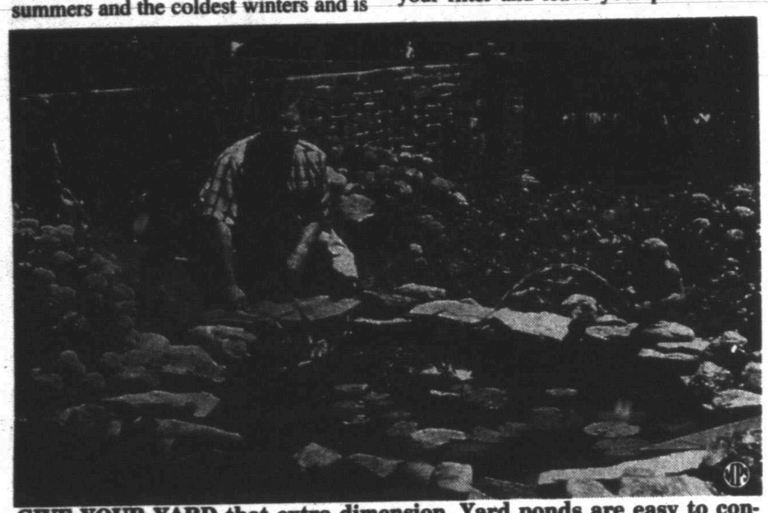
If you live in a warmer climate, you can select from the most prized pond fish — beautiful and exotic Koi, from Japan. These are increasingly available throughout the United States, and although not quite as hardy as the common goldfish, they are treasured pond fish that have the potential to live for decades.

What should you do in the winter? Nothing! After the first frost, remove your filter and leave your pond alone until the onset of spring (as soon as the water temperature reaches 50 F).

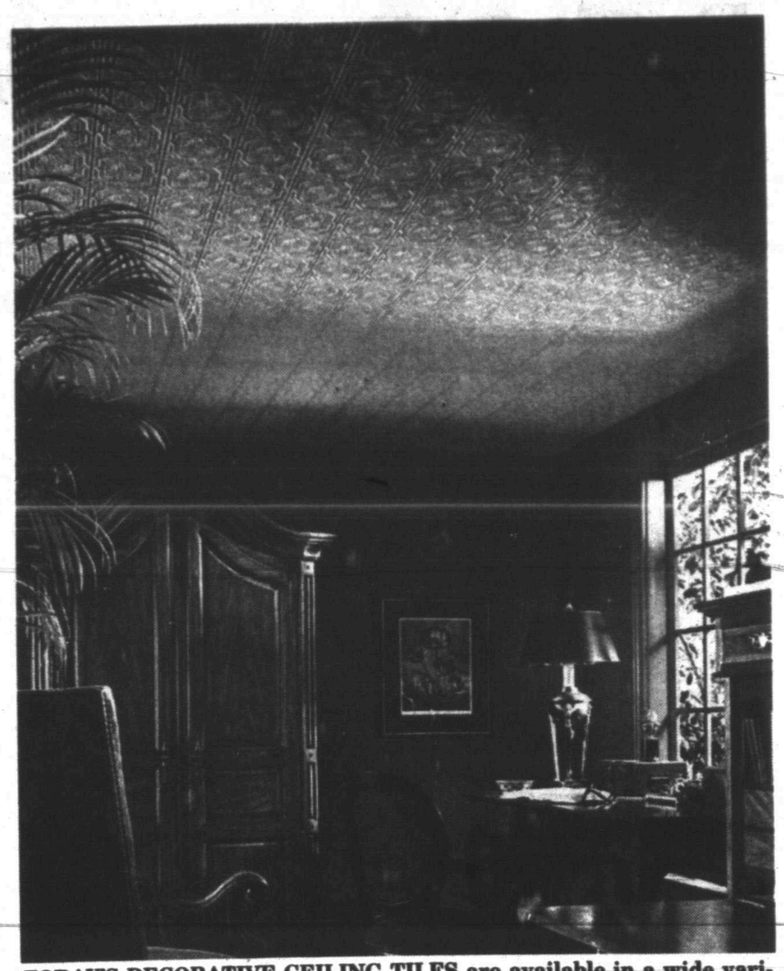
Never feed your fish during the winter, as their metabolism directly relates to the water temperature, and when it drops below 50 F, the fish will not eat. In the spring, reinstall your filter and begin feeding your fish. A Tetra Koi pond thermometer will provide you with the proper guidance in feeding your fish according to temperature.

Your yard pond will provide years of enjoyment and truly make you the envy of your neighborhood.

For further information, write Tetra/Secondnature, 3001 Commerce St., Blacksburg, VA 24060-6671, or contact your local pet store or lawn and garden center.



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TODAY'S DECORATIVE CEILING TILES are available in a wide variety of styles and patterns. This Wellington tile from Armstrong uses the look of an old-fashioned tin ceiling to create an impressive overall ceiling design.

Redecorate With New Ceiling Tiles

Want to redecorate or remodel a room, but find you don't have the space to lower the new ceiling at least three inches?

Then install tongue-and-groove ceiling tiles that fasten directly to the old ceiling, instead of installing ceiling panels that drop into a grid system suspended below the old ceiling.

According to Armstrong World Industries, one of the country's largest manufacturers of ceilings and other home-fashion products, the use of ceiling tiles instead of ceiling panels should make little difference when it comes to aesthetic appeal, because there's such a wide range of decorative ceiling-tile designs from which to choose.

Some offer the charm of old-fashioned tin ceilings in a modern interpretation of the tooled look. Others add richness to room decor with traditional patterns that are lightly embossed for a classic look. All use seam-hiding patterns and the lack of a visible suspension system to create an impressive, overall ceiling design.

While most ceiling tiles measure 12 inches by 12 inches, homeowners also can obtain a plank look in an attractive wood-grain finish if they wish. The unique 6-inch-wide-by-4-foot-long planks serve to blend the ceiling with any decor from country to contemporary.

In terms of installation, ceiling tiles can be stapled to wood furring strips or cemented to an existing ceiling that's in good condition.

Another popular method is the Easy-Up Installation Kit from Armstrong, which comes with a no-fault installation guarantee and contains everything that's needed to install the ceiling.

For a free brochure on ceilings, call 1-800-233-3823 and ask for a copy of "Taking Ceilings to New Heights," or write to Armstrong World Industries, Consumer Response Center, Dept. APL, P.O. Box 3001, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Cleaning the Yard Can Be Easy

(MPS) — Lawn-care products of the '90s are being built with many features that make them almost effortless to use.

An easy way for homeowners to clean up their yards is with a chipper vacuum. A Simplicity chipper vacuum is as simple to operate as a walk-behind lawn mower. Operators simply walk behind this chipper vacuum as it cleans the lawn of leaves and other debris that must be removed before the mowing season.

For more information about Simplicity products, call 1-800-987-5296.

Gardening Teaches Children Multiple Lessons

A child's garden produces the richest harvest of all.

"With hoe and trowel in hand, a child experiences the satisfaction that comes from commitments and observes the cycle of life firsthand," says Peter Reynolds, president of BRIO® Corp., a Milwaukee, Wis., toy company that makes sturdy garden tools for children.

Working side by side in the garden, adults and children learn from each other and share their successes. Gardening cultivates a child's instinctive love for the earth, and the bounty — crunchy carrots, sweet snap peas, fresh herbs — can lay the foundation for healthy eating habits for a lifetime.

Even a small garden can yield big discoveries. In fact, gardening experts recommend that a child's garden be small enough that the weeding, watering, thinning and harvesting are manageable for the child.

If you don't have access to an outdoor plot, indoor pots and trays can produce rewarding results if you choose appropriate seeds.

Whether you're gardening indoors or out, BRIO makes child-size tools for the task, from a mini-greenhouse and seed pots for indoor growing to shovels, hoes and rakes with sturdy wooden handles and metal blades to tackle outdoor projects.

For a list of specialty toy stores that carry BRIO tools, call 1-800-558-6863, ext. 5.



PLAYING IN THE DIRT can be a rewarding experience when you use BRIO's mini-greenhouse to watch seeds grow into healthy plants. BRIO makes a full line of sturdy garden tools for children to use indoors and out.

New Hose Reel Has Become Latest Ready-to-Use Product

The fully assembled, ready-to-use craze has now reached hose reels — thanks to the new line of Ames® ReelEasy hose reels that save you valuable time and effort because they are ready to use out of the box and no assembly is required. The line, being introduced by Ames Lawn and Garden Tools, includes four different models with rugged all-poly construction.

For further information, write to Ames Lawn and Garden Tools, P.O. Box 1774, Parkersburg, WV 26102, or call toll free (800) 624-2654 or (304) 424-3000. *SH961806*

New Pruner Is Committed To Consumer Safety

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