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## SPORTS



### Gottfried scores big in Alabama

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## Inside

With spring temperatures slowly warming the area, home owners are flocking outdoors to put new touches on their yards. Meanwhile, spring fever is hitting as windows are opened and postponed home projects are tackled. For some innovative ideas, see the home improvement special section located inside Thursday's Ledger.

## NATIONAL

### 7-year-old pilot dies in crash

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A 7-year-old girl was killed today when her plane crashed as she attempted to set a record as the youngest person to fly across America. Her father and her flight instructor also died when the plane went down shortly after taking off in a driving rain.

Ginger Humphrey, spokeswoman for United Medical Center in Cheyenne, confirmed that Jessica Dubroff, her father, Lloyd, and instructor Joe Reid died in the crash.

Jessica, who had dreamed of being a pilot when she grew up, took off at 8:25 a.m. during a storm after completing the first leg of the trip and spending the night here. The plane crashed in a residential area, narrowly missing a house, a half-mile from the runway.

It wasn't immediately known who was at the controls. According to the plans, Reid wasn't to touch them except in an emergency. Her father was to sit in the back seat of the Cessna 177B four-seater.

## WEATHER

Tonight...Increasing clouds...Breezy and mild. Low 55 to 60. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Partly sunny. Continued breezy and warm with the high 75 to 80.

## LAKE LEVELS

KENTUCKY...356.9,-0.1/50'  
BARKLEY...356.9,-0.1/52'

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## TVA withdraws five ideas for LBL



REP. ED WHITFIELD

### Funding options unsettled

By BERNARD KANE  
Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield announced Wednesday that the Tennessee Valley Authority has agreed to withdraw its five concepts regarding the future of Land Between the Lakes.

Those five concepts ranged

from private land leases to the creation of golf courses and a theme park in order to meet the self-sufficiency goal set by LBL officials.

"I am opposed to commercialization of this property," Whitfield said in a news conference held at Kenlake Resort. "We had a meeting on March 28 with TVA and I specifically asked the director to drop the five concepts."

The five concepts were developed as part of a public use planning process undertaken more than a year ago by LBL officials.

Although LBL is managed by TVA, 70 percent of its budget

comes from federal appropriations. However, budget cuts in 1994 resulted in the closing of two information stations, the Youth Station and several basic service camping areas.

In addition, a cut in operations funding yielded a 75 percent reduction in management and overhead costs and about a 30 percent reduction in total staffing.

When LBL officials launched the public use planning process, they held several public "scoping" meetings to gain input. Those meetings were filled with concerns from former residents of the area who opposed any type of

commercialization within the 170,000-acre refuge.

In making the announcement Wednesday, Whitfield repeatedly referred to the commitment the federal government made to the families who were forcibly removed from the land.

LBL was established in 1963 by an executive order signed by President John F. Kennedy with a mission "to manage the resources...for optimum yield of outdoor recreation and environmental education for the American people..."

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## MSU Salaries

### Alexander digs for salary money

By AMY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Although salaries at Murray State University may not be as high as those at other universities around the state, the administration is seeking ways to bring them more in line.

Under the leadership of MSU President Dr. Kern Alexander, faculty and staff have received salary increases under the administration. However, the memory of salary decreases is not far from their thoughts.

Because of a major decrease in state appropriations for 1992-93, faculty and staff suffered a 2 percent salary decrease. In 1993-94, salary adjustments were approved to bring the salaries back up to the 1991-92 salary base.

"Our salaries are low and we would like to get them up," Alexander said. "The legislature gave us a 3.25 percent increase in appropriations this year. We are trying to give everything we can to salaries."

The board of regents has endorsed Alexander's budget priority list that outlined salaries as the university's top priority.

"We are planning a management analysis next year because I am concerned about whether we have the same balance other schools have," Alexander said. "Eastern Kentucky University pays substantially more per teacher than we do, but it also has a greater student/teacher

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James Willis  
Faculty senate president

ratio. The question is whether we want to emphasize high pay or small classes."

Alexander also emphasized that salaries within the faculty ranks are off kilter because of a flatter salary schedule.

"We gave them an adjustment last year," he said. "Another decision we have to make is whether we want to pay higher for a full professor than for an associate professor and so forth. We also have the question of no benchmarks for the staff."

Alexander said the university has cut back on administrative positions as much as possible to

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## Unabomber Case

### FBI looks at early jobs

By MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Theodore Kaczynski, under suspicion in the Unabomber attacks, was fired by his brother in 1978 after being accused of harassing a female supervisor at a Chicago-area factory where they all worked, according to a source familiar with the case.

The dismissal followed a difficult breakup between Kaczynski and the woman, but the source did not know whether these events occurred before the first Unabomber attack in May of that year.

Kaczynski, 53, was arrested a week ago at his remote cabin near Lincoln, Mont., and is being held on a single count of possess-

ing bomb components. He has not been charged with any of the 16 Unabomber attacks over 18 years that killed three people and injured 23 in nine states.

In other developments: — Federal agents searching Kaczynski's cabin found aviator sunglasses and a sweat shirt simi-

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### Funds will put teeth into bill

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Attorney General Ben Chandler is asking Gov. Paul Patton for \$1.08 million to put teeth into a new program to help consumers fight unreasonable insurance premiums.

Under a new health-care reform bill, which Patton is scheduled to sign this week, the attorney general's office is allowed to participate in hearings on premium increases as a "health insurance consumer intervenor." The attorney general will also have access to the same evidence as the insurance commissioner, who holds the hearings.

But the General Assembly finished its session without budgeting any money for the program. Chandler said Tuesday he will need to hire the lawyers, auditors, economists, actuaries and witnesses to take on large insurance companies.

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GRIEF IN BOSNIA: Nera Ismic, mother of Admira Ismic, mourns at the grave of her Muslim daughter and Serb boyfriend Bosko Brkic during a funeral ceremony Wednesday in Sarajevo. Their bodies were exhumed from an unattended grave in a Serb military cemetery whose wartime horrors they tried to flee.

### Gov. Patton says teachers will have to lobby for pay

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Gov. Paul Patton today said teachers will have to drum up support to get a guaranteed pay raise in future state budgets.

Patton said he would continue to do his part, proposing cost-of-living increases in his future state budgets.

"So long as I am governor of Kentucky, I will work with you to see that this is adopted as public policy, because it is the right thing to do," Patton told the annual convention of the Kentucky Education Association.

However, the KEA must "take this debate to every county in this state, to every legislative race in this state" to win the needed votes in the General Assembly.

Patton, who was elected in November with the KEA's backing, proposed in his executive-

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**TVA...**

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"I had basically two concerns," Whitfield said. "When those families were removed, it was very clear that a commitment was made to not develop this property. Also, it's important that we protect valuable pieces of property like this."

During his meeting with the TVA board, Whitfield asked for proof of the existence of a congressional mandate requiring LBL to be 80 percent self sufficient.

According to Whitfield, he was told by TVA Chairman Craven Crowell that the self sufficiency

mandate was simply a decision by TVA in light of federal funding cuts and increased pressure on the budget.

Now that the five concepts have been eliminated, Whitfield said there is nothing new being considered.

As for how the announcement impacted the future funding of TVA, Whitfield said he has a great responsibility to educate other members of Congress about the non-power side of TVA.

"I am still committed to balancing the federal budget, but we still need to protect valuable resources like this," he said.

Whitfield is also considering

the possibility of holding further public meetings on the issue of TVA funding and land use within the next two or three weeks.

"I am also thinking of holding congressional hearings on this matter in order to get it on the record," he said.

Whitfield pledged that as long as he is in Congress, he will oppose the five concepts.

"I want to obtain adequate funding for LBL," he said. "It could be more than currently allocated. I hope it won't be less."

"This property is like a national forest or park, but the difference is that instead of the park service administering it, TVA is

Why should this property be penalized for that?"

Whitfield said other members of Congress, including Sens. Wendell Ford and Mitch McConnell are committed to adequate funding.

When asked what aspects of the TVA budget are being examined, Whitfield replied that salaries and benefits are approximately \$5.2 million of an \$11 million budget.

"That seems high as part of the total budget," he said. "We may need to look at that."

**Funds...**

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"You've got these big (insurance) companies, they've got all the experts they need, they've got all the money they need to come in and prove their case," Chandler said. "For us to dispute them, we've got to go out and find some experts who are independent."

In a letter to Patton, Chandler said his office would need the money during the next two years to carry out those duties. Patton recommended in February that Chandler's office be given \$300,000 a year from the budget of the Health Policy Board, which is being abolished.

Chandler said he thinks Patton has the discretion to allocate the money. Patton spokesman Mark Pfeiffer said the governor is studying Chandler's request.

Patton had proposed appointing an inspector general who would work in the Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet and would audit, investigate and initiate administrative actions against insurers. But Chandler said his office would be more independent and could do a better job because it has traditionally overseen consumer-protection issues.

Chandler's new role was welcomed by consumer groups and lawmakers in the wake of several large rate increases in recent months. Former Gov. Brereton Jones and others accused insurance companies of gouging the public.

The insurers said the insurance

reforms passed in 1994 caused some people's rates to rise. An actuary hired by Patton told lawmakers that most of the rate increases were not excessive.

Under the new law, the insurance commissioner will be required to hold hearings on rate increases that exceed the medical-care consumer price index, plus 3 percent.

In a related matter, Patton agreed Tuesday to address an issue involving the state's Medicaid-fraud law in the next special legislative session.

Chandler's office had sought a law during the regular session that would have made state Medicaid-fraud law apply to the new managed-care system the state is moving to.

A new law is needed, he said, because the new system could create the opportunity for a different kind of fraud in the \$2 billion medical program for the poor, disabled and elderly.

Current law is based on a system in which providers are reimbursed after they treat patients; the system can be defrauded if a provider overuses services.

Under the new system, providers will get predetermined payments from regional partnerships to manage patients' care; the better job they do, the more money they get to keep at the end of the year. This system can be defrauded by providing inadequate services.

Patton has said he may call a special session in January to deal with budget issues.

**Alexander...**

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allow more money to be filtered to instruction.

"More students will help us, but that is gradual," he said.

James Willis, president of MSU's Faculty Senate, agreed that faculty at MSU have to pay a price for having a low student/teacher ratio.

"Our faculty/student ratio (18 to 1) is one of the lowest in the state," he said. "EKU has one of the highest. If we had less professors for every six students, we would have more money."

In addition, Willis pointed out that EKU also has the highest number of adjunct faculty in the state.

"They are hired to teach one class for say \$2,000 which represents a savings from having to hire a professor," he said. "The

adjuncts don't do anything else that professors do and often they aren't as qualified. Between those two savings, EKU is able to distribute more money among fewer faculty."

Willis emphasized that MSU's low faculty/student ratio is a strong selling point.

"It makes us the premier regional university even though we do pay a price for that," he said.

According to conversations he has had with Alexander, Willis anticipates that average salary increases this year will be 3.25 percent distributed 75 percent across the board and 25 percent distributed to departments for merit.

"In the past, the president has included individual rank adjustments, but they won't be included this year," Willis said.

The board of regents will consider Alexander's recommendation at its May meeting.

"President Alexander is one of the real experts on education finance in the United States," Willis said. "I'd dare say there is not a person at MSU who knows the budget better."

"He is doing some zero-based budgeting which I think is helping," Willis said. "He has found a way to not only give us a 3.2 percent raise, but he has also found an extra .05 percent."

Shirley Reamer, president of the MSU Staff Congress, said she has heard very little about salary increases.

"There have been a lot of questions," she said. "Our big concern remains merit pay because there are no standards for hourly or salaried staff."

Staff Congress has established a committee that has been studying the merit issue by trying to create a comparison between MSU staff and those at other universities.

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into ranks across campus," she said. "Although we have grades, within those there are a variety of positions."

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branch budget a guaranteed 2.6 percent raise for teachers. The guarantee was stripped in the enacted budget legislation, which left it to local school boards to determine exact raises.

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'Where there is no vision, the people perish.'  
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### FROM OUR READERS

## Fire district needed

Dear Editor:

The Fairdealing-Olive Fire Department deserves to be made a Fire Protection District. Marshall County needs county-wide fire protection, and we should have a county-wide fire protection district. I have been fighting for the establishment of a county-wide fire protection district for 20 years since I was county attorney, but the need for it has never been more personal than now.

Sharon and I live in the area covered by the Fairdealing-Olive Fire Department with our three sons. Our oldest son and daughter-in-law and granddaughter live next door. We have had a membership in the Fairdealing-Olive Fire Department for many, many years and I served as vice-chairman of the board. We were never more proud of our firefighters than on Wednesday, April 3, 1996.

At about noon we received a call at the office that our daughter-in-law would have to leave the office to evacuate her home next door to us. A field fire was blowing in from the south off Hwy. 408 and their home was in danger of immediate engulfment.

Firefighters had been fighting the fire for two hours by then, but the high winds were more than a match for them and their equipment. As one of the firefighters said to me, "We never give up." Through the diligent efforts of everyone involved, they saved our son and daughter-in-law's home; and then saved our home and the home next door of Darryl Lovett and his family.

More than 100 acres burned, along with a barn, a boat and some automobiles. However, no homes were lost, and the only injury was to Kaye Norman who broke her arm while working with a bulldozer in the field to cut a fire-block.

The men and women involved in fighting the fire stayed at the farm until after 5 p.m. and returned again that evening as it began to get dark to check on any "hot spots." Some of them spent nearly eight hours on this one fire. The fire was larger than the Fairdealing-Olive Fire Department could handle, and they received assistance and cooperation from several units in the county.

However, I felt sorry for our Fairdealing-Olive firefighters because they were having to make do with donated, used, and second-hand equipment. It was a shame to see these heroic firefighters attempting to battle this huge blaze without the proper equipment. If our fire department had the support of a fire protection district, the effort would not have been so physically demanding on them or require so many other fire departments to leave their own areas to help.

We watched firefighter after firefighter drop out of the fight to try to regain his or her strength, and then go right back into the battle. A major forest fire was averted because one of the fire departments that came to help the Fairdealing-Olive firefighters brought a "pond pumper." We don't have one at Fairdealing-Olive.

Until you stand at the back door of your house, watching flames six to 10 feet high moving within a few feet of your home, you cannot help but appreciate the efforts of these valiant volunteers. Their labors kept a major fire from becoming a complete disaster. The 100 acres that were burned could very easily have become thousands of acres under those wind conditions.

So many people came to help us fight the fire at our homes that we were not able to get a list of all their names. We tried to thank everyone in person that day, but we want to take this opportunity to say once again "Thank You" to all who came and helped that day.

Roger Perry  
Box 57, Benton, KY 42025

## Battleships need protection

Dear Editor:

The value of our giant battleships and their unsurpassed service to our country in times of conflict staggers our imagination.

In the March, 1984 issue of the VFW Magazine, Cyril J. O'Brien wrote a stirring article about the battleship USS New Jersey and the vital part of this huge ship played in the Lebanon conflict. He wrote, "the behemoth's answer was quick and absolute, so much so that even the Syrian spokesman announcing the strike was surprised at the battleships's immediate response."

Our battleships have made a compelling difference in so many of our country's battles even as recent as the Gulf War when the USS Missouri and Wisconsin saw action by firing their 16-inch guns and launching cruise missiles at Iraqi targets ashore. Most military strategists are agreed that modern technology never has and never will be able to totally replace the foot soldier. This is true also, to a large extent, concerning our battleships. I believe it was Teddy Roosevelt who said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick."

In speaking of the pork barrel activities of our federal government, some wag has said, "A million here, a million there and it soon mounts up." And yet some of our leaders are advocating the destruction of these great battleships under the guise of saving money. No one would argue that it costs money to preserve these beloved ships, but consider the value of the battleships on the day of need. If one human life could be saved, the cost of maintenance for these ships would be nothing in comparison.

In the current issue of the American Legion Magazine (March 1996) Mr. Miles Z. Epstein gave us an idea of the power of the 16-inch gun aboard our battleships by saying, "Their 16-inch guns can propel a shell as heavy as your car 30 miles...and with enough explosive power to blast a crater 100 feet in diameter." It is this kind of fire power which some people would like to cut up for scrap.

And, in another vein, let us consider the historical value of the USS Missouri. Those of us who were in the military during World War II can never forget that the treaty which followed the defeat of Japan and signified the end of the war was signed aboard the "Mighty Mo." To think of turning into scrap this historical shrine is tantamount to burning down Abe Lincoln's log cabin! Please do everything in your power to preserve and protect our great battleships.

James C. Mitchell  
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## Washington says goodbye

WASHINGTON (AP) — In rites of mourning as in passages of power, emblems and ceremonies of the past are Washington's way of reconciling loss and renewal. So it was in the farewell honors to Ron Brown.

The funeral salutes to the commerce secretary were on a ceremonial scale unprecedented for a Cabinet secretary. His bier was the catafalque built for the coffin of Abraham Lincoln in 1865, used since for those of other presidents, Supreme Court justices and generals of the highest rank.

Brown made it to Army captain. He also made it to the highest reaches of politics and government, to stations never before held by a black American.

And it was no understatement when President Clinton eulogized him as the architect of Democratic victory in 1992. "I want to say to my friend just one last time, thank you," Clinton said before the 4,700 people who mourned Brown at Washington National Cathedral. "If it weren't for you I wouldn't be here today."

Clinton's tributes and his central role in a week of mourning for a fallen black leader could echo into this fall's campaign as well.

Brown had enough friends that it took a card of admittance to go to the funeral, an assembly of current and former government

### PERSPECTIVE ON POLITICS

Walter Mears  
Associated Press columnist

officials, diplomats, politicians, civil rights leaders, people who had worked for and with him in out of office. Democratic friends; the most recognizable Republican was Colin Powell, and he joined the GOP only after declaring he would not run for president in 1996.

Many of the names were on the telephone roster that made Brown, 54, one of the best-connected political figures in the capital, dating from his years as an aide to Sen. Edward Kennedy, later as a lobbyist, then as the Democratic Party's national chairman, the first black man to lead either national party. Brown knew whom to call and when.

When he took over the party, it had suffered three presidential defeats and was in polling doldrums. But he said Democrats would win the White House. "And nobody thought he was right, including the governor of a small Southern state," said Clinton, who was governor of Arkansas then.

Brown, along with a delegation of business executives and a

cadre of his youthful aides, was killed April 3 in an airplane crash in Croatia, making him the first Cabinet member to die while on official business in more than 150 years. He had been on another of the U.S. trade missions that were his specialty.

"He lived his life for America, and when the time came, he was found laying down his life for America," Clinton said at Wednesday's funeral.

While Brown was so often determined to be first, "he was equally determined he would never be the last," Clinton said, and so worked to develop the talents of those who would serve after him. "How much of the weeping we have done this last week was because there were so many brilliant, young people on that plane with him," the president said.

The funeral cortege from the cathedral to Arlington National Cemetery took a route that symbolized the worlds Brown bridged, down elegant Embassy Row to a black neighborhood near downtown Washington, to

the Commerce Department, and across the Potomac River to the muffled drums, the rifleman's salute and the grave.

Already, the speculation has begun on a successor, although Clinton's spokesman called it inappropriate. But names make politics, and that was Brown's game too. So was lobbying; he was battling an effort by House Republicans to eliminate the Commerce Department. Sponsors claim it would cut costs by about \$6 billion over the next seven years. They'd planned a vote at the end of this month, but it may be delayed.

For all the tributes to Brown's dedicated public service, he liked the good life, and his personal financial dealings brought trouble, an investigation by a special prosecutor, now halted by his death.

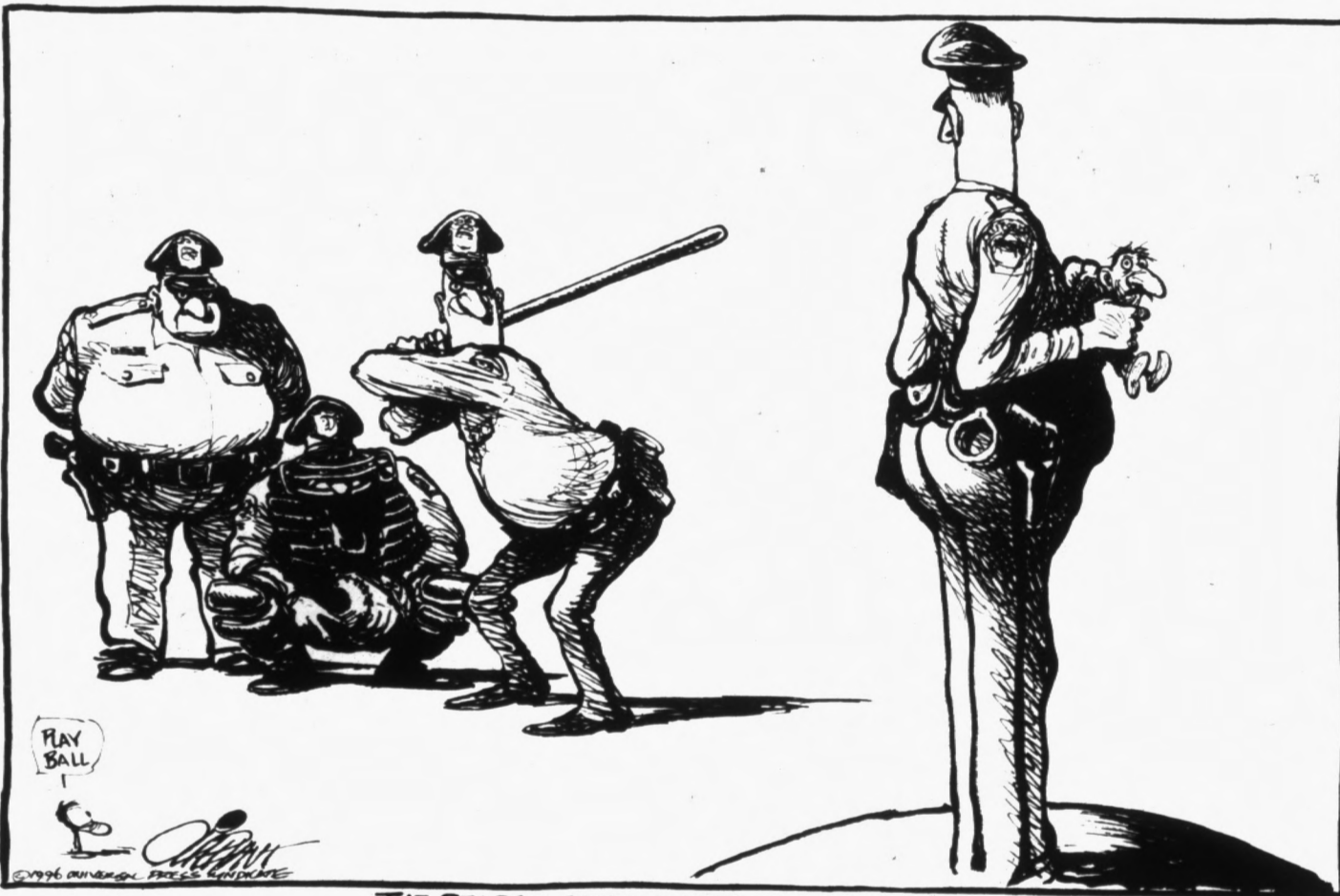
Brown was nothing if not stylish.

Clinton mentioned that in a lighter moment of his eulogy.

"He would have loved this deal today," Clinton said.

"I mean, here we are for Ron Brown in the National Cathedral with full military honors, filled with the distinguished citizenry of this country and leaders from around the world, in a tribute to him."

"And as I look around, I see that all of us are dressed almost as well as he would be today."



THE SEASON OPENS IN CALIFORNIA.

## Consistent inconsistencies

### CAL'S THOUGHTS

Cal Thomas  
Syndicated columnist

young girls were becoming pregnant by their stepfathers or uncles? That wedge opened the door to unrestricted abortion.

The president, as always, tried to have it both ways. He called partial-birth abortion "disturbing," but then wanted a huge loophole — the woman's "health," which can be defined by the abortionist.

The pro-choice lobby lied about the frequency and purpose of such late-term abortions. Planned Parenthood Federation of America claimed that the procedure "is only used when the woman's life or health is in danger or in cases of extreme fetal anomaly."

But this claim was thoroughly refuted by Dayton, Ohio, abortionist Martin Haskell, M.D., who wrote a paper describing step-by-step how to perform the operation. He should know since he's performed more than 1,000 of them. Haskell said that "80 percent" of these procedures, from 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 months, are "purely

elective."

James McMahon, M.D., testified he performed many such abortions for "depression" and acknowledged that he did them even during the final three months of pregnancy for "psychiatric indications" and the youth of the woman.

President Clinton pretended to be mulling over his veto decision until just recently. But Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) transmitted the president's veto pledge last Dec. 7 before the Senate had completed action on the bill. It was reiterated by White House spokesman Mike McCurry on Dec. 8 and by the president himself on Dec. 9. The talk about seeking common ground and praying was a smoke screen. Did the president expect God to have changed His mind about the nature of the unborn child from what is recorded in Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you," or Psalm 139: "For you created my inmost being; you knit

me together in my mother's womb...My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place...your eyes saw my unformed body?"

The president might have also spoken with Charito Silvis, a young woman I met at a crisis pregnancy center dinner last week in Bradford, Pa. Silvis was a student when she became pregnant. She said her parents told her she couldn't live at home if she remained pregnant, and they scheduled an abortion for her. She said she went to the clinic with a friend, but when she heard "the suction machines killing babies," she left and decided to go through with her pregnancy. Twenty-month-old Michael Anthony seemed happy to be alive, and Silvis, like every other woman I've met who chose life, says she loves her son and has no regrets.

Polls indicate that 71 percent of the public support a law that would prohibit partial birth abortions except to save a woman's life. But liberal politicians and their allies in the media, who never picture an abortion (especially a late-term one) in the paper or on the air, and hardly ever interview women like Charito Silvis, continue to conceal the truth.

The real extremists in this debate are those who have never met an abortion they would not prevent.



Thetas hear students



Three Calloway 4-H club members, from left, Emily Thomas, Laurie Parker and Jennifer Hughes, presented their 4-H project on "School Violence" at the March meeting of Theta Department of Murray Woman's Club. Their presentation was based on extensive surveying of opinions and experiences of students and teachers throughout Region One. They were introduced by Ginny Harper, County Extension Agent for 4-H/Youth Development, who also told of various activities of the 4-H program. Anna Mae Thurman presided. Hostesses were Oneida Boyd, Claudene Burton and Sylvia Puckett. The department will meet Monday, April 15, at 2:30 p.m. at the club house with the program to be presented by Janice Fountain, senior program director of the YMCA. Hostesses will be Martha Enix, Thelma Warford and Juanita Sparks.



Allison Lyle Newell, fiancée of Rick Allan Burgin

Newell-Burgin vows will be said May 18

Allison Lyle Newell, formerly of Murray, and Rick Allan Burgin of Arlington, Texas, will be married on Saturday, May 18, 1996, at 6:30 p.m. at West Jackson Baptist Church, 259 W. Deadrick, Jackson, Tenn.

A reception will follow in the Coburn Dining Room at Union University, Jackson.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend the wedding and the reception.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Newell of Jackson, Tenn. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hughes, all of Henderson, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Francis Newell.

Miss Newell, a 1993 graduate of North Side High School, attended Union University, Jackson. She plans to complete her college degree at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is currently the Children's Programs Director at Mission Arlington in Arlington, Texas.

The groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Burgin of Arlington, Texas. His grandparents are Mrs. Erman Lester of Arlington, Texas, the late Mr. Lester and the late Mr. and Mrs. Remus Burgin.

Mr. Burgin, a 1981 graduate of Arlington High School, received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Baylor University. He holds a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling and a Master of Religious Education, both from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is Director of Counseling at Mission Arlington.

CALENDAR

Thursday, April 11  
 Calloway County School Board/7 p.m./board office.  
 Faxon Fire District/7 p.m./fire station.  
 Purchase Area Taskforce in Support of Promise Keepers/7 p.m./New Life Christian Bookstore, Murray.  
 Tilghman-Beauregard Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans/7:30 p.m./Farm Bureau building, Clinton. Info/Sandy, 753-9688.  
 Support Group for Blind/6 p.m./Calloway County Public Library Annex.  
 Accessible A.A. meeting/7 p.m./Center for Accessible Living.  
 Health Express of MCC/Stone's Store at Kirksey/1-3 p.m.  
 VFW Post 6921 and Ladies Auxiliary/7 p.m./American Legion Hall.  
 WOW Lodge 592 meeting/6 p.m./Log Cabin restaurant.  
 Housing Authority Resident Council/6 p.m./Ellis Community Center.  
 Adult Children of Alcoholics and/or dysfunctional families/6:30-7:30 p.m./Calloway County Health Department.  
 TOPS #469 meeting/6 p.m./Annex of Calloway County Public Library.  
 Murray Chapter No. 92 Royal Arch Masons and Murray Chapter No. 50 Royal and Select Masters/7:30 p.m. with cleanup/6 p.m./Masonic Hall.  
 Murray Kiwanis Club/6 p.m./Shoney's.  
 First Presbyterian Church Women's Transition Group/7 p.m.  
 Greater Hope Baptist Church Youth Activities/5:30 p.m.; Prayer and Bible Study/7 p.m. at Main Street Youth Center.  
 MSU Brass Chamber Music recital/8 p.m., Farrell Recital Hall, FA Center, MSU.  
 "Little Shop of Horrors"/8 p.m./Johnson Theatre, FA Center, MSU. Info/762-6797.  
 Wrather West Kentucky Museum, MSU/open 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. No charge.  
 Eagle Gallery at Doyle Fine Arts Center, MSU/open 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. No charge.  
 Curris Center Gallery, MSU/open 11 a.m.-10 p.m.  
 National Scouting Museum, MSU/open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Singles Friendship/7:30 p.m./Farm Bureau Building, Paris, Tenn. Info/Kenneth Broach, 753-3580.  
 Friday, April 12  
 Hazel Center/open 10 a.m.-2 p.m./for senior citizens' activities.

Friday, April 12  
 Weeks Center/open 8 a.m.-4 p.m./for senior citizens' activities.  
 Bingo, sponsored by Murray Shrine Club/7 p.m./Highway 121 North by Fairgrounds, Public Invited.  
 AA and Al-Anon/8 p.m./open to newcomers/American Legion Building. Info/753-8136 or 435-4314.  
 Hazel Lodge No. 831 Free and Accepted Masons final meeting/6:30 p.m./lodge hall.  
 Main Street Youth Center/205 North Fourth St./open 6-11 p.m. Info/753-TEEN.  
 Seniors Golf played/9 a.m./Sullivan's Par 3 Golf Course.  
 First United Methodist Church Senior Adult Fellowship to Ft. Massac/9 a.m. St. John Episcopal Church Evening Prayer/5:15 p.m.  
 "Little Shop of Horrors"/8 p.m./Johnson Theatre, FA Center, MSU. Info/762-6797.  
 Kentucky Music Teachers Association Composers Concert/8 p.m. Info/762-4288.  
 Writing Symposium/Faculty Hall, MSU. Visiting writers reading/7:30 p.m./Pogue Library, MSU. Info/762-4730.  
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 National Boy Scout Museum/open 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Fitzgerald baby boy is born April 5

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fitzgerald of 201 Cross St., Murray, are the parents of a son, Jacob Donnell Fitzgerald Jr., born on Friday, April 5, 1996, at 3:08 p.m. at Murray-Calloway County Hospital.

The baby weighed seven pounds and measured 20 1/2 inches. The mother is the former Terri Pehm. A sister is Tori Freeland.

Grandparents are Eddie and Vonessa Skaggs of Murray, Terry and Ann Pehm of Arlington, and Bertha Fitzgerald of Paris, Tenn.

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# Sports

• THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1996 •



Murray State men's basketball coach Mark Gottfried hit a recruiting jackpot Wednesday, signing four players from the state of Alabama.

## Gottfried, Racers win Alabama lottery in '96

### Texas guard Page joining 'Fab Four' from Heart of Dixie

By STEVE PARKER  
Sports Editor

After Wednesday's signing day, the only question remains is whether or not the Racer pep band can learn Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama" in time for next season.

Of the nine players that have signed national letters of intent to play basketball at Murray State next season, including four from the early signing period, five hail from the state of Alabama.

"Alabama was good to us this year, without a doubt," said Racer head coach Mark Gottfried, who played college basketball at the University of Alabama. "That's my roots. That's where I played."

Forwards Isaac Spencer and Roderick Murray of Jefferson Davis High School in Montgom-

1996 Racer Basketball Signees			
PLAYER	POS	HT	Hometown/School
DeTeri Mays	G	6-3	Montgomery, Ala./Wallace JC
Roderick Murray	F	6-6	Montgomery, Ala./Jefferson Davis
Aubrey Reese	G	6-0	Auburn, Ala./High
Aaron Page	G	6-4	Austin, Texas/McNeil
Isaac Spencer	F	6-6	Montgomery, Ala./Jefferson Davis

FALL SIGNEEs: Dennis Dahl (6-11, C); Kijana Howard (6-6, F); Michael Turner (6-7, F); Arnell Hamilton (6-8, F).

ery, Ala., join point guard Aubrey Reese from Auburn (Ala.) High School and DeTeri Mays, a Montgomery native who played the last two seasons at Wallace Junior College in Hancefield, Ala.

Also signing on Wednesday was shooting guard Aaron Page of McNeil High School in Austin, Texas.

"On paper, it looks good," said Gottfried. "Having won the championship last year and bringing in all these new guys, I don't

know what people's expectations will be for this team — I don't even know myself — but this is a great foundation."

Ray Cunningham, a 6-5 guard from Louisville Central, committed to MSU in late February but has yet to return his signed letter of intent to the Racer basketball office. He said complications over his mother's social security number delayed his signing, but he still plans to ink with the

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## Jefferson Davis duo brings act north to Murray St.

Perhaps Aubrey Reese cheered the loudest Wednesday night when he found out that Isaac Spencer and Roderick Murray both signed with Murray State.

"I'm glad they're on my team and I don't have to play against them," proclaimed the point guard from Auburn (Ala.) High School.

Having played with and against Spencer and Murray, on AAU and summer league teams, Reese knows all about the pair from Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, Ala.

Then again, after the careers these two enjoyed, who in Alaba-

ma wouldn't know of Spencer and Murray.

Winning the 6A state title last season, Jefferson Davis won 46 games in a row against teams from Alabama over the last three years. That string was broken this year when West End, Ala., held the ball in the state semifinals and upset Jefferson Davis 38-33.

Spencer and Murray will look to get back on the winning track next November at Murray State.

"They're great friends, almost like brothers," said Racer head coach Mark Gottfried. "I'm sure they'll be more comfortable because they're coming

STEVE PARKER

Sports Editor



together."

Spencer, Alabama's Mr. Basketball and a common name in every recruiting guru's monthly update, committed to Murray State in early February, and then returned to Montgomery to

recruit his teammate and friend.

"He talked to me about Murray State everyday," Murray said Wednesday evening. "I really feel comfortable playing with him. We're real close."

Jefferson Davis head coach Wilbert Hamilton said Murray's decision was most likely prompted by Spencer's early commitment.

"I think it was a big factor," said Hamilton. "They've played together for three years and played against each other in junior high."

While it appears that Murray is getting a free ride on the highly-

touted Spencer's cape, there was a time when Murray was the hotter prospect.

Earning interest from University of Kentucky recruiters, Murray was rated in the top 50 by some publications and well ahead of Spencer.

But when all the awards were passed out after their senior seasons, it was Spencer that stood a tad taller.

Hamilton was quick to erase any thoughts that Murray flopped in his final season at Jefferson Davis.

"He made the decision to move outside to help the team," said

Hamilton. "He moved from power forward to small forward so we could move Isaac to power forward. He made the decision to go outside and it probably hurt him as far as all-star teams and Mr. Basketball."

"Rod made a decision to help the team."

Spencer doesn't overlook the sacrifice his good friend made. "If he'd played inside this year he definitely would've been Mr. Basketball," Spencer explained.

Though he missed out on some

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## Van Exel slapped with record fine

### Shove of ref costs \$25,000, 7-game hiatus

By RON LESKO  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Lay off the refs.

That was the message the NBA sent Wednesday when it suspended Nick Van Exel of the Los Angeles Lakers for the final seven regular-season games and fined him a league-record \$25,000 for shoving an official.

"I think everybody under-

stands that if this happens again the penalty will be even more severe," said Rod Thorn, the NBA's director of league operations.

Van Exel's suspension, which began with Wednesday night's game against the Minnesota Timberwolves, came less than a month after Chicago Bulls forward Dennis Rodman was suspended six games and fined \$20,000 for head-butting a referee.

Rodman's suspension had been the third longest in NBA history for an on-court incident until Wednesday.

"It was more than Rodman did," Thorn said of Van Exel's

actions in Tuesday night's loss at Denver. "Therefore, the fine was \$5,000 more and one more game. I think we got Mr. Van Exel's attention."

Jerry West, the Lakers' executive vice president of basketball operations, said he fully supported the suspension.

"I've dedicated 35 years — my entire adult life — to this game and this league, and I think it is imperative that the NBA address the incredible number of incidents that are undermining the professionalism of this league," he said.

Thorn said he considered suspending Van Exel for the

playoffs.

"I think they're sending the right message," said Timberwolves guard Terry Porter, an 11-year NBA veteran. "They don't want people to feel like they can put their hands on an official and get away with it."

Van Exel, in his third season, traveled with the Lakers to Minnesota, but he remained at the team's hotel during the game. He plans to discuss his suspension during a news conference at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif., on Thursday.

Sedale Threatt started at point guard in Van Exel's place. Coach Del Harris said Magic Johnson would not play more than his

normal 20-25 minutes to help make up for Van Exel's absence. Medical restrictions prevent Johnson, who has the AIDS virus, from playing more, Harris said. Johnson has been bothered by tendinitis in his left Achilles tendon.

"That was imposed on us, and I don't think this changes that," the coach said.

Harris said he had talked to Van Exel twice since the incident, including once Wednesday.

"I think he's totally embarrassed by now," Harris said. "At first there was an adrenaline rush, just like there is any-

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## Cards rookie Benes holds off Montreal in 4-1 victory

By R.B. FALLSTROM  
AP Sports Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Tony La Russa has seen enough of Alan Benes to consider the rookie an established pitcher.

"I think we're going to be hard-pressed to call him a rookie," the St. Louis manager said after Benes pitched a four-hitter in his fifth career start Wednesday to defeat the Montreal Expos 4-1. "I mean, this guy conducts himself with so much composure and he's so competitive."

"He just doesn't give you the impression he's a rookie."

Benes (1-0), the younger brother and teammate of Andy Benes, took a shutout into the ninth before Rondell White led off with a homer. Benes, 24, struck out a career-high 11 — six looking — and walked two in his first complete game. "He looked good, that kid," Expos manager Felipe Alou said. "He looked like Andy Benes."

Although Andy Benes, 28, has 199 career starts, Alan already appears to have his brother's demeanor.

"Obviously, I am a rookie. I don't really think about being a rookie, though," Benes said. "Who cares how old I am or how much time I have in? I'm just like any other starting

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### THOROUGHBREDS BASEBALL

## Hot-hitting 'Breds top Memphis 14-8

Staff Report  
Murray Ledger & Times

The Murray State Thoroughbreds pounded out 16 hits and took advantage of several fielding miscues by Memphis to roll past the Tigers 14-8 at Reagan Field Wednesday.

After Memphis took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, Murray cut the margin to 3-1 in the bottom of the second and took the lead for good with four runs in the second.

Memphis (15-15) officially had three errors on the day, but misplayed several fly balls against the sun that allowed Murray State

to pull away. The 'Breds (12-19) scored two runs in both the third and fourth innings, three in the fifth and two in the seventh for their 13 runs. Memphis added three runs in the fifth and two in the seventh.

Eddie Doyle led Murray State's offensive attack, going 3-for-4 with a triple and double. Drew Grater, Darryl Marshall, Donny Kelley and Craig Delk added two hits apiece to hand Memphis starter Russ Bratton the loss. Delk and Grater both had doubles while Grater, Doyle and

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Murray State second baseman Eddie Doyle attempts to tag out a Memphis runner in Wednesday's game at Reagan Field. Doyle was 3-for-4 at the plate Wednesday, including a triple and double, and scored three runs in a 14-8 Murray State victory. MSU hosts UT-Martin today at 2.

MARK YOUNG/Ledger & Times photo







# Arts

• THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1996 •

## Auditions scheduled for Playhouse's summer season

Auditions for Playhouse in the Park's Summer Season are coming up this month. Louise Weatherly, the director of the comedy *Mary, Mary* will hold auditions on Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16th at 7 p.m. Mark Ehterton, the director of the musical *Barnum*, will hold auditions Sunday, April 21st at 8 p.m. and Monday, April 22 at 7 p.m. Performances of *Mary, Mary* will be June 14-15, 21-22, and 28-30.

"*Mary, Mary*," written by Jean Kerr (who also wrote *Please Don't Eat the Daisies*), is a hilarious comedy about a thirty-something divorced couple who find themselves attracted to each other again when they have to meet at their lawyer's house to work on their taxes. It will not be killing any suspense to reveal that true love triumphs. There are roles for three men ages 30-50 and two women

ages 25-35. "*Mary, Mary*" is sponsored by Murray Woman's Clinic. *Barnum*, a rousing musical about P.T. Barnum of circus fame, has beautiful music and spectacular chorus numbers. There are numerous roles for both adults and teens. Although it is not mandatory, auditionees may prepare a musical number as long as they furnish sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. *Barnum* will be presented

July 25-28, August 1-4 and 8-11. For more information please call the Playhouse at 759-1752.

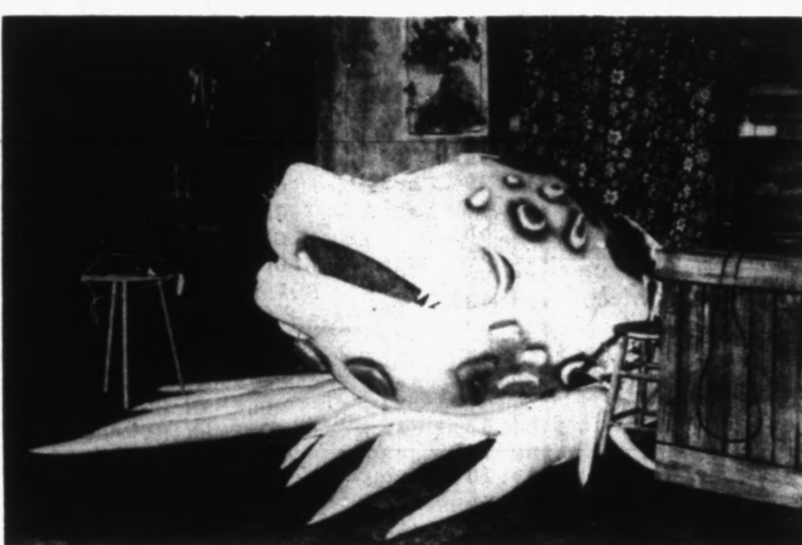
All events at the Playhouse are provided for everyone regardless of age, sex, religion or disability. The Playhouse programming is funded in part by grants from the Kentucky Arts Council, a state agency of the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet.



ELIZABETH THURMAN photo  
Amanda Barrow (left) and Julie Gustafson (right) are among the 24 ballet dancers gearing up for the second annual spring concert of The West Kentucky Ballet Company. The performance will be at the Robert E. Johnson Theatre on the campus of Murray State University May 5. Volunteers are needed to help backstage and with costumes. Anyone interested in helping with the production can call Brenda Volp at 753-4153 or 753-4577.

## 'Little Shop of Horrors' opens tonight

Murray State University Theatre opens its production of "Little Shop of Horrors" this Thursday at the Robert E. Johnson Theatre. The highlight of the show is the 10-foot-long, 4-foot-wide plant that eats several of the cast members.



This is one of four puppets being used by the Murray State University Theatre's production of "Little Shop of Horrors."

The plant, which is being rented from the Hasteypudding Puppet Company in Vincennes, Ind., is one of four puppets that make that tour the United States for productions of the musical.

According to David Balthrop, designer and technical director for the production, "There are four plant puppets that are utilized during the show. The first puppet is a small hand puppet that the actor who is portraying the character Seymour manipulates while holding the flower pot. The second puppet is also a hand puppet. But it comes complete with a fake arm and jacket assembly to mask the use of the puppet. Both puppets require the operator to not only portray his character, one hand must also be portraying the character of the plant."

The third and fourth puppets are manipulated from the inside.

Kris Rommel, a freshman theatre major from the Louisville area, is the chosen puppeteer for the largest two puppets.

According to Balthrop, "The third puppet is a sit-down model. There is a chair in the pot that Kris is strapped into. The puppet sits down over him and he works while sitting straight up. His legs then become the roots of the plant streaming out of the pot. I

would like to know what it feels like in there during the show, but Kris is a pretty tall and muscular person who comes out of the plant sweaty and feeling surly. I am not sure what to ask him."

The fourth plant is also manipulated from the inside. According to Balthrop, "Kris must bend over at the waist for the majority of the time, stand up and then bend over repeatedly as the plant

speaks. "Kris and the actor doing the plant's voice, Stephen Keene, must work together to make the talking plant move with the words as Stephen speaks them or sings. They are on their own wireless communications system in order to listen to each other. They are searching for every nuance of vocal inflection, intensity and speech patterns to make sure they have the puppet's voice down pat. With one puppeteer moving the plant and one vocalist singing or speaking for the plant, that leaves room for error. They are doing a remarkable job."

According to James I. Schempp, the director of the production, "We have a plant that eats four of the six principle cast members. The plant does indeed rule the show. The actors are learning very quickly that you never want to work with animals or inanimate objects. They upstage you."

In this case, "upstage" is an understatement.

The play will run April 11-13 and 18-20. Reservations may be made by calling the theatre box office at 762-6797.

## 'Out of Bigger's Shadow' kicks off playwrights festival

The Eighth Annual West Kentucky Playwrights Festival kicks off at 8 p.m., Friday, April 12, with a workshop production of a new play by Tony Kendall of Paris, Tenn.

All performances will be at the Playhouse in the Park off Arcadia Drive, Murray.

Kendall, a 1989 graduate of Murray State University's journalism department, calls "Out From Bigger's Shadow" a "slice of life" play. It offers serious and comic moments and explores many kinds of relationships -- black and white, male and female, young and old.

The title of the play is derived from Richard Wright's novel, "Native Son," which Kendall read when he was 14 years old. The main character in the novel was named Bigger.

"Not a day goes by that I don't think of that book," Kendall said. "It made a lasting impression because I knew I could end up

like Bigger. It scared me."

Kendall said he always wanted to write novels, but after seeing films by Spike Lee and John Singleton, he saw the possibility of writing plays and movies too. "Spike and John kind of proved that you can write serious things about race without a disco soundtrack behind it," he said. "So I decided a play like mine could work."

One of Kendall's favorite scenes in his play involves the main character, a young black man named Dwayne. He is bringing home his white girlfriend, Connie, to meet his parents.

The search for parental approval is one of many universal themes explored in "Out From Bigger's Shadow."

"It's every child's dream for his parents to be happy for him and accept what he does," Kendall said.

Kendall confesses that some

aspects of his play are autobiographical. He refers to a college friendship with a white roommate.

"The defining moment in our relationship was what happened when we visited each other's homes," he said.

"Out of Bigger's Shadow" was developed over a 2-year period in regular meetings of the West Kentucky Playwrights at Playhouse in the Park. The piece began as a monologue, and was re-written into a 10-minute play that was presented as a staged reading at last year's festival.

The play's expanded version is being produced by Murray State University's Theatre Department and directed by Robert Valentine.

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# MSU to offer seminars

A series of seminars will be offered by Murray State University to begin later in the month. The seminars are designed for personnel managers and supervisors and are being offered by the MSU office of community education in conjunction with Wittman and Wittman Consultants.

The seminars will cover a broad spectrum of managerial skills and techniques. Half-day and full-day sessions will cover team-building and problem-solving, dealing with change and stress, sales and communication skills plus a four-part workshop dealing with performance expectations and reviews. There will also be seminars covering recognition and feedback and handling emotional behavior.

The following seminars are available for individuals who wish to improve their skills:

•"Are We Ready for Teams? The Challenges of Leading Teams" will be held April 24. This is a six-hour course that is designed to teach the basic principles of team leadership, different types of teams, teamwork versus teams, the commitment to teams and planning for implementation of these teams.

The course will be held in Room 254 of the Collins Center for Industry and Technology from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. The fee for the course is \$110.

•"Working in Teams: Techniques for Problem Solving" is a six-hour course to be held May 1 and will train individuals to maintain focus on team objectives, learning the keys for selecting the most appropriate tools for problem solving, identifying critical developmental needs of the team and implementing these

tools or techniques.

The course will be held in the Tennessee Room of the Curris Center from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m. The cost of the course is \$110.

•"Dealing with Change: Managing Stress" is a four-hour course May 8. This seminar deals with the four major stress categories, identifying areas of vulnerability to unhealthy stress, developing a personal relief plan, change as a source of stress, learning about changes taking place and how their effects and helping to solve problems associated with change.

This course will be held in the Tennessee Room of the Curris Center from 8 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$75.

•"Sales: A Win-Win Proposition" is a four-hour course which will be held May 15 and is designed to analyze the sales professional and the client in a problem solving partnership, four ways to approach a sale and why three of them will not work, getting to a win-win situation and closing the sale.

The course will be held in the Cumberland Room in the MSU Curris Center from 8 a.m.-noon. The course fee is \$75.

•"Sales: Time Management and Motivational Techniques" is a four-hour seminar which will be held May 22 and will focus on setting goals and establishing a plan, setting practical guidelines for working smarter and staying psyched.

The course will be held in the Tennessee Room of the MSU Curris Center from 8 a.m.-noon. The course fee is \$75.

•"Effective Communication Skills" is a six-hour course which will be held June 26 and will examine the psychology of communications, preliminary planning, organizing the message, delivery and support materials and dealing with stage fright.

The seminar will be held in the Cumberland Room of the MSU Curris Center from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m. The course fee is \$110.

•The "Supervisory Skills Workshop Series" consists of four half-day sessions beginning Sept. 4, 8 a.m.-noon.

The first course, "Feedback and Recognition: The Foundation of Good Supervision," Sept. 4, would assist individuals in recognizing the positive results of others, giving constructive feedback, maintaining effective supervisory habits and leading by example.

The next course, which will be held Sept. 11, is "Appraisal Skills: The Performance Reviewer as a Face-to-Face Dialogue." The course will help individuals learn the importance of a well-conducted performance review as well as the consequences of a poorly-conducted review, preparing for the review and making the review session a non-threatening experience.

The third seminar in the four-day workshop, "Communicating Performance Expectations" will be held Sept 18. This seminar is designed to help define the job; identify skills, resources and guidelines; set priorities; and do review and progress checks.

The final workshop in this course, "Dealing With Emotional Behavior and Taking Corrective Action," will be held Sept. 25. In this course individuals will learn the keys to dealing effectively with emotional behavior, the importance of consistency, supervisory responsibilities for corrective action and keys for taking corrective action.

All four of these workshops will be held in the Tennessee Room of the MSU Curris Center. The fee for the course is \$75 per session or \$280 for all four sessions.

All companies or organizations enrolling three or more employees will receive a 10 percent discount on the registration fee.

For additional information or to receive a registration form contact MSU's office of community education in Room 207 of the Collins Center or call locally at 762-2160 or toll-free 1-(800)-669-7654.

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## Houston homes refurbished

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This arts-based community program allows the participants to live rent-free for a year in these homes. Refurbishment of

five of the houses was backed by a cooperative effort by Masco Corporation, U.S. Home Corporation, and Woman's Day Special Interest Publications.

The houses, with only 540 square feet of living space with rooms in a row from front to back, were redesigned to use the limited space more effectively.



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## Early spring prime time to prepare lawn, other plants

By MARK YOUNG  
Staff Writer

While spring has just begun and there could still be a few cold days left, there is still plenty homeowners can do to

get their lawns and other plant life ready for warmer temperatures.

For lawns, steps that can be taken before the grass becomes totally green include the applications of a pre-emergent herbicide and a balanced fertilizer.

Several local businesses can either perform these services for homeowners or supply the necessary products for the do-it-yourselfer. Farmer's Pharmacy, Forever Green Lawn Service, Hoffman's, Maley Lawn & Landscape Services, and Rolling Hills Nursery, all located within Calloway County, are available to answer any questions you may have,

while some also offer shrubs, trees and flowers to spruce up the outside of any home.

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Forever Green, located on Parks Street, specializes in applying herbicides and fertilizers to lawns.

Vicky Crafton of Forever Green said applying a pre-emergent herbicide, which can be done by the company or the homeowner, keeps crabgrass and weed seeds from

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## New products aid homeowners

By The Associated Press

Home improvers can find many new useful or interesting products through their local hardware store, home center, or contractor:

— Husqvarna Forest and Garden Co. is marketing what it says is an environmentally friendly chain saw. The Electric 16 is quiet enough to be used in areas with strict noise ordinances, the company says, and its fuel-less operation makes it suitable for both indoor and

outdoor operation. The saw weighs 8.2 pounds with bar and chain and packs a power of 1,600 watts, 13 amps and 2.1 horsepower. The tool comes with either a 14-inch bar (\$195) or 16-inch bar (\$200).

— A 5-inch dustless random orbit sander from Skil, the 7435 (\$118), has variable speed control that allows it to sand a variety of surfaces and an internal pad dampening system for uniform finish and regulation of pad speed to prevent gouging.

Through-the-pad dust collection keeps work areas virtually dust-free, the company says. The sander has a 2.8-amp motor and delivers 7,000-12,000 orbits per minute.

— Tool boxes with see-through lids, showing lift-out trays with those small items most frequently reached for, are new from Rubbermaid. Made from heavy-duty hardware blue plastic, the boxes have handles that fold down flat so they can be stacked. Three sizes, priced

from about \$25 to \$30, are offered.

— Nighthawk offers a carbon monoxide detector that can measure the danger both ways — high concentrations short term and lower levels over longer periods. The Nighthawk 2000, with continuous digital display, sounds an 85-decibel alarm in minutes when high levels of CO are present; it also will sound a warning before low concentrations reach dangerous levels.

— The Europeans are smart about hot water, with instantaneous hot water supplied from tankless heaters. The AquaStar gas-fired hot water system from Controlled Energy Corp. is an American version, putting out unlimited hot water as it's needed, without a tank. The company says its "hot water machine" can replace the traditional storage tank for a whole home; the largest version can

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## Beware of lead paint in older houses

By The Associated Press

Though the use of lead in paint formulations has been banned since 1978, older homes may still harbor this hazardous material in old paint lying under recoated surfaces.

These homes may contain chipped or peeling paint that exposes the lead, says Kenneth Austin, chairman of the House-Master home inspection service chain.

"Chips of paint which can be eaten by small children or crushed into lead dust by walking on them are the biggest danger," he says. "A coat of new lead-free paint is only a temporary solution, since the new paint will eventually chip, exposing the lead paint underneath, or if the lead seeps into the fresh top coat."

He points out that this year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is scheduled to

implement Title X - The Residential Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act. That means that home sellers, landlords and their agents must disclose the presence of any known lead-based hazards in housing built before 1978. A prospective buyer should have lead inspection and testing completed before closing on the home. Austin estimates the cost in the \$350-\$400 range.

If the inspection finds lead, Austin recommends having the paint removed by professionals trained in containing contamination during the process.

Anyone already in a house where lead-based paints may still exist should take steps to reduce exposure until the paint can be removed, says Austin. Steps include keeping children away from peeling paint, paint chips and related dust; wet-

mopping floors and wiping down surfaces often, especially where walls and floors meet; avoiding vacuuming or sweeping paint chips or paint dust, since this will only make the lead airborne; making sure children wash their hands before eating; and washing children's toys and pacifiers to remove any lead dust that may have been picked up from the floor.

A primary caution is to avoid activities that can disturb or damage lead-based paint until it can be safely removed.

Austin also recommends that if the paint is confined to specific areas of the house — such

as doors and-or moldings, consider simply replacing them, if they can be removed without creating lead dust.

Other remedies include covering the lead paint with a sea-

lant or covering it with gypsum wallboard.

Removal should be carried out first in the most crucial areas, such as the kitchen or in children's rooms.



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## Childproof your house by following these tips

ATLANTA (AP) — Your house can be dangerous to your children, so make a survey of potential trouble spots, advises the Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University.

Emergency Center nurse

Maryann Johnston, citing statistics that show that over half of all accidental injuries to children five or under occur at home, suggests going through each room to identify potential hazards and making changes to eliminate or minimize them.

These include high-reach lockups in kitchen, bath, and garage to keep cleaning products, alcoholic beverages, knives, matches, scissors, razors, medicines, cosmetics, chemicals, pesticides, nails, screws, and tools out of the hands of young children.

Also on her recommended safety checklist:

— Bathrooms, or any room where water and electricity are near each other, should have a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI), which can prevent serious injury or death. Electrical appliances should be stored on shelves or cabinets away from tub or sink.

— Lower the water heater thermostat to a maximum 120F or install anti-scalding devices on faucets to prevent scalding accidents. Put tub spout covers on faucets to prevent head inju-

ries and put rubber mats or stickers on the tub bottom to prevent falls.

— Heavy furniture should be secured or discarded, so a child can't pull it down. Put corner guards on furnishings with sharp angles, and remove or tighten loose knobs. Though lead has not been allowed in paint since 1978, older furnishings may still have leaded paint, especially in their undercoats; the same may be true of wall paint. If you suspect the paint is old, contact your local health department.

— Phone cords, extension cords and electrical cords can be hazardous; a child can suffer electrical burns from chewing on one of these. Discard all old, frayed or faulty cords and put safety plates over all electrical outlets.

— Window guards should be installed on all windows above ground floor unless they are part of your fire escape plan. "A child can fall out of a window opened just four inches, even if there is a screen,"

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## Connecticut home undergoes makeover

By BARBARA MAYER  
For AP Special Edition

The classic contemporary looks serene, simple and modern, sitting amidst rock outcroppings and laurel.

In 1983, when Katherine DeSousa bought the circa-1948 contemporary in northern Fairfield County, Conn., the impression was anything but restful.

"The house looked like a spaceship from Mars had landed on the roof," says DeSousa. Although it had impeccable

beginnings as an architect-designed copy of a well-known Frank Lloyd Wright original from the 1930s — the Madison, Wis., Jacobs house — the building had fallen on hard times. Various owners had moved the front door, nailed other doors shut, and put in unattractive extensions, such as a glassed-in porch with a corrugated roof and a partial second story with a butterfly roof painted pink and green.

"The kitchen was a disaster area," says DeSousa, who is a

designer of decorative home accessories. "The stove — a model probably manufactured for two weeks in the early 1960s — had only one burner still working and no possibility of replacement parts. Every time the drawers of the homemade cupboards were opened, sawdust descended on the contents below."

Shag green carpeting, linoleum that looked like pebbles, mirrored ceiling beams, black and purple bathroom cabinets, gold-flecked plastic laminate countertops and a multi-colored bathroom ceiling were decorative features DeSousa felt must be changed as quickly as possible.

"You are probably wonder-

ing why I bought it," says DeSousa with a rueful smile. "The basic bones of the house were good. The flow of interior spaces on the first floor was quite pleasing. The house certainly had character, and its setting surrounded by rock outcroppings and laurel woods felt

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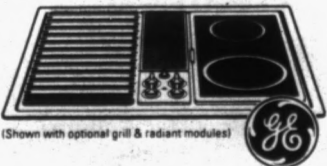
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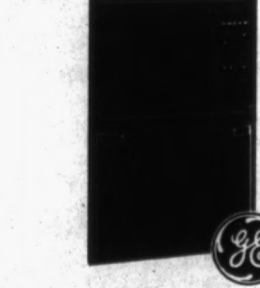
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SAN ANTONIO (AP) — You'll recall the three rules in buying a house: "Location, location, location."  
The criteria for hiring a contractor are remarkably similar, says Jack Beddingfield, a specialist who conducts do-it-yourself clinics for Builders

Square, the home improvement-home decor chain.  
The three rules are "reputation, reputation, reputation," he says.

"Don't be afraid to ask for references," he says. "Then check them out. Too many people ask for references, then don't follow through. Go to a job the contractor is currently working on; check it out."

"Then talk to people he has worked for in the past several years. Are they happy? Would they hire him again?"  
Beddingfield says past clients should be glad to tell you if he did a good job; they'll also be glad to tell you if he did a bad one.

If a contractor hesitates when asked for references, Beddingfield advises leaving him alone. Reputable contractors usually are happy to comply.

The size of the firm has nothing to do with how good it is if it passes the references check.

He suggests making sure certain standards be included in a written contract that details the work to be done. These might be the proportion of sand and cement in a slab-pouring job;

the size of reinforced rods used in the slab (one-half inch is standard); use of heavy black plastic on the ground to keep water from seeping through concrete and beading on the floor; the thickness of the slab (the average is 18 inches).

How do you find a contractor in the first place? Beddingfield suggests checking bulletin boards that many supply houses keep. Ask your friends who've had work done for them. Ask other contractors who will be doing other types of work; they generally know each other by reputation. Check the Yellow Pages; don't worry about making an off-the-wall judgment because you'll be checking references anyway.

The way a contractor agrees to payment also affects his reputation, Beddingfield says.

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## Restoring a house can be rewarding

WASHINGTON (AP) — You know your historic house is a gem, and you want to make sure your rehabilitation project goes right.

Restoration can be especially rewarding because you're starting off with something often better than what is offered by today's builders, says Roy Eugene Graham, adjunct professor of architecture at the Catholic University of America. It's solid and unique, and your historic home is likely to greatly appreciate in value.

The first step should be with a camera and notebook, to record the present condition of the house. "It's like a game of bridge, and you're trying to assess the hand that's been dealt to you," Graham says.

Make measured drawings of the floorplan and elevation of each room. Determine what's original, what's been added. Take pictures of cornices, wrought iron, bric-a-brac and woodwork.

Then you develop a historic structures report that details major structural problems, compiling a list of the house's defects and assets.

Structural analyses reveal

some of the most common problems in older homes, according to Graham. One is rising damp, where water rises into the basement and can cause structural problems throughout the house. Brickwork that is beginning to crumble may have been underfired or gotten wet. Another problem could be the removal of plaster to expose old brick, which can accelerate its deterioration, or repairing the brick with the wrong type of mortar, which can destroy it.

Termites and dry rot in woodwork often need careful X-ray examination to discover the full extent of the damage. The wrong materials to strip wood floors and woodwork also can ruin wood, Graham says.

There's inexpensive and convenient help out there to help

you deal with these problems, he adds.

He recommends getting help from an architect before starting any restoration job. The professional you hire should have had training in historic preservation, including historic building systems, materials, deterioration

treatment and restoration, and research and analysis. The American Institute of Architects' historic resources committee, located in Washington, D.C., can help you find a qualified architect.

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## Books can prove handy for remodeling a house

By The Associated Press  
 — "The Family Handyman Interior Remodeling" (Reader's Digest Books, \$19.95 hardcover), edited by Gary Havens, maps out many home projects you're likely to tackle: refinishing or refacing kitchen cabinets,

building in a whirlpool tub, lining a closet with cedar, refacing a fireplace, and rehabbing the attic or cellar into a livable space. Projects have step-by-step illustrations and explanations of techniques and materials.

— "The Home Remodeling Organizer" (Dearborn Trade, \$15.95 paperback), by Robert Irwin, is a guide to help you judge what or how much to do, when to do it yourself and when to farm the job out, how to accurately estimate costs, and how to avoid pitfalls that can cost money. The author also covers tax and financial aspects of remodeling.

— If you're starting from scratch and building, "Home-work" (Ten Speed Press, \$15.95 paperback), by Peter Jeswald, can help get you through planning, design, budgeting, hiring, financing, getting permits and all those other steps to completion. This book includes worksheets and other practical helps in laying

plans for your dream house.

— Remodeling and decorating rooms for children are considered by author Ro Logrippio in "In My World: Designing Living & Learning Environments for the Young" (John Wiley & Sons, \$24.95 hardcover). A child's room is more than just a place to sleep but a place to live and learn, the author says, and her book offers suggestions for study corners, storage spaces, and play areas. There is advice on how to arrange the room if shared by more than one child, how to accommodate handicapped children, and how to create an allergy-free environment, along with imaginative ideas for decor.

— Two new entries in Candie Frankel's "Craft Ideas for Your Home" series for Little, Brown are "Painting Textured Walls" and "Drapes and Curtains" (each \$12.95 paperback). Each offers ideas about how to make the most of the structural character of your home.

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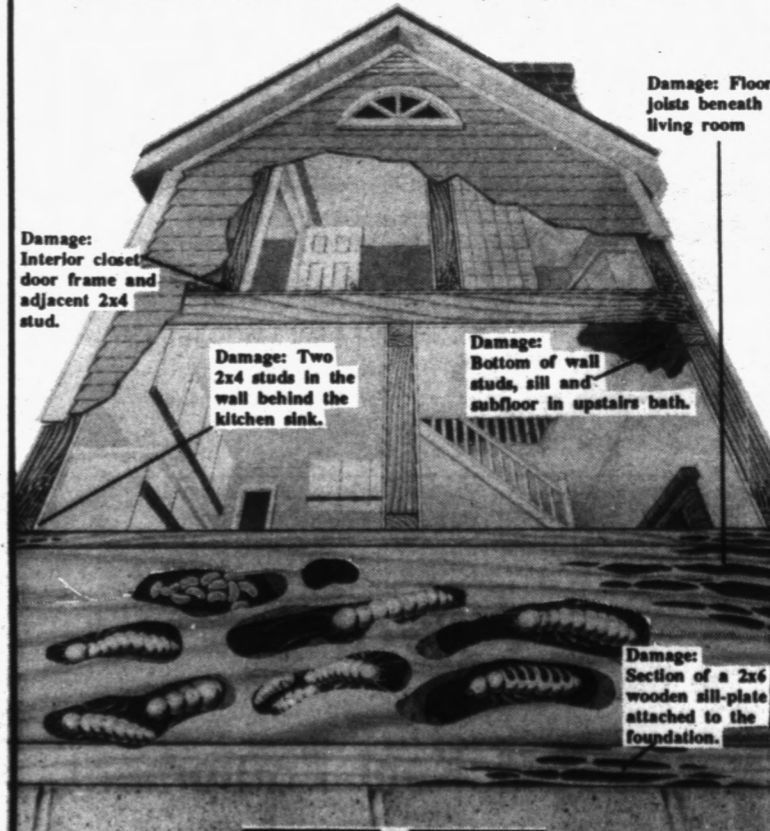


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## Mid-level bathroom fixups can include a few luxuries

CHICAGO (AP) — Homeowners are remodeling their bathrooms in record numbers these days, but most of them are keeping an eye on costs, according to the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau, an industry group.

The middle ground, says PHCIB, is a remodel judiciously using top-quality fixtures.

The bureau estimates that a luxury re-do can cost \$10,000 and up, depending on the area of the country and features selected. These might include such high-end fixtures as a one-piece toilet and matching bidet, pedestal lavatory, elevated whirlpool tub and separate shower.

"If there is no limit on space, consider installing dual lavatories and a shower separate from the tub — two conveniences especially noticeable during 'morning rush hour,'" says Robert Brands of Kohler, Co. Other luxury items are show-

er spas with multiple showerheads and spray patterns, two showerheads so two people can shower at one time, fold-down or slide-out shower seats, and towel warmers.

But the PHCIB says that mid-level budget (\$3,400 to \$9,000) rehabs often include some luxury items, as well as strategic replacements. These might include new toilet, lavatory with new faucet and a vanity and a bathbay with a new faucet. Figure at least \$5,000 if all fixtures are replaced.

A modular shower system from Jacuzzi Inc. offers options in shower bases, walls and other features. "Our custom Shower System allows homeowners to create their own shower environment, choosing the exact size and features that meet their individual needs," says the company's chairman, Roy Jacuzzi.

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The "Home Ideas" address is <http://www.homeideas.com>.

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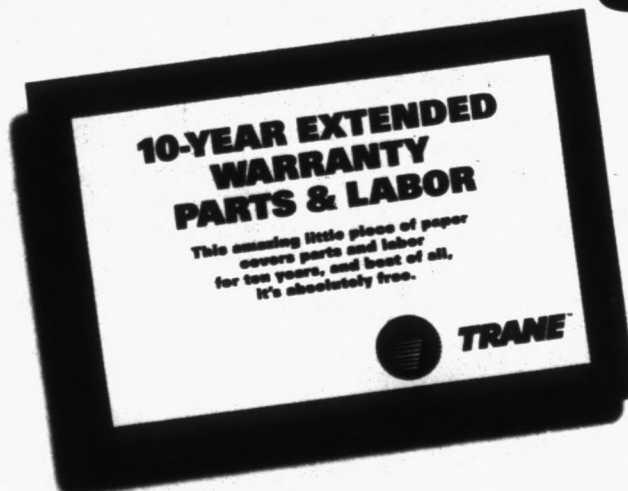


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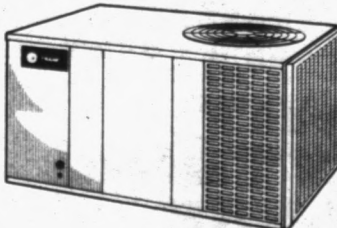
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## Connecticut town restores several historic buildings

By BARBARA MAYER  
For AP Special Edition

All across the country, cities and towns are dotted with old schools, post offices and other buildings of historic interest which have outlived their origi-

nal purposes but are still worth saving. But how?

In the town of Wilton, Conn., a way was found to save nine buildings that are part of town history by moving them to a dedicated site and renting them out as stores and offices.

The buildings, dating from the first half of the 18th century to 1889, were taken apart and authentically restored on a pleasant 3¼-acre site at the intersection of Routes 7 and 33, a few miles from the center of town. Known as Lambert Corner, it's reminiscent of a late 19th century Connecticut village.

"It's all there — the schoolhouse, the railroad station, the post office, the general store, as well as a barn, a major house, a cottage and even an outhouse and corn crib," says Marilyn

Gould, director of the Wilton Historical Society, which owns Lambert Corner.

A furniture store occupies the most imposing building, the Lambert House, dating from the 18th century. A shop specializing in South American art and accessories is in the one-room schoolhouse, and the Post Office is an antiques shop. A graphic design studio has taken over the general store. The old cottage is an office and the railroad station is another office. There is a year-round Christmas shop in the old barn. The outhouse and corn crib, however, are unoccupied.

"They don't lend themselves to modern commerce," says architect Robert Faesy, who has been working with the historical

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## Make your home accessible

A checklist and ideas about how to adapt your home for people with disabilities have been included in a new brochure from the National Easter Seal Society and underwritten by Century 21 Real Estate Corporation.

"Easy Access Housing" offers basic information that can make a home easier for a disabled person to live-in or visit.

For a copy of the brochure, write to the National Easter Seal Society, 230 West Monroe Street, Suite 1800, Chicago, Ill. 60606.

The society also has cooperated with home improvement experts Gene and Katie Hamilton to provide accessibility information on the Internet, via the Hamilton's "HouseNet" Bulletin Board, also on America OnLine.



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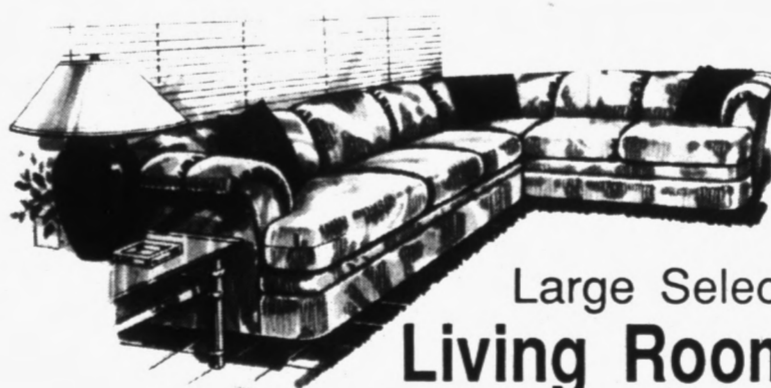
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## ■ Historic buildings...

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society for 24 years to preserve the buildings.

Approximately 100 years of building techniques and design preferences are represented by the buildings which come from various parts of town, Faesy says. In getting to know each building, Faesy became aware of significant changes in the look of buildings over the

years. The oldest structures, such as the original part of the Lambert House which was put up in 1724, are austere. The most recent building — the 1889 railroad station — is lavishly ornamented with turned spindles, roof brackets, complex moldings and handsome doors.

Traditionally, early American design is valued most highly, but Faesy says that "the 19th century buildings represent a high point in craftsmanship, and the early buildings are much cruder."

Taken together, the buildings reveal the growth of prosperity in the area.

"When people had more money, they let it show," says the architect. "The buildings represent their time."

Lambert Corner has steadily evolved since 1964 when the Historical Society purchased the site and Lambert House, said to be the earliest extant house in Wilton. In the early 1970s, the Connecticut Highway Department's decision to widen Route 7 put a number of historically significant buildings in imminent danger of demolition and turned Lambert Corner into a more crowded place than originally contemplated.

To save the 1842 schoolhouse, the late 19th century Post Office and the circa-1800 cottage, they were donated to the Historical Society and moved to the site. In 1978 and 1979, the railroad station was added, and in 1990-91, four additional buildings, including

the barn, were brought to Lambert Corner.

Bequests and mortgages have helped to pay for the extensive renovations necessary to put the buildings back into usable shape. Monthly rentals pay for upkeep.

Ultimately, the buildings and the site may become a historical museum complex. So, in renovating, the group was careful to maintain the original fabric of each structure.

"There is nothing that cannot be reversed to bring each building back to its original state. It might involve taking off sheetrock or plywood off the floor," says Gould. "The barn, for example, retains its original timbers and structure. It has been placed in a modern envelope to preserve it. Even the plumbing was added to an attached chicken coop, and any usable old materials all were saved."

In the early 1970s, a commercial complex of antique buildings was unusual. These days, the concept of adaptive reuse has been proven. In 1994, Lambert Corner won an award from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation.

"The Wilton Historical Society has created a successful commercial enclave of buildings that were to be demolished," the Trust said. "It is an ambitious project for a local historical society and demonstrates that old buildings — even agricultural buildings — do indeed have value."

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## Types of indoor flooring vary with use, preference

**By The Associated Press**  
Deciding on flooring for your remodeling or building project will depend on the use the room will have, your budget, and your tastes.

Both hardwoods and resilient vinyls have their advantages, according to industry groups. If you're thinking about traditional hardwood floors, here are some things to consider, according to the Hardwood Manufacturers Association:

— Hardwoods have natural warmth and beauty, blending with any decor, and will make your house more attractive at re-sale time.

— They can be used in any room of the house, including the kitchen and bath. The association says that a quarter of all new installations are being made in kitchens.

— A wood floor promotes a healthy environment, since dust,

mites, pollen and other allergens can't get trapped on its surface.

— Hardwood requires little care; for those with surface finishes (polyurethane, moisture-cure urethane and water-based urethane) the HMA recommends a weekly routine using a nearly dry mop dipped in a solution of ¼ cup of white vinegar and 4 cups of warm water. For those with penetrating seals and wax coatings, routine care includes vacuuming and when needed, a new coat of wax and buffing. In either case, just be sure to wipe up spills as soon as possible and use exterior and interior mats to catch grit before it can be tracked in.

— Oak and maple are the most popular choices for wood flooring, but ash, beech, cherry, hickory and walnut also are in demand, both for entire floors

or as decorative accents and borders.

— Though the association advises professional installation, you can install it yourself.

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— The home office may be a wave of your future, and to help you plan it, architect Dan Reif has turned out another of his planning grid kits. The Home Office-Small Office Quick Planner has precut, reusable peel-and-stick symbols for office furniture and equipment which can be applied either to your own scale plan or to the floor grid plan included in the kit. There also are guidelines for five basic office layouts. The planner costs \$16.95 plus \$4 shipping and can be ordered from Design Works Inc., 11 Hitching Post Road, Amherst, Mass. 01002. It's also available at Staples Office Superstores.

— Existing windows can be upgraded to cut energy costs, protect valuables from sun damage and even deter theft with the addition of window film, according to the International Window Film Association. The film, available in clear or tinted versions, can reflect heat back toward its source, keeping interiors warmer in winter and cooler in summer. It also acts as a safety envelope around glass, discouraging break-ins and preventing broken glass pieces from becoming dangerous missiles. Brand names include Neutralite (Madico), 3M Scotchtint, Johnson, Lumar, and Solar Pro-Tint. Expect to pay from \$3 to \$7 per square

foot, depending on length of warranty, grade of film, and installation fee. Professional installation is recommended.

— If you are planning to replace old windows, check out energy-efficient versions, advises Tremco, which markets a dual-pane edge spacer called Swiggle Seal, a wafer-thin corrugated metal strip embedded in black butyl sealant. This increases the thermal efficiency by reducing heat flow around window edges and preventing condensation. The company also suggests asking your contractor to specify "Low E" glass coated with metallic film to prevent infrared radiant heat transfer and double panes containing argon gas instead of air in the spacing. Professional installation is recommended.

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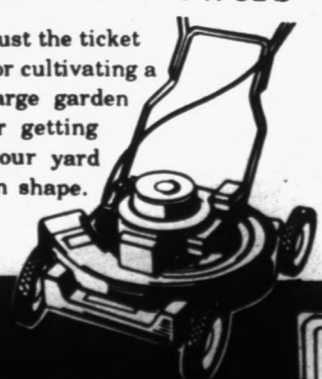
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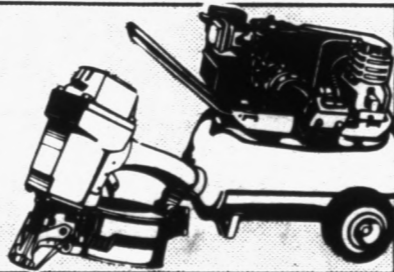
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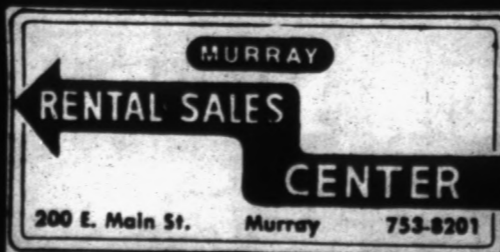
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## ■ Bathroom fixups...

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For an economical remodeling, avoid changing location of fixtures, especially the toilet, PHCIB advises. Also consider installing a bathbay instead of a china tub.

Most manufacturers offer less expensive but quality lines. Moen Inc., for example, sells all its faucet models, regardless of price, with a lifetime limited warranty against leaks and drips, according to Allen Pfenniger of the company. "You are still getting a quality faucet."

Eljer Industries offers a mix-and-match system with their toilets so consumers can

upgrade according to cost and taste, says the company's Mike Lyons.

PHCIB estimates that you can replace your existing bath for \$2,000 and points out that a wall-hung lavatory is less expensive than a counter-top model with a vanity. Choosing a fiberglass tub instead of a vitreous china model with ceramic tile is another option.

The Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Information Bureau now operates free contractor referral service via the Internet. The web site, <http://www.phcib.org>, will give you a list of licensed professional PHCIB members in your area when you enter your zip code.

## New York house 200 years old

By BARBARA MAYER  
For AP Special Edition

In 1795, an enterprising farmer named James Conklin built a house for his family in the tiny rural community of Salem, (now known as South Salem) N.Y. He never would have guessed that 200 years later, about 100 friends and neighbors

of the current owner would salute his feat.

An outdoor gathering — a cross between an old-fashioned country social and a high-tech happening — commemorated the Oct. 22 bicentennial of the house. There were tables full of home-baked goodies and games like bocce, badminton

and egg throwing. The centerpiece of the event was a 20-minute "son et lumiere" (French for sound and light) show at dusk, celebrating the longevity of the old farmhouse.

The technique of son et lumiere marries recorded sound

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## ■ New York house...

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and sequential illumination of various parts of a structure. Typically, it is used to bring famous historic buildings to life.

Horn, who is 83, has lived in the house since 1957, when he moved there from Manhattan with his late wife and two sons. He orchestrated the event, writing the script and gathering a

group of about 30 volunteers who donated their efforts for the sheer fun of the undertaking. They included actors, recording engineers, light switchers, food preparers,

games leaders and a clean-up crew.

Bringing the elaborate event into being was second nature to Horn, an artist and activist who has spent a lifetime using art to

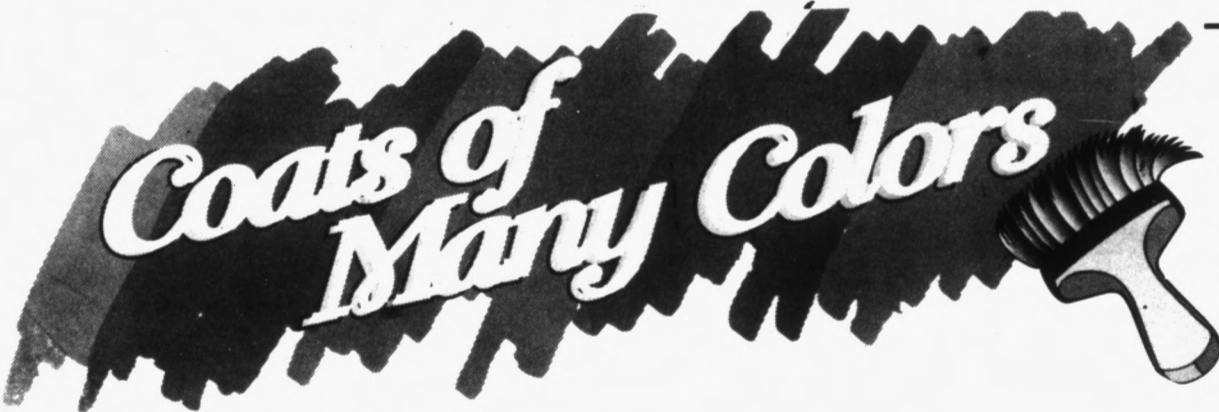
advance social and community causes. He began his career in the 1930s as a muralist for the Works Progress Administration (WPA).

Over the years, Horn has pieced together the history of the house, searching out information in county and town records and in local histories. As a result of his efforts, the house was declared a local landmark in 1984 and a Westchester County landmark in 1988.

The original structure — a wing was added later — follows an indigenous New York State farmhouse plan of the 18th century. In fact, a similar house can be seen in a historic restoration at Cooperstown, N.Y. The construction is massive. Tradition holds that 90 cartloads of stone went into the chimney, which has multiple flues and serves five fireplaces.

The house has been modernized at various times in its history. In earlier periods, there were more small rooms, but currently there are about 10 good-sized rooms on two main floors, an attic and basement.

Living in a landmark has not been much of a problem for Horn, the 16th owner of the structure. For one thing, the major renovations already had been done before he and his wife purchased it. They upgraded the electricity and redid the roof but kept the house much as it was when they bought it.



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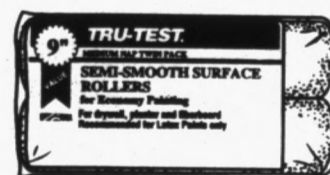
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## Restoring...

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The Association for Preservation Technology in Chicago can provide information on methods and materials for projects such as restoring wood or repairing bricks, Graham says.

Another good resource for older homes is Preservation Briefs, 38 modestly priced brochures from the National Park Service's preservation assistance division in Washington. The brochures provide detailed instructions about rehabilitation projects and cover almost any kind of technical situation you may run into, Graham says.

Information about lighting, stained glass and other fixtures can be found through The Old House Journal, which provides

a source catalog for hard-to-find items.

If your old home is in the city it may be covered by municipal historic preservation ordinances, Graham says. If it's not, you'll need to follow standards set by the U.S. Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to qualify for low-interest loans and rebates available for preservation projects.

For information contact these organizations:

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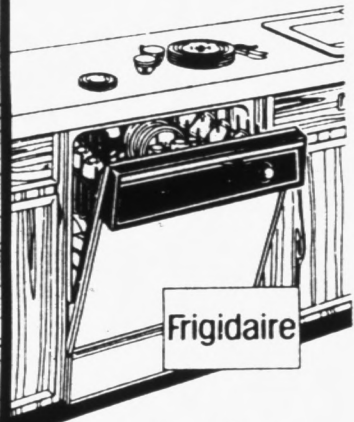
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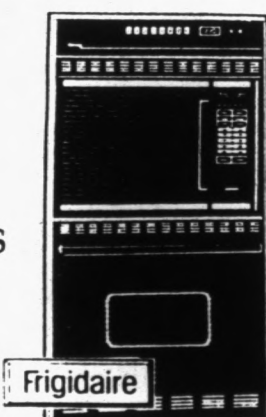
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## Flooring...

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Unfinished flooring can be found at lumber yards, and finished flooring is available at a flooring or home center.

— Cost can vary according to your region of the country, but the association estimates that you should expect to pay from \$6 to \$7 per square foot for strip flooring (2½ inches wide) and from \$11 to \$12 for prefinished commercial flooring used in high-traffic areas. Expect to pay a little more for planks (3 inches or wider) or parquet squares (ranging from 9 to 19 inches).

— Wood floors can be installed over concrete slabs as well as wood joint constructions. Block and parquet are widely used over slabs to provide resilience and insulation, says the association.

— Builders, architects and

designers know how to install nearly all hardwood species over radiant heat. Parquet or strip floor works best; plank flooring wider than 3 inches is not recommended.

— Wood flooring can be sanded and restained many times over its lifetime to improve or change its look. Many homeowners are bleaching, pickling, painting and even stenciling floors for custom touches that don't compromise the wood or obscure the grain.

— Most professional installers will guarantee a floor installation for five years.

Resilient floor covering has its attractions, too, according to the Resilient Floor Covering Institute:

— Vinyl flooring in recent years has become stylish as well as durable, with special effects and designs easy to

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— Sheet vinyl, usually available in 6- or 12-foot widths, can be installed quickly with a virtually seamless look.

— Vinyl tiles, usually in 9- or 12-inch squares, offer unlimited customizing and do-it-yourself possibilities.

— Vinyl is available in a wide price range. Tiles are sold by the square foot, sheets by the square yard, so keep that in mind when calculating the cost for your space.

— It doesn't need substantive upkeep, and most choices are scuff-, stain-, and scratch-resistant.

## Connecticut home...

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remote, yet was convenient to work."

The first thing DeSousa did was to clean and stabilize the structure to prevent further

deterioration. She had rotten overhanging eaves rebuilt, re-roofed both house and garage, and upgraded the electric system.

After living in the house for a while, she began to think about

remodeling. DeSousa worked with New York architect Jonathan Foster and Fairfield County contractor Ron Metteli to remodel the house. She ended by slightly enlarging the three-bedroom house to create a more convenient kitchen, a full bath upstairs, and a more spacious dining area.

With about 1,700 square feet and only five main rooms, the house is smaller than the typical Fairfield County residence yet quite complete. On the main floor, there is a large kitchen with a new glass-roofed seating area, a combination living room and dining area, two bedrooms, and two baths. A small windowed room used as an eating porch is located next to the bluestone terrace. A circular staircase leads to a master suite that includes a glorious new Italian marble bathroom created by extending the small kitchen addition upwards.



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## ■ Early spring...

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germinating.

"Another thing you can do yourself is to apply a weed-and-feed, which is in granular form and you use an even flow spreader for even distribution," she said. "You just spread it on the surface and the rain does the rest."

"We also use a slow-release fertilizer that lasts about six to eight weeks and then the lawn will need a second application after that," Crafton added. "Most of the lawns we take care of are already green and growing."

Crafton added that even if your lawn is still brown or half-and-half brown and green, mowing the grass will cause no harm and could even help.

Maley, specializing in weekly mowing, bed mulching and leaf vacuuming, also recommends a pre-emergent herbicide as well as a balanced fertilizer, such as a 19-19-19, which is an equal percentage of nitrogen, phosphorus and pot ash.

### Shrubs and trees

Dana Hoffman of Hoffman's, Inc., said it's best to get trees in the ground before they leaf out, or at least before the first of

June.

"If trees are grown in a container you can transplant them all year, but once they're in leaf, if you take them out of the ground they'll experience heat stress," she said.

With older trees, spring is a good time to do some selective pruning to eliminate branches that are either dead or hanging so low they get in the way of mowing.

"You need to get those lower limbs out of the way so the sun will get through and grass will grow there," Hoffman said. "With fruit trees, the limbs may get too heavy with fruit, so you may want to trim them as you go."

Trees that are in the ground for a few years but have not grown excessively large can also be fertilized now with tree spikes.

"You just hammer them in near the base of the tree and they're wonderful to use right now," Hoffman said. "The rain will dissolve them. But once a tree gets to a certain diameter, over six inches, there's really no sense in doing that any more."

It's also a good time to clean out and re-mulch plant beds, and to plan hardier shrubs such

as juniper, holly and evergreens, Hoffman said. Other planting should wait until after the threat of frost passes, around the middle of April.

"You can throw a 10-10-10 fertilizer at the base to lightly feed the roots," she said.

For gardens and flower beds, now is a good time to have dirt hauled in and to get the soil ready for planting.

"Homeowners say they would love to have a garden, but there is a lot involved," Hoffman said. "It's a good thing to have

your soil tested at a co-op and then you can see if you need to get lime or some other kind of soil conditioner to till into the soil.

"For a flower bed you can till it now and get dirt hauled in now before the rainy season sets in because after we've had a lot of rain the ground gets really hard and starts to settle," she said.

Rob Stanfa, owner of Rolling Hills Nursery, located on North 12th Street, said all trees and shrubs can be fertilized now

with a 12-6-6 slow-release fertilizer, which contains 12 percent nitrogen and six percent each of phosphorus and potassium.

He added that while some plants, such as azaleas, rose bushes and evergreen shrubs can be planted now, it's better to wait until after the middle of

April to allow the threat of frost to pass.

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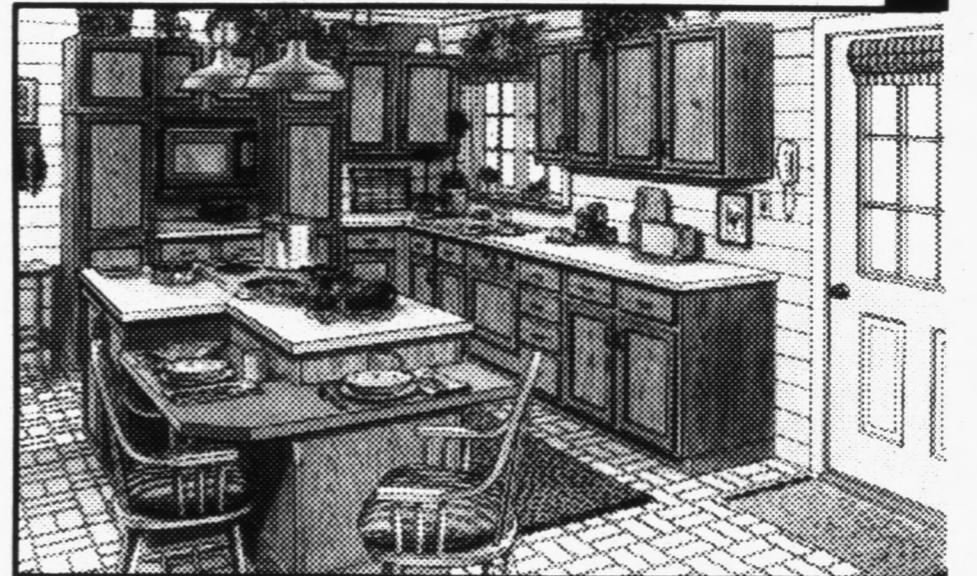
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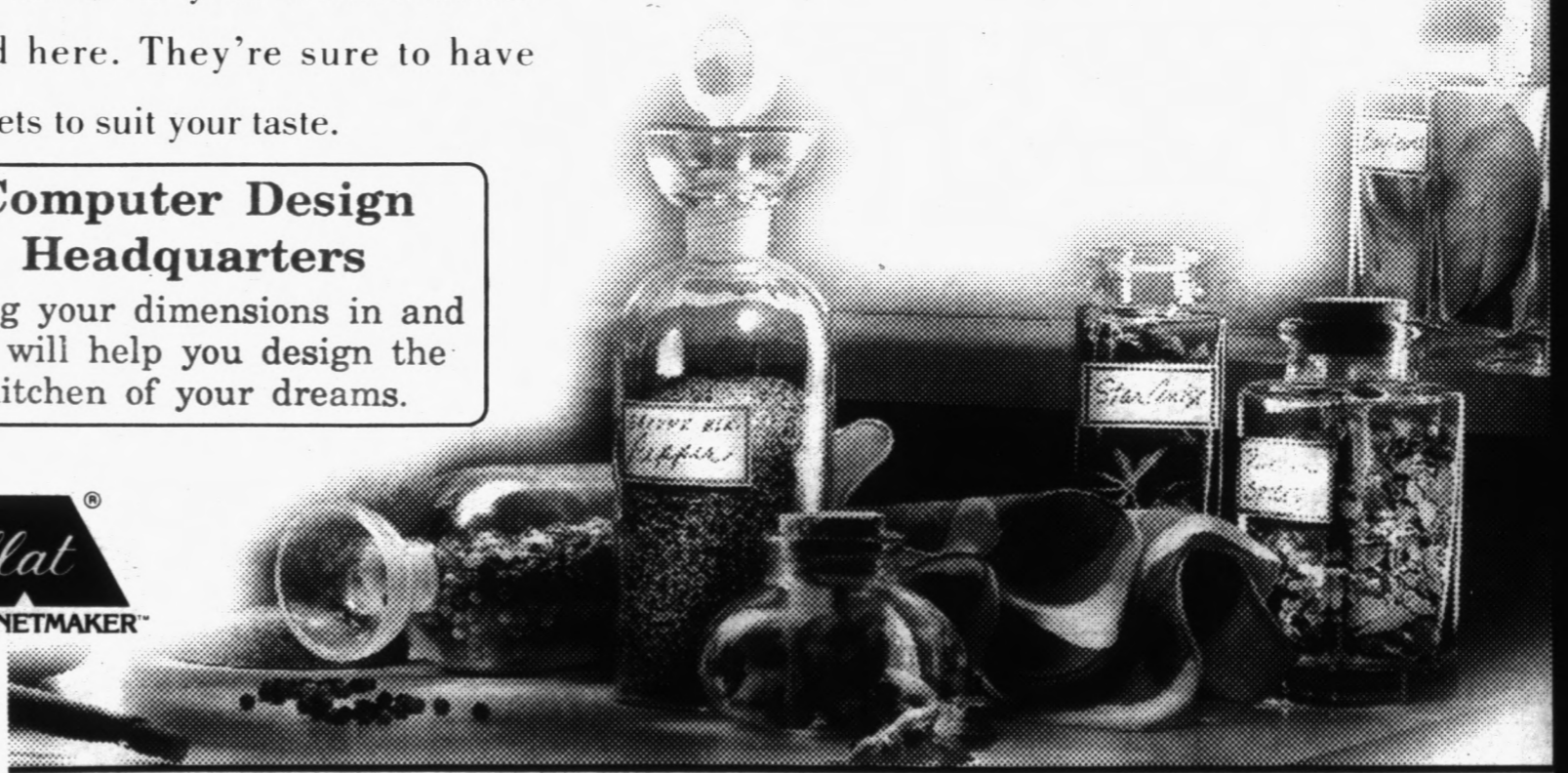
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