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## Don't drive a red car to the circus

It was heartwarming to see the turnout at the "Sixty-five Roses" benefit.

A great mixture of talent — including three South Whidbey high school students' rousing opening number on the trumpet. Tammy Oxborrow's new friend, Rusty, was a big success.

Lots of comedy interspersed with vocals and dance. It's not too late to make a donation to the cystic fibrosis fund. It goes to research to help Mark, Tabitha and Ryan of Whidbey.

Roger Briggs put out the word at the senior center dinner theater that he would like a lot of people to audition for a coming play. All ages to make up townspeople. This is your chance at fame, folks. Call the Whidbey Playhouse for dates and times. He and Sharon did a comedy routine at the dinner. The response was super and more such evenings are planned.

We were all set to balk at some of the questions on the census form. Nobody's going to get that info from us, we vowed. Then when the short form appeared in the mailbox, we were deflated. Such innocuous questions. All our aggressiveness evaporated and our blood pressure dropped like a lead weight. Here we were primed for battle, and all we got was a spitwad.

I got called "grandma" three times last week. Cute little tykes who identify all white-haired females as such.

So this leads to something I heard on my one available television channel. A minister's small grandson was sitting next to his grandmother when he noticed her hands. They had large veins and wrinkles and were not smooth like his.

"Grandma, what happened to your hands?"

"Nothing happened. They are just old."

"Grandma, how old are you?"

"I'm 72, dear."

There was a pause and then the child asked in awe, "Did you start with 1?"

Then there was another true story stranger than fiction that I read.

A woman had a little red Volkswagen bug and parked it near a circus show. When she came out, she found the front had been crushed.

An animal handler explained that the elephants had been trained to sit on red cans and when one saw that little red seat, he sat. But since the engine was in the rear and unharmed, she was able to go on her way.

Driving down the highway she passed an accident but didn't slow down, just kept going. Soon she was stopped by a patrolman going to the scene.

"Lady, don't you know it is against the law to leave the scene of an accident?"

"Officer, I wasn't in an accident."

"Hm, how do you explain the fresh damage on your car?"

"An elephant sat on it."

"Lady, would you please blow into this little balloon?"

For those of you who heard about the Vagabonds' trip to Florida that seemed to have been planned by Murphy and his Law, it is a pleasure to report that everyone has recovered or is on the mend. I got mail from a relative down there that I was to have contacted (but didn't), and she was home after a week in the hospital climaxing a two-month battle with the bug. Another friend reported her trip to Portugal had been similarly affected. So it was universal, folks. No one seems to have come up with a reason for this epidemic.

### SOMETHING ELSE AGAIN



By Alice Elles



Photos by Judy Van Deen

## Horses were her life

Karen Parrish, holding a photograph of herself on a horse, remembers her days as a champion horse rider. While she has taken a break from her horses, she hopes some day to return to her native land and her first love.

## Australian native's hiatus from horses temporary

By JUDY VAN DEEN  
Today writer

"There wasn't a single man who could come between me and my horses, until I met my husband," declared Karen Parrish, her eyes sparkling. "Horses were my life."

This vibrant, soft spoken Australian lady's romance with horses started when she was only 4 years old, in Southern Australia, where she was born. It was a romance that led her to become a champion horse woman. Sitting in her living room, in Navy housing near the Seaplane Base, she told of how it all began.

"We lived across the street from racing stables. The trainers would allow me to sit on the horses and lead me around. Then, when I was around 7, we moved to the Outback where I had a Shetland pony to ride," she recalled.

Her description of life in the Outback immediately brings to life the vivid description in Colleen McCullough's book *The Thorn Birds*. There was a one-room school where grades one through seven were taught, a police station and a hotel that her parents owned.

"We spent a year and a half in this incredible place, a barren desert. There was no TV, very little contact with the outside world. People lived on cattle stations whose boundaries were 100-200 miles from each other. The stations are large because of the lack of pasturage," she explained.

Her family's next move was to Mel-

bourne where she lived until she married. Within two weeks of the family move, Parrish had talked her parents into buying her a horse. She had been bitten by the horse bug.

"Cracker was just an ordinary, run-of-the-mill horse, but he was mine. I was the only one he liked — he was pretty crafty and he could be mean," she said. "I joined the local Pony Club and spent every weekend at the club taking care of my horse, who was stabled there. Once a month we would have a rally day, with special instruction on riding and horse care. I loved the social aspects of the group and stayed with it until I was 13."

Here she got her basic education in the care and training of horses — learning how to groom and muck out the stalls. During this time she bought and sold four or five horses.

"When I was 13 I bought my first Thoroughbred race horse. She was only 6 months old and I named her Emma. I did all the training and handling. Eventually I began to show and breed her. We were friends," she explained. "If I was upset, I would talk to Emma for comfort."

With eyes puddling up, she described a night when Emma's second foal was born. "I couldn't sleep. I tossed and turned. Finally I decided I had to go to the stable. As I was leaving the house, the phone rang to tell me she was in labor. When I reached the stable, her foal was just starting to stand on its wobbly legs," she explained. "What a thrill."

As a young woman in her 20s she discovered the Australian Pony, bred from a

Welsh Pony. She bought a stallion, "Yar-rayong Posh," who became a champion at local shows and was first-place winner in the Royal Show. "Posh" was a three-time winner. His banners are all around the living room of her home.

"When I first got him, he wasn't even hip high. When he was an adult, he was 48 inches high. Only children can ride them. The maximum height of these horses is 14 hands, or 56 inches."

She put her heart and soul into horses. She once rode the Australian horse of the year in competition. There is a picture of her riding a horse on the coffee table. "This is the first Thoroughbred I ever saw race that I wanted to lose. I was praying that he would lose. I was overjoyed when he came in second from the last. I wanted Placido for show," she explained.

After the race she sought out the trainer and learned the name of the owners. It took her six months of talking to get them to sell. He did much better as a show horse.

"Each time I acquired a horse, I did better and better as I learned how to choose. You know the bottom line is that it costs as much to work with a bad horse as a good one."

Parrish became a beautician and opened her own salon in Melbourne. "I was frightfully busy, juggling my business and my horses. I had four horses in training and was up early to care for the horses, then put in a full day at the salon and then back with the horses. I had no time for a social life."

And then one day some friends intro-

duced her to the man she was to marry. It was love at first sight. He was in the U.S. Navy, in Australia on leave.

"We met in November and were married in Honolulu in March of 1987. I always knew I would marry an American," she said, smiling. "I sold all the horses but one, which is leased to friends for breeding, and came to America."

Although she enjoys Whidbey Island, because it is so similar to Melbourne, she is looking forward to her husband's retirement in 1992 and the family's return to Australia to live, she said. Parrish is the mother of a 20-month-old daughter and a 12-year-old stepson.

She has resisted acquiring any animals while here, because of the expense of transporting them back to Australia, but more important because of the long quarantine imposed by the Australian government.

"I was completely out of horses until I met Amy and George Morse, who have a Pony Club nearby. They gave me the opportunity to instruct again, and I love it."

Parrish doesn't know how the horse bug bit her because there is no one in the family who has the virus, but she is glad it did. To parents of young girls who are begging for a horse, she suggests they lease a horse before buying to see if the young one is ready for the commitment.

Judy Van Deen is a regular contributor to Whidbey Today. She can be contacted at 678-5958.

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# Readers' recipes add flavor to column

Our recent appeal to readers for favorite recipes brought two family specialties from Katharine J. Tapp of Coupeville, who sent in what the family of four growing children called "Meat and Potatoes" plus her mother's prize-winning recipe for spring Rhubarb Roly Poly.

In the Meat and Potatoes recipe, the suet is beef fat that can be supplied by your butcher. Only 1/4 cup is required. Tapp says the suet is what gives the dish its flavor.

We are reminded of a dear friend who raised her four children (and her husband) on a family recipe she called "Meat and Beans." They all seemed to like it, and it supplied all the protein they needed. Meat and Beans became the staple for the family over a 20-year period. One day my friend realized she hadn't made the family's special dish for some time, so she served it that night. Her husband looked at the bubbling concoction for a minute then said, with a sigh, "You know, I never did care much for Meat and Beans!"

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### MEAT AND POTATOES

1 lb. hamburger  
1/4 cup diced suet (ask a butcher for this)  
4 large potatoes  
salt and pepper  
Fry suet until melted, then add 1/2 of hamburger and brown. Remove and set aside. Peel potatoes and cut in 3-inch chunks. Wash and put in pot and cover

### OVER THE BACK FENCE



By Dorothy Nell

barely with water. Add the other half of hamburger and cook together until potatoes are tender.

To the drippings in the fry-pan add 1/3 cup flour and slowly brown. When a golden brown add to the meat and potatoes combination, stirring quickly. Add the browned meat and salt and pepper to taste.

### RHUBARB ROLY POLY

Sift into a bowl 2 cups flour, 1/2 tsp. salt, 3 Tbs. sugar and 2 tsp. baking powder. Rub in 7 Tbs. shortening and add enough cold water to make a dough. Roll out on floured board about 1/2 inch thick and spread with the following:

1-1/2 cups brown sugar  
4 Tbs. flour  
1/4 cup raisins  
1 pound rhubarb, peeled and cut into thin slices  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Roll up like a jelly roll, fastening ends securely. Place on a greased and floured baking sheet and brush top with water. Dust lightly with cinnamon. Bake about 45 minutes at 350 degrees. Serve hot or cold.

Joyce Kieviet of Oak Harbor sent in a recipe from Aunt Reka Haga's favorite collection. She says it may appear more complicated and time consuming than it is, but you sure get a lot of rolls from one package of yeast. Your early morning guests will be impressed with these rolls hot out of the oven.

### OVERNIGHT CINNAMON ROLLS

4 cups water  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 Tbs. salt  
Boil five minutes then add 1 cup shortening. Cool to lukewarm.

Dissolve 1 pkg. yeast in 1/2 cup warm water. Beat 4 eggs and add to liquid, then add yeast. Add 12-16 cups flour and knead down. Let it rise in a greased bowl for two hours, then punch dough down and let rise again for 2 hours. Punch down and let rise again.

Roll out on floured board, spread with melted butter, cinnamon and sugar and raisins. Roll up and cut into slices. Place on cookie sheet or in pan and let set in a cool place overnight. In the morning bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. When slightly cool, you may give them a powdered sugar glaze.

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Thank you for the recipes. With spring coming, rhubarb becomes a favorite dessert-maker. Strawberries follow, along with pie cherries.

## Bayview Senior Center Calendar

(Editor's note: This is the calendar of events from the South Whidbey Senior Center in Bayview at 2845 State Highway 525. Reservations are requested two days in advance for lunch. For more information, call the center at 321-1600 or 678-3373.)

Sunday, April 1  
Center closed

Monday, April 2  
Bridge, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lunch, noon  
Writing class, 2-4 p.m.  
Northwest Recovery, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3  
Board of directors, 10 a.m.-noon  
Arts and Crafts, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Painting, 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 4  
Quilters, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Hearing screening by ap-

pointment, 10:30 a.m.  
Lunch, noon  
Pinochle, 2-4:30 p.m.  
Community bingo, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 5  
Beginners tap class, 9 a.m.-noon  
Tax assistance, 9 a.m.-noon  
Over 50 Club, 10:30 a.m.  
Soroptimists, 11:30 a.m.  
Lunch, noon

Friday, April 6  
Tap class, 9-10 a.m.  
Fun Band, 10:45 p.m.  
Dancing, 10:45 a.m.  
Lunch, noon  
Bridge, noon-2 p.m.

Saturday, April 7  
Center closed

Sunday, April 8  
Bingo bus to Swinomish, 9 a.m.  
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1 One of the Three Musketeers  
6 Understood  
9 "a dream" 2 wds  
14 Start of a pool game  
15 Get \_\_\_ for effort 2 wds  
16 More resolute

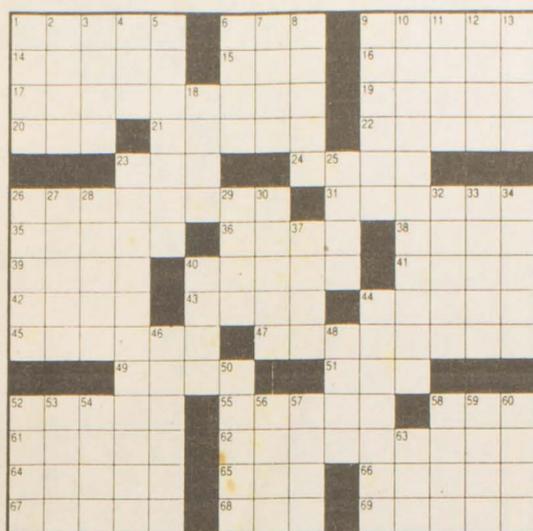
17 Reinforcing 2 wds  
19 Earth tone  
20 Herring's hue?  
21 Draft in an apartment?  
22 Wrong  
23 U.S. spy org  
24 Indian princess  
26 Income and

outgo 2 wds  
31 Summer footwear  
35 Anticipate  
36 Fit together perfectly  
38 Chinese desert  
39 After-shower powder  
40 Substantial, like this puzzle?

41 Privy to 2 wds  
42 TV's Star  
43 The green-eyed monster  
44 Piano piece  
45 Saudi's neighbor  
47 Performs  
49 Sleuth  
51 Elephant's org?

52 Pizza border  
55 Error's partner  
58 Way back when  
61 Potential TV series  
62 Showboated  
64 Invalid date  
65 Preceding

night  
66 "Thou"  
67 Go like Gretzky  
68 Rock band who sang "Orange Crush"  
69 Flemish battle site of WW1



Answers below

### DOWN

1 E.g. for example  
2 Genealogical chart  
3 Pay attention to  
4 Stumblebum  
5 Sun Valley transportation 2 wds  
6 Crazy, slangily  
7 Responsibility  
8 Get gradually narrower  
9 Williams's *The Night of the*  
10 Overacting 3 wds  
11 Both Prefix  
12 '60s peace signs  
13 Screws up  
18 Patricia of HUD  
23 Gets cold feet 2 wds  
25 Pallid  
26 Malicious, as a remark  
27 Conscious

28 Winston, \_\_\_ North Carolina  
29 Seer's sign  
30 Walk unsteadily  
32 Food with a hole  
33 Residence  
34 What an actor memorizes  
37 River in Hades  
40 Gilda of Israel  
44 Environmental concern  
46 Get under one's skin  
48 Old-time oath  
50 Different  
52 Tax pros. for short  
53 Hockey site  
54 Forearm bone  
56 Gad about  
57 News bit  
58 Seaweed extract  
59 Film critic  
60 Probabilities  
63 Association Abbr.

## Jockey Olguin looks to light up track

By Vince Bruun

Everybody loves a winner, especially at a racetrack.

So if 1989 is any clue, look for 18-year-old Gerry Olguin to be a popular figure this season at Longacres. In other words, look for the San Diego native to be posing for pictures on a regular basis in the winner's circle.

Olguin (pronounced Ohl-gween) rode 128 winners last season at Exhibition Park in Vancouver, B.C. He finished in a tie for second place in the jockey standings and becomes the first rider in the track's history to have his mounts earn over \$1 million. Not bad considering Olguin arrived a week late and lost his apprentice weight allowance early in the meeting.

It didn't take Vancouver trainers long to discover that Olguin was blessed with talent. The 5-foot-6, 114-pound jockey was adept at hustling his mounts out of the starting gate and securing position into the first turn, a must on Exhibition Park's smaller five-eighths oval. Others may have remembered Olguin's father, Rogelio, who enjoyed success in Vancouver from 1970 to

### THERE THEY GO

By Matt Withee



1972, and might have figured Gerry was blessed with good bloodlines.

Now, however, after some prodding from veteran jockey agent Pat McDowell, Olguin is ready to try his luck at Longacres.

"My goal eventually is to ride in California, and I think people notice riders from Longacres more than ones from Canada," Olguin said.

Olguin broke his maiden in January 1988 at Agua Caliente in Tijuana, Mexico. The filly was named, appropriately enough, Light the Tote, which is something Olguin hopes to do often this season at Longacres.

Olguin realizes a fast start will be important at Longacres. Trainers and owners will line up to employ a talented rider, but they usually wait for the rider to prove himself first. Olguin has been galloping horses for trainer Bud Klokstad, perennially among the leaders here, and has

been aboard last season's Champion Two-Year-Old, T.D. Passer, twice in morning workouts.

Olguin, who won two \$125,000 stakes races last year at Exhibition Park — the Jack Diamond Futurity on Golden Pursuit and the British Columbia Derby aboard Fleet Reserve — said T.D. Passer is the best horse he's ever been on and hopes to secure the mount for coming races.

"Hopefully, I'll get to ride (T.D. Passer) in a race," Olguin said. "So far I'm happy here. I like Longacres. I think it's a good track and I think I'll do good here."

LONGACRES NOTES: The \$30,000-added Ms. Stakes for 3-year-old fillies is set for Sunday, April 15. I'm A Demon, who has won all three of her lifetime starts in wire-to-wire fashion, is expected to compete in the 5-1/2 furlong race... Longacres KRPM Backstretch Tours are available Saturday, April 14, and Sunday, April 15. Call 1-800-7-DOO-DAH for reservations... The Saturday Horses In Training exhibition will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. April 14 in the north grandstand.

## Opening day comes to Longacres track

Gary Stevens will display his skills — in race silks as well as with fountain pen — as Longacres presents the first of 125 days of racing Wednesday.

Currently the nation's leading rider and twice a Longacres champion, Stevens will accept several mounts on the card including Hilco Scamper in the featured Doo Dah Express. Stevens will also sign autographs beginning at 1:15 p.m. under the main line grandstand prior

to the first race. The 27-year-old native of Caldwell, Idaho, currently tops the standings at Santa Anita and has the mount on leading Kentucky Derby prospect Mister Frisky.

Opening Day Schedule — Post time 3 p.m. Gates open 1 p.m. Fans will receive 1990 Longacres pocket calendars upon entrance, and the Navy Band will perform near the winner's circle prior to the first race.

Doo Dah Express tops 11-race opening card — Hilco Scamper, No. 10 on the all-time Washington-bred earnings list with \$353,505, makes his first Longacres appearance since 1987 and will be a strong contender in the \$30,000-added Doo Dah Express, a 5-1/2 furlong

race restricted to state-breds. The 10th of 11 races on the opening day card, the Doo Dah is also expected to attract the venerable Kent Green who, if he starts, will be competing in his record 58th straight stakes race at Longacres. Others who may go postward include Super Seven, Honest John and Justa City Boy.

Santa Anita Derby simulcast on Saturday — The first simulcast of the season, the \$500,000 Grade I Santa Anita Derby from Arcadia, Calif., is set for Saturday, April 7. In addition to win-place-show betting, Longacres fans will be able to place \$2 exacta wagers on this traditional stepping stone to the Kentucky Derby. Stevens will ride the undefeated Mister Frisky, who will attempt to stretch his winning streak to 16 in the 1 and 1/8 mile test.

Seniors Day, backstretch tour, H.I.T. show on agenda — Two popular events and a new feature are on tap for the first weekend of action. The first Seniors Day of the season is set for Saturday, April 7. Seniors age 60 and over can receive coupons for free admission through the Seattle Mayor's Office. For information contact 684-0500. For fans who want to see Thoroughbreds in a different light, a Radio KRPM Longacres Backstretch Tour is the answer. Tours are available most Saturdays and Sundays throughout the season. Reservations are available by calling 1-800-7-DOO-DAH.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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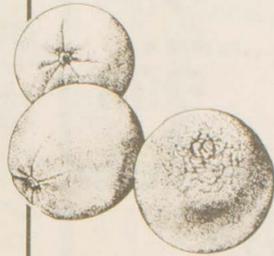
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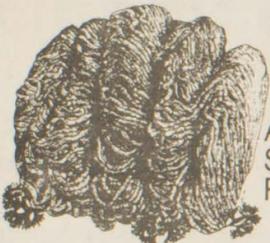
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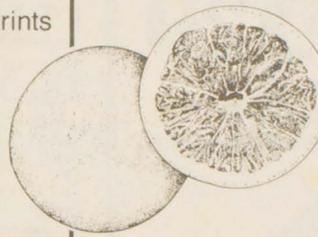
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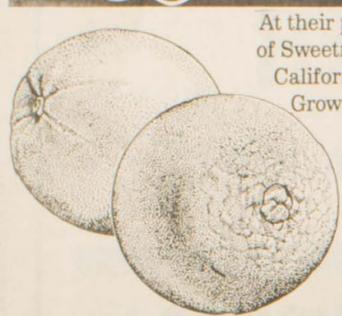
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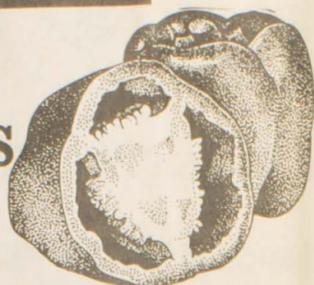
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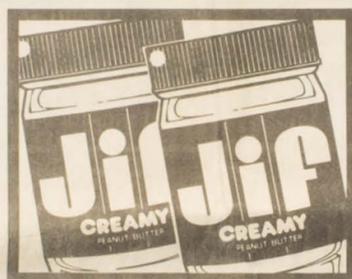
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**WANTED** — Gold jewelry, dental gold, class rings, wedding rings, chains, coins, etc. Any condition! C.C. Coins, 935 W. Ault Field Road, 675-1444. \*

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**WANTED: UTILITY TRAILER** at a reasonable price. 321-6383 days or 221-7822 evenings.



## B. Merchandise For Sale

### Garage Sales

**ESTATE SALE**  
April 6, 7 & 8, 9-6. NO presales. 6224 South Cultus Bay Road, Langley, Whidbey Island. Hundreds of items packed in house and two out-buildings. Buildings also for sale. Antiques, household, hundreds of books, tools, etc. It's a bear!

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**SCHOOL SURPLUS SALE:** The Oak Harbor Lions are conducting a sale for Oak Harbor School District 201. For sale are 350 school desks, 68 electric typewriters, 3 teachers' desks, 10 tables and chairs, upright piano, display case, metal cot, several 3-tier carts, painter's ladder, lab tables, 20 portable record players, vacuum cleaners, floor polisher, gym workout equipment and many more items too numerous to list. Date of sale is April 7 & 8 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school gym at the southwest corner of 700th Ave. and Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor.

### 6. Garage Sales

**BAZAAR** — I.O.O.F. HALL, Langley, April 14, 1990. Tables for rent, \$8 per table. Call 321-4366. Last day to rent, April 1.

**EQUIPMENT SALE**, April 7-8. Bring your tractor, implements, trucks, trailers, boats, campers, rototillers, mowers, hand tools, etc. 5445 S. Langley Road, Langley, WA. Call for more information, 321-6450.

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**TERRY TRAILER**. 23', 1975. \$2,100 firm. Good shape, shower. 321-6505 evenings.

**7. For Sale Miscellaneous**

**SPRUCE UP** for Spring with DuPont Stainmaster carpeting from **FURNITURE 'N STUFF**, Clinton. Financing and professional installation available. Open Monday through Saturday. 321-4044.

**SMALL ELECTRIC** cultivator, "Earth Blender," \$40. 321-6582.

**TRY US!!** You'll like it! New and used jewelry, TV's, VCR's, stereos, cameras. Save big bucks! **C.C. Coins**, 935 W. Ault Field Road, 675-1444.

**TOURING BICYCLE**. Takara 18-speed. Racks and bags, many extras. \$275. 221-7916.

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**WEAVERS & SPINNERS** 45" Leclerc 4-harness loom, bench, \$700. Also supplies. Lovett spinning wheel, \$225, many supplies. Best offer. 221-7638.

**YOUR CHILDREN'S OUTGROWN CLOTHING** equals cash! **CHILDREN'S WEARHOUSE** is accepting USED children's clothing and toys on consignment. Call Josette at 221-7606 for more information.

**8. For Sale Appl. & Furn.**

**BETTER THAN COMPARABLE PRICING!**

Bring us a verifiable quote and give us the opportunity to beat it! Builders and contractors welcome! **FURNITURE 'N STUFF**, South Whidbey's most complete home furnishings center. Open in Clinton Monday through Saturday. 321-4044.

**7', 3-CUSHION COUCH** with matching chair. Gold pattern, Mediterranean style, wood arm and trim. Good condition. Couch, \$125; chair, \$75. Phone 675-1942.

**MAYTAG WASHER** and dryer, Copertone, \$150 set. Washer needs some work. 321-4561 or 321-1524, message.

**OAK AND WALNUT**, 3-section bookshelves (12"). Inlaid wood, adjustable shelves, excellent condition, \$375 OBO. Gold tone shag rug, 16x31, good condition, no stains, \$75. 321-4240.

**7-PIECE BEDROOM SET** plus queen size bed, \$1,100; oak dining table with six chairs, \$650; metal filing cabinet, \$50; typewriter table, \$25; banquet table, \$30; 4 1/2' cactus, \$50. 221-8205.

**QUEEN SIZE** bedroom set, \$600; almond Hot Point refrigerator, \$250; new crib, \$100; black and white darkroom equipment, \$40; washer & dryer, \$250; stoneware, \$10 set; double bedroom set, \$200. 221-2880 or 221-2123.

**8. For Sale Appl. & Furn.**

**REDECORATING SALE:** Couch, loveseat, coffee table, end tables, lamps, stereo, television, vacuum, chairs, woodstove, bedroom vanity, king waterbed. 221-3048.

**WARD'S LARGE CAPACITY** washer and dryer, excellent condition, excellent runners, \$250. Kenmore large capacity washer and dryer, very good condition, matched set, \$300. Kenmore dryer, GE washer, good condition, \$200. **DAVID'S REPAIR**, 678-5189 or 678-3162.

**9. For Sale, Livestock, Pets & Supplies**

**ALFALFA**, 2nd cutting, \$8.25 to \$8.75 per bale, 100% guaranteed. **KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS**, \$120 per ton. Also **WHEAT STRAW**, \$3 per bale. **Sitko's Farm**, 679-9679.

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**DOG OBEDIENCE** — Your dog can't learn if you won't. Be fair. Give 'em a chance. Enroll now. Oak Harbor & Freeland. 678-5202.

**DUROC PIGS**. Weaners, sow, gilts, feeder pigs. 321-4278.

**DARLING, GENTLE** 3-year-old green broke gray Arab. \$600 OBO. With papers. 221-2340.

**STOP CALLING YOUR DOG**. Start calling **INVISIBLE FENCING**. 856-4151.

**SADLY OFFERED** for sale: Yearling Appaloosa colt. Gorgeous chestnut with big spotted blanket over back and hips. Beautiful blaze face and stockings behind 14 hands at 10 months. Leads nicely, hooves kept trimmed, wormed and vaccinated regularly. \$750. Also, easy-to-handle 6 year Appaloosa gelding. Bay with spots, beautiful. 15.1 hands, show quality. \$1,500. 678-6293.

**SPRING BREEDING BULL** sale. Good selection of various aged Polled Hereford bulls. Whidbey Polled Herefords. 675-4844.

**2 YEAR REGISTERED** polled Hereford bull. Banner lineage, proven sire. Call 678-6169.

**10. Firewood**

**AAA FIREWOOD**  
 Remember us? Alder, \$75 per cord; fir, \$85. Seasoned old growth fir, ready to burn, \$120. Fast delivery. 321-1569.

**CORD WOOD**. Cut & split, \$60, u-haul. Extra charge for delivery. 679-4664.

**GET YOUR WOOD EARLY**. You cut and haul, \$40 a cord. Call 221-2303 after 6:30.

**10. Firewood**

**MIXED FIREWOOD:** Alder, fir, hemlock and maple. \$65 cord — you haul; \$80 cord delivered. 1/2 cords okay. 221-7326.



**C. Transportation/ For Sale**

**11. For Sale, Autos**

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**1979 CORVETTE**. Excellent condition, low miles, glass T-top. \$9,000 OBO. 678-6887.

**1981 FIAT 2000 Spyder**. Red with tan top. Great shape, looks like brand new. \$4,400 OBO. 678-7018 or leave message at 221-8128.

**FOR SALE: Ford LTD**, 1970. \$500 OBO. 321-5425.

**FOR SALE** or trade: 1975 Pinto Country station wagon, \$750 OBO. Terms available. 321-6063 or 321-6585.

**HOOD FOR 1965 or 1966 Mustang**. Brand new, primed. \$125. 675-6484 after 6 p.m. All day weekends.

**1986 ISUZU** pickup with canopy, 4-speed, 46,600 miles: \$6,500. 1979 Chevy Luv with canopy, automatic, 83,000 miles: \$1,600. 1979 Datsun 310GX 5-speed, 139,000 miles: \$1,200. 1973 Toyota Corolla 4-speed, 177,000 miles: \$500. 221-3048.

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**MUSTANG PARTS:** 1967 200 CID 6-cylinder; 1981 200 CID 6-cylinder; and misc. body parts. 321-5569.

**1981 RABBIT LS**. 2-door, diesel, like new inside and out, 45-plus mpg. \$2,400. 221-7602, leave message.

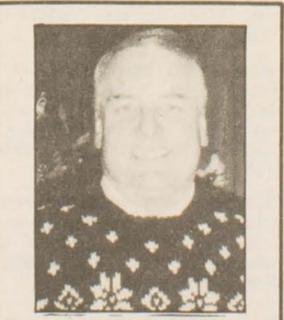
**VW REPAIRS** — engines, clutches, brakes, front ends. Restoration work, hard to find parts. Wait, 678-3897.

**1981 VW DIESEL RABBIT**. 4-door, cloth interior, new struts, 111,000 miles. \$1,200. 321-4515.

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**12. For Sale, Trucks**

**1968 CHEVY** 1/2 ton. 6-cylinder 4-speed. Some rust. \$800. 675-5440.

**1986 FORD F-150**. 351 HO, automatic supercab, captain's chairs, air, 5th wheel hitch, running boards, loaded. Low mileage. \$10,500. 675-1937.

**1975 3/4 TON FORD** pickup in good running condition. \$1,650. 221-8295.

**1989 S-10 PICKUP**. Mags, Pioneer AM/FM cassette, \$500 under book. \$48,000 miles. \$5,800 firm. 679-2518.

*It's a SNAP!* To sell it in the Classifieds

**13. For Sale, Cycles**

**1979 YAMAHA IT250** dirt bike with 1,275 original miles. Very fast. Helmet and chest protector included. \$500. 321-4397.

**1985 HONDA** Elite 250cc motor scooter. Like new, only 1,800 actual miles. \$1,750. Has AM/FM stereo radio, buddy seat and includes two helmets. 221-3410.

**1984 SUZUKI DR100**. Excellent condition, new tires, 2 helmets. \$450 OBO. 221-7396 after 4:30 p.m.

**1982 YAMAHA XV920RJ Euro**. Excellent condition. New tires, battery, progressive springs, Dynajet carb kit, reusable air filter, Mac 2/1 exhaust, 18K. \$950. 321-6341.

**14. For Sale, Rec. Vehicles**

**30' CARRI LITE** travel trailer made by Carriage. Awnings, twin beds at rear, lots of storage area. Complete bath, microwave, radio, cassette. Phone 675-4268 or 675-3108.

**1968 CARDINAL** camper, sleeps five. Self-contained, good shape. \$1,000 OBO. 221-7412.

**1978 CLASS "A"** Coachmen motor home. 26', roof air, PS, PB, T/W, microwave. Excellent condition. \$15,800. 675-6644. If no answer, leave message.

**19' FORD ECONOLINE** motor home, loaded with extras. Mint condition. \$8,700. 321-6275.

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**15. For Sale, Boats/Marine**

**27' BUCCANEER SAILBOAT:** Diesel, head, shower, stove, oven, refrigerator. Sleeps 5. VHF, depth finder, dodger furling job. Good family cruising. \$10,500. 675-5786.

**CANNON DIGI-TROLL II** electric downrigger, like new, \$425. Call 221-2519.

**16' DORSETT**, very good. Top, windshield, steering, pedestal seats, nice trailer. \$995 OBO. Oars, 7', \$15. 321-5985.

**FISHERMEN: Lowrance-1510C** graph recorder with transducer, excellent condition. See what's really under your boat! \$125. 321-4631.

**1989 8 HP HONDA** outboard. 36 hours (30 hour service), tank, flush kit. \$1,189. Langley, 321-4238.

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**SAILBOARD:** Alpha 160. 2 sails, harness, gear bag, lessons included. \$750. 221-7916.

**WE HAVE REBUILT** outboard motors. We do outboard motor repair and now do fiberglass boat repair. Have some trade-in boat motors and trailers. We consider trade-ins. **Mike's Outboard**, 221-3759.

**WANTED:** Quality fiberglass fishing boat, 16'-18', with or without power. Have cash. 675-5539.



**D. Services**

**16. Music**

**PIANOS FOR RENT, RANGE OF PRICES.** PETRICH'S PIANO SHOP, 221-7992.

**YAMAHA GUITARS:** G2555 Classical, \$275; FG75, \$50. Schmidt autoharp, \$75. 221-7916.

**17. Instruction**

**KIDS WEEK AT THE WHIDBEAD STORE.** Fun classes. April 2-7. Call for schedule/registration. 221-8412. .6 miles from Freeland bus stop.

**THE FLOWER SHOPPE**  
**Flower Show**  
 on Saturday and Sunday, April 7 and 8. Three demonstrations daily. **Freeland Total Home Center**, 1612 S. Main Street, Freeland, 321-6799.

**17. Instruction**

**PORCELAIN DOLLMAKING CLASSES**

New studio now open. Learn to make your own reproduction of those beautiful antique French and German dolls. Class size limited. Call Mary at 678-5308 for information.

**SPRING CLASSES at ISLAND FABRICS**

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 Kids' Craft & Sewing Classes  
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 Dolls, Bears, Baskets and Band Boxes and Many More  
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 221-3545

**18. Services/General**

**ECONOMY LANDSCAPING.** Pruning, weeding, sodding, hedge trimming, barking, general clean-up for yard. Also we clean empty houses, apartments and offices. Harry, 755-9566 or Nora, 675-0336.

**FOR FRIENDLY,** efficient and reliable carpentry, handyman and home repairs, call Gary, 321-5388. References available.

**HELEN'S SEWING SERVICE** — My stitch in time will save you nine! Mending, repairs, zippers, lightweight leathers and plastics, alterations. 221-7196.

**HAULING JOBS WANTED:** Trash, brush, rubbish, junk cars, appliances removed. Small DUMP TRUCK DELIVERY — rock, bark, topsoil, firewood. 321-5637.

**MOVING?** Truck and crew available. 7'x10'x7' dry box. You pack, we load and unload. Weekends okay. Call David at 221-2908 and leave message.

**MOSS REMOVAL AND PAINT PREPS.** GARY'S PRESSURE WASHING, 221-7229.

**NORTH ISLAND WOODWORKS.** Attention remodelers: cabinets covered with real wood veneers and laminates, door and drawer fronts replaced. Yes, we have many styles and colors. Yes, we can add cabinets, pantries, islands, etc. Free demonstration, 678-3747.

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## 18. Services/General

**BACKHOE AND TRACTOR WORK.** Small jobs are our specialty, including brush cutting, rotovating, trenches, etc. Phone 321-5745.

**CREATIONS FOR YOU** by Patty Lou. Sewing, mending and repair. Alterations, zippers, most anything you need. 221-8873.

## DESK TOP PUBLISHING

**April Special:** Letterhead, \$45 per thousand. Other printings at reasonable rates. Call 221-2501.

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Rooftop cleaning, moss removal, paint and concrete stripping, mobile home wash and wax. 221-3721.

**QUALITY CARPENTRY WORK** at reasonable rates. Remodeling, additions and decks. References available, senior discounts. Call Robert Sambo, 321-5740 after 6 p.m.

## REMODELING

New construction, additions, home repair, windows, doors, floors and roofing. References. Call 675-6761. **Enterprise Construction.** Licensed and bonded. ENTERC\*126C3.

## SOUTH WHIDBEY BUSINESS SERVICES

See us for your business needs: Taxes, Secretarial, Services, Business Cards/Stationery, Copies, FAX. "Let our office be your office." Ken's Korner Shopping Plaza, Clinton. 221-7747.

**SOUTH WHIDBEY BUSINESS SERVICES** is now offering quality business cards, stationery, envelopes and announcements at affordable prices. Come in and see our beautiful embossed samples! "Let our office be your office." Ken's Korner Shopping Plaza, Clinton. 221-7747.

**SPECIALIZED PRINTING NEEDS?** We're at your service with letterhead, business cards, announcements and invitations. **SOUTH WHIDBEY BUSINESS SERVICES,** Ken's Korner, Clinton. Park it at the Korner.

**TOPIREMOVE TREES.** Experienced tree trimmer, specialized in topping and removal of trees. Free estimates. Call 679-4965.

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**Free estimates — low rates.** My helping hands can do general repairs, odd jobs, unfinished jobs, painting, drywall, faucet/pipe repairs, lighting, power washing and much more. You name it, I'll do it. 221-3243.

**THE CLEAN IMAGE — Spring Special!** For cleaning of new construction, residential, remodeling and pleasure crafts. Serving Island County and surrounding areas. Licensed, with ten years experience. 321-6261.

## WINDOW WASHING &amp; CARPET CLEANING

20 years experience. Clean windows give you a bright outlook. 221-3721.

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Bids on cutting large lawn area and other misc. work. 678-5067.

**WALLPAPERING — Experienced,** reasonable rates. Call for free estimate. 221-2370.

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## 19. Child Care

## BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Monday-Friday, day or night, full and part-time. Also drop-ins. Stop by or call 675-9282. 510 Elk Drive (blue houses behind commissary).

## PUBLIC NOTICE

For the protection and safety of your children, Washington State law requires that day care operators be state approved and licensed. For more information, 675-5928.



## E. Employment

## 21. Help Wanted

**INDUSTRIAL SEWING** and upholstery work. Own equipment needed. Call for details, 221-2376.

## 21. Help Wanted

**KENNEL WORKER,** will train. Must enjoy working with and caring for animals. Apply to Ad No. 45, P.O. Box 10, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

**LANDSCAPE FIRM,** maintenance and installation, needs reliable people. WSDL, experienced or will train. Wage DOE, full or part-time. 321-0982.

## NURSES AIDES HOUSEKEEPERS YARD WORKERS

Let us find a job for you and schedule you at your convenience. We're looking for reliable, experienced people to work immediately. South Whidbey applicants especially needed NOW. Call **Island Home Nursing** at 221-7232 or 678-4090.

**NOW ACCEPTING** applications for all positions, experience required. See manager at **Cathay Palace,** 1059 W. Pioneer Way.

**QUALIFIED, PART-TIME** cleaning help for bed and breakfast inn. Please apply in person noon to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 3366 S. Hwy 525, Greenbank.

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** for Director of Social and Activities Department. Applicant must be self-motivated, outgoing and energetic. Pick up applications at 5425 500 Avenue West between 9-5, Monday-Friday. EOE.

**ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS** for Nursing Assistants. Call 293-2622. EOE.

**CAREAGE OF WHIDBEY** is now accepting applications for the position of Director of Physical Environment. Please send resume to Careage of Whidbey, P.O. Box 1140, Coupeville, WA 98239, or call 678-2273, ask for Kevin.

## CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

Immediate opening for full-time customer service representative. Base salary plus incentives, company matching retirement plan, free checking and ongoing training are some of the benefits in working for **InterWest.** We would enjoy visiting with you about your employment objectives. Call Sue at **InterWest Savings Bank in Clinton,** 321-6192. M/F/H. EOE.

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**FRONT OFFICE** Reservationist/Receptionist: We are looking for an assistant to help run our office and handle guest services. Responsibilities include heavy phone activity and the ability to handle several tasks at once. Are you professional and gracious even under pressure? (and able to keep your sense of humor?). We will keep you busy and challenged! Up to 40 hours per week, Wednesday through Sunday. Wage dependent on experience. This is a long-term career opportunity. Applications accepted Monday-Thursday, noon-4 p.m. **The Inn at Langley,** 400 First Street. No phone calls, please.

## REAL ESTATE AGENT

Training available, at your own pace. Experience preferred, commission up to 90%. Call **Twin View Realty,** 221-3535, ask for Will. Member Broker, S.W.B.A.-M.L.S. and H.M.S.

**SOUTH END RESORT** looking for permanent part-time cleaning people. Must be responsible and able to work flexible morning and afternoon hours. Will train. 321-4500.

**THE SHORT STOP** Deli and Gas now has entry level positions available for enthusiastic, hard working people at competitive wages. Please apply at The Short Stop, 1504 Hwy. 525, Freeland.

**Freeland Chamber of Commerce** is looking for people interested in booth space for the Freeland Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Booth space available for \$10. Call Kathy at 221-3989.

12-13 TODAY-550

## 21. Help Wanted

**GROOMER (CAT & DOG).** Good hours, good pay, benefits. Pleasant working conditions. Experienced, references. Apply to Ad No. 44, P.O. Box 10, Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

**HOMEMAKERS:** Assist senior citizens in their homes with light housework, meals and transportation, \$5.15 per hour plus mileage. Driver's license and auto insurance required. Oak Harbor area. Call 1-800-624-2714 ext. 250 for information or apply Visiting Nurse Personal Service, 1911A East Division, Mount Vernon, WA 98273. EOE.

**WANTED:** Part-time bookkeeper. Interesting, different and we're easy. Freeland, 321-5676.

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Personnel Department  
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**MED. TECH. (ASCP) or MLT (ASCP)** — Casual position. Busy hospital lab requires Med Tech or MLT to perform a variety of lab procedures. Ability to rotate through all departments such as hematology, clinical chemistry, serology, blood banking, urinalysis and bacteriology. Must be responsible for work and decisions with a minimum of supervision.

For further information on these and other patient care opportunities contact Human Resource at above address or telephone number.



## F. FOR RENT

## 22. For Rent, Homes

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**FOR RENT:** 2 bedroom apartment, Freeland. \$400 month, includes water and garbage. First, last plus \$250 deposit in advance. References. Phone 321-5828.

## ISLAND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

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**QUALITY 2 BEDROOM** or larger, furnished or unfurnished. Premium for views and amenities. May 1 to November 1, flexible, for 2 non-smoking adults. No pets. 221-7213.

**UNFURNISHED 3 BEDROOM** cottage overlooking Holmes Harbor. Electric heat plus wood heater. \$350. First, last, \$100 damage deposit. No children or pets. 321-1419.

**WANTED TO RENT:** Family of 4 needs 2 or 3 bedroom house, \$500-\$600 per month. Have two outside dogs. Need preferably by May 1. Call Michael or Janet at (818) 955-9888.

**WEST SIDE** medium bank waterfront, stairs to beach, spectacular view. Small two bedroom house, all appliances, woodstove. No pets. \$600. First, last, deposit. 321-4566.

## 24. For Rent, Miscellaneous

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**OFFICE SPACE** for rent, Ken's Korner. Occupancy beginning summer 1990. FAX, secretarial services, copies, notary, phone answering available. 221-7747.

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## G. PROPERTY FOR SALE

## 25. Real Estate, Homes

**BEAUTIFUL** 6-year-old 3 bedroom custom two story home on two acres, 2 miles outside of Freeland, with unfinished mother-in-law apartment. \$190,000. Robert Maple & Associates, 221-2340.

**\$59,950.** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1/2 acres, 1,350 square feet. 1982 mobile, rented, \$500 month. Excellent tenants. Lake, hot tub. 321-5479.

## HIGHLANDS WEST

**By Owner:** Excellent location, walk to Hillcrest, Broad View Elementary or high school. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, 1,944 square feet, large deck, spacious kitchen, quiet neighborhood. Leased until August. \$135,000. For appointment, call 675-3331.

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**NEW 2 BEDROOM,** 2 bath modular, near Langley. Adult park. \$41,000, by owner. 221-8825.

## OAK HARBOR HOME

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## 26. Real Estate, Lots &amp; Acreage

**SANDY HOOK WEST VIEW LOT. NO PERC.** \$10,000. 321-6039.

**WANTED:** Lot or small acreage, septic, water and power. Suitable for double wide mobile. Reasonable. **NEEDED NOW!** Ed Doney, 221-3721.

## 27. Real Estate, Mobile Homes

**MOVED — MUST SELL** 1982 Rex. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath (just redone). Roof sealed last summer. Stove, refrigerator, in family park. Small mortgage, assume VA loan. 679-4626.

## 28. Real Estate, Miscellaneous

**CASH PAID** for contracts and mortgages — Call Bob Hoss, 321-1536. \*

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## Get the dirt on potting soil

My coworker, George Pinyuh from King County, wrote an interesting piece on bagged potting soils. Since many enjoy growing plants inside and outside the home I felt this might be a good one to share. Here is what George had to say.

Some weeks ago an article appeared in a locally available national newspaper dealing with the topic of bagged potting soils. Based on a great deal of the research and experience of Dr. Frank Gouin, a horticulturalist at the University of Maryland it warned purchasers about the lack of information on the label of the various potting media available and the too frequent lack of quality of the stuff inside.

Because there are no standards, regulated either by the industry or government agencies for potting soils, manufacturers can say just about anything they want to on the outside of the bags. Most often they don't say much so it's absolutely impossible to tell anything about the physical or chemical makeup of the mixes.

According to Dr. Gouin, many of the packaged potting media he analyzed were not appropriate to grow plants in. Many had no fertilizer in them at all, so unless one started fertilizing right away, the plants would begin to starve immediately.

On the other side of the coin, Dr. Gouin found that one brand of mix had too many soluble salts (fertilizer) in it and it would likely burn up any plant or seeds put in it. Another's pH was so low, nothing much would be able to survive in it either.

In 1986 a researcher at the University of California, Riverside, carried out a similar analytical project on 15 different potting soils available in our region, and his results turned out to be pretty much the same as the information recently reported from Maryland.

Besides finding many of them chemically inadequate, the California research found quite a few deficient in their ability to provide air to the roots of plants in them. In other words, they would drain poorly and retain too much water in the pore spaces. After a pot is watered and drains away excess water, a considerable number of a soil's pore spaces should be filled with air, not water. Most plants tend to rot at the roots and die when kept in water logged potting soil.

A potting soil must contain a high proportion of bulky organic materials like bark, wood chips or peat moss as well as nonorganic things like sand, perlite, vermiculite, pumice or calcine clay (cat box litter). These materials

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will assure that the mix contains plenty of pockets or pores that can fill with air once gravity has pulled the excess water from the pot. Many of them also hold enough moisture for good plant growth.

There was a wide range in chemical properties for the potting mixes analyzed in California. A number of them had pH's quite a bit below the accepted range for a container soil of 5.0 to 6.5. A couple had pH readings of above 7.0. Salt levels were much too high in some of the mixes, high enough that plants put into them would suffer serious injury, if the levels remained high.

The upshot of all this is that you've got to be careful when you buy a prepackaged potting soil. Information on the label is often lacking or does not accurately state the quality of the contents inside. Dennis Pittenger, the California researcher, suggests that when buying bagged potting soil, choose a mix that is high in bark or other wood products, sphagnum peat and inorganic materials like perlite or vermiculite. If you can't see into the bag, squeeze some of the stuff at one of the corners. Knead it a bit with your fingers; if it feels too light, or soft, look for another brand.

He also suggests that any packaged soil be thoroughly leached three or four times before putting any seeds or plants in it. This will get rid of excess soluble salts which may be in it. Finally, it's necessary to begin to fertilize very soon after the plants are growing in the mix, say within about two weeks. This fertilizing will replace the leached minerals as well as what has been taken up by the plants.

Of course you can avoid any of the possible problems associated with packaged potting mixes by preparing your own. An easy one to put together consists of equal parts of sandy loam garden soil, clean builders sand and horticultural or sphagnum peat moss. To each bushel (8 gallons) of this mixture, add one quart of steamed bone meal and one pint of dolomite lime. You could substitute for the bone meal one cup of 5-10-10 fertilizer and half cup of 0-20-2 single superphosphate.

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