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Automotive

Cars/Trucks for Sale 71

1981 CADILLAC ELDORADO - Excellent condition! Many extras! Call days 644-3775, evenings, weekends 871-6568.

1976 BUICK LeSabre, two door, automatic, transmission, power steering, power brakes, air conditioning. Asking \$1700, or best offer. Call 644-7914.

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1974 DODGE DART, Good running condition. \$1000 or best offer. 643-7736 or 643-6976.

1978 PLYMOUTH Volare, RANCE — lowest rates conditioning, radio, 4 cyl., excellent gas mileage. 64,000 original miles. Excellent condition. \$2700. Call anytime 643-6735.

PACER - white, standard transmission and over-drive. Passed emissions test, good condition. Radio! tires. Asking \$600. 644-1242.

STATION WAGON — 1972 Chevrolet, 92,000 miles. V8 engine, original owner. Good condition. Reliable. 646-7868.

1979 OLDSMOBILE Starfire Hatchback, V6, four speed, excellent condition. Asking \$3200. Call 643-4149.

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GOVERNMENT SURPLUS cars and trucks listed for \$2,064 sold for \$51. More available. 203-748-6996.

1974 MUSTANG II Ghia, PS, PB. Rear defogger. Runs great, body needs work. \$750 or best offer. 643-1958.

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Carter's painter tells of encounter... page 7

The drama of bingo at American Legion... page 11

A spring guide to home fix-up... supplement inside

Manchester Herald

Solid waste incentives proposed

By Mark A. Dupuis United Press International... HARTFORD — Gov. William O'Neill today proposed a \$15 million-plus plan to provide incentives for the state's cities and towns to join in regional waste processing projects...



Two hurt in rollover... Two Manchester women were hospitalized following this rollover Thursday night at about 9:30 on Interstate 86 between Exits 92 and 93, authorities said today.

SPRING SHOWER OF VALUES BRAKES... Honda's semi-metallic brake pads are a premium grade friction material... \$34.95... MANCHESTER LINCOLN

50th St. Patrick's Day SALE! 10,000... S&H green stamps given with the purchase of any NEW LINCOLN, MERCURY, OR MAZDA... NEW 1983 LYNX L 3-DOOR HATCHBACK \$6059

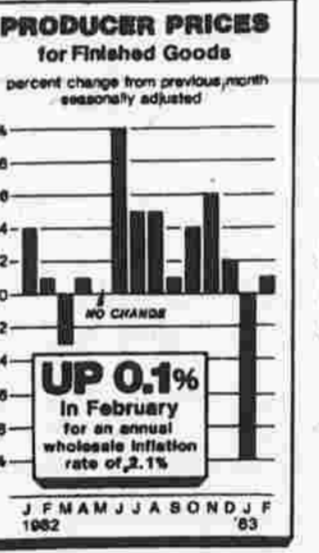
DATSON DE O'CORMIER'S IRISH SALE... We shortened our name and our prices too just for this green savin' sale! BRAND NEW 1982 DATSON 280 ZX

MAZDA TRUCK CLEARANCE CONTINUES FREE!... DELUXE PICKUP #36005 \$5399... NEW LOW USED CAR PRICES... 70 CADILLAC \$4400, 70 FORD \$2700, 70 PONTIAC \$2700

Anderson, warning the state was running out of landfill space and faced a potential garbage crisis by 1986, proposed a \$245 million program of state grants to communities to pay part of the cost of building the regional plants.

Wholesale prices nearly steady

By Denis G. Guilino United Press International... WASHINGTON — Wholesale prices held nearly steady in February, inching up only 0.1 percent despite the biggest increase in food prices since last April, the Labor Department said today.



State tax package doesn't get to vote

By the Herald staff and United Press International... HARTFORD — The \$70 million tax package, aimed at closing the state budget deficit, failed to come to a House vote as scheduled Thursday, because 17 Democrats refused to support it.

Secret Pentagon plan would spend \$2 trillion

By Richard C. Gross United Press International... WASHINGTON — A secret Pentagon blueprint directs deployment of long-range nuclear missiles as an offensive reserve force supplementing MX and evasions basing U.S. ground forces in the strategic Persian Gulf oil region.

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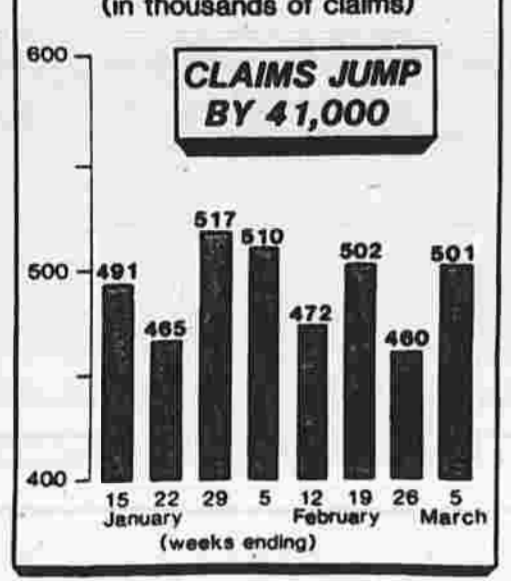






# BUSINESS

## NEW CLAIMS For Unemployment Insurance (in thousands of claims)



### Claims up

New claims for unemployment compensation benefits rose to 501,000 during the first week in March, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

## Arms plant sets 45 layoffs

NEW HAVEN (UPI) — The U.S. Repeating Arms Co. in New Haven is sending layoff notices this week to 45 hourly workers in the company's second labor reduction in two weeks.

Some of the layoffs announced Wednesday will take effect immediately and others on April 1. They will primarily affect machine operators with two to two-and-a-half years experience, officials said.

Last week the company cut back its white-collar workforce for the first time ever, laying off 20 salaried employees in New Haven and several more in Hingham, Mass.

Thomas Krajewski, vice president of administration for U.S. Repeating Arms, said he expected a reduction in hourly workers at the Hingham plant as well.

"Hopefully, that will put our manning in line for the rest of the year," Krajewski said.

"We're terminating these temporary and we're hoping for some improvement in the long-run business as soon as possible. If we see an increase in sales, we hope to call them all back," he said.

In December, 75 production workers at the New Haven plant were given permanent layoff notices. All union workers accepted an extended, five-week furlough over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Louis Romano, president of Local 609 of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, said the latest round of layoffs will reduce his bargaining unit to 670 workers, its lowest level since 1940, and the overall workforce at the plant to about 755.

"Orders aren't coming in as anticipated," Romano said. "It's a serious situation with the economy. Right now it's so bad that all we can do is hope it turns around — to put money in people's pockets so they'll be able to buy guns."

The company was formerly the Winchester Sporting Arms Division of the Springfield-based Olin Corp.

## Big Board becomes sluggish

NEW YORK (UPI) — Falling oil stocks were almost the only sign of life on Wall Street Thursday with prices closing mixed in a sluggish market.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 0.97 at 1,116.97 but investment property, steel and several other market barometers fell. Declines led advances by a 3-2 margin among the 1,063 issues traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume was relatively light. Big Board turnover was about 70 million, down from 83 million Wednesday.

Major oil stocks were among the most volatile, falling in what analysts said was a reaction to recent oil price cuts. Investors, they said, feared price reductions by the U.S.S.R. and Egypt would convince Britain, too, to undercut OPEC's new \$23-a-barrel standard and trigger an oil price war.

Some experts blamed the market's indecisiveness on their fellow analysts, who have been predicting a major "correction" since late February.

that would bring prices down by about 10 percent before the bull market resumes its surge upward.

Robert Stovall of Dean Witter Reynolds claimed "what some people call the great correction" has already begun.

"The most dangerous kind of corrections are those that sort of creep dramatically, two or three points a day on the Dow with subnormal volume," he said. "They tend to drag on longer and wear you out."

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS Seasonally adjusted balance on U.S. international transactions



### Red ink

The worst quarterly deficit in more than a decade, a \$6.1 billion shortfall, bridged 1982's red ink to \$8.1 billion, the government announced Thursday.

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## Buying technology stocks fun but risky

Get ready for a wild and woolly roller-coaster ride on those sizzling technology stocks, the market's hottest performers. But if you can stand the heat — and you've got a little patience — there are even bigger killings ahead.

That's the word from investment advisor Stephen Leeb, who made a dazzling market call on the technology stocks last year.

In brief, just a few days before the stock market began its explosive rally Aug. 17, the Investment Strategist — a bi-weekly investment letter out of Jersey City, N.J., that's written by Leeb — put the finishing touches on its latest issue in which it recommended 22 large and small technology stocks.

If any of the letter's 1,400 subscribers had heeded Leeb's advice, they no doubt would have voted for him for president.

The reason: Those 22 stocks (all of them) subsequently shot up an average 120 percent, more than double the nearly 50 percent gain in the Dow in the same period. Increases ranged from 52 to 220 percent.

Examples: Coherent Technology ran from 11 1/4 to a recent price of 35 1/4; Informatics, 10 to 27; GCA, 12 1/4 to 34 1/4.

But that was yesterday. And with growing numbers of investment advisers talking about the prospects of a stiff market correction — Leeb himself is projecting a drop in the Dow to the 950-1,000

range within two months — a solid case could well be made for some immediate profit-taking.

Those are Leeb's sentiments, as well. But he's convinced — based on a recently completed study — that it would be a bum move to unload all the technology stocks you might own.

His view: Sell 20 to 25 percent of the various technology holdings and be prepared to jump back in during any decline.

He reasons that the leading technology performers could be quickly smashed by declines of upward of 30 percent. And, in the face of such a selloff (assuming it happens), he figures investors ought to start recommitting after the stocks drop 15 to 20 percent, since there's no way of catching the exact bottom.

**BUT IF YOU** think the Dow could drop 150-200 points, why not sell out everything?

"Because supposing I'm wrong," responds Leeb. "If the Dow goes to 1,200, a lot of these technology stocks could go considerably higher before there's a correction."

Given his critical caveat that above-average earnings growth remains on track, the 36-year-old Leeb, at one time research director of Indicator Digest, a leading investment advisory service, argues that investors would be foolish to allow themselves to be



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Syndicated Columnist

shaken out of attractive technology holdings in a market selloff.

As he sees it, the right technology stocks companies — over the next four to five years — should be the market's hottest performers.

His reasoning: They're creating important new products and essential markets that enhance productivity, and in the case of medical technology, they're either providing life-saving products and services or making it possible to deliver health care more efficiently and less costly.

That technology study mentioned earlier details how this equity area performed from the 1974-'75 market bottom (when the Dow was in the 600s) through 1980. For this exercise, Leeb chose 22 technology stocks (both large and small) that mirror the 22 companies he recommended last August.

The '74-'75 names included such companies as AVX, AMP, Augat, Honeywell, NCR, Tandy and

Tymshare.

From the '74-'75 market low to the mid-'75 high, the 22 technology stocks ran up an average 279 percent, way above the general market advance of about 50 percent. But during the mid-to-late '75 market selloff, these same 22 stocks got socked for a much heavier drop — 29 percent vs. 13 percent for the general market.

**GRANTED, ANYONE** who would have sold out prior to the selloff would have saved themselves plenty of bucks — but only temporarily.

The reason: By mid-'76, these same 22 stocks were selling roughly 40 percent above their mid-'75 highs.

Even more striking were their subsequent performances after they reached their mid-'76 highs. Over the next four years — with various market selloffs along the way — the stocks averaged a

sizzling advance of more than 400 percent from where they started their corrections in mid-'75. And since '80, many have risen to still higher levels.

Sparking this prolific showing over the longer run was a super annual profit growth rate of 36 percent.

The long-term message, explains Leeb, is that if the profit growth is there, the stocks take care of themselves.

In an accompanying chart, Leeb lists his current 20 technology favorites and projects potential prices 12 to 18 months out.

His three top choices are Intel (41 1/4 at press-time), described by Leeb as the most technologically advanced semiconductor manufacturer in the world; Medtronic (51), the country's largest pacemaker producer, and Electro-Biology (34 1/4), a company with a unique product in the medical field. (In brief, through the use of electromagnetic waves, the product heals bone fractures that would otherwise have to be treated surgically. It works in more than 70 percent of the case.)

In arguing his technology case, Leeb contends that his 20 current favorites, though up dramatically in price the past seven months, are not overvalued when compared to the market evaluations accorded the earlier 22 technology stocks at the start of their mid-'75 correction. At that point, they were

selling at an average 16 times their projected '76 earnings. The current group sports an average 13 multiple.

"It's another meaningful bit of evidence," says Leeb, "that the fireworks (in technology stocks) are far from over."

**TECHNOLOGY'S BEST BETS**

Recent Price	Est. Price 12-18 mos.
Advanced Micro-Devices 33 1/4	45-50
Analogic 46 1/4	60-65
Astrosystems 10 1/2	18-20
Bio-Rad 13 3/4	22-25
CPT 25 1/4	40-45
Coherent Technology 35 1/4	55-60
Electro-Biology 34 1/4	55-60
GCA 34 1/4	55-60
ICOT 7 3/4	14-15
ISC Systems 15 1/2	30-33
Informatics 27	40-45
Intel 41 1/4	75-80
Kulicick & Sofia 32 1/4	55-60
Medicon 7	14-16
Medtronic 51	50-55
National Data 20 3/4	32-35
Northern Telecom 60 3/4	120-125
Pall 36 1/4	50-55
Unitode 48 1/4	65-70

(Source: Investment Strategist, Jersey City, N.Y.)

## Developer's plush condos sprang out of thin air

By LeRoy Pope  
UPI Business Writer

NEW YORK — There probably are a number of urban institutions in America that could prosper by selling the air rights over their buildings for apartment or office towers, says Developer Charles H. Shaw.

Nevertheless, Shaw said he suspects his 32-story luxury condominium complex rising above Manhattan's Museum of Modern Art will remain unique for some years.

Shaw paid the museum \$17 million for the museum's air rights and his complex will realize perhaps \$2.5 million a year in continuing revenues as its share of maintenance charges for the luxury apartments.

"There are churches, hospitals and schools in New York and other cities that are located in money-earning buildings they own but to put together such a deal for a museum or other public institution is difficult," Shaw told United Press International. "It takes just the right location, the right personal chemistry and a lot of human trust."

**MUSEUM TOWERS** is unique for several reasons. One is its location: in the heart of one of Manhattan's most convenient areas. "It's ideal for second homes for the very rich. And that's what it will be for the most part,"

Shaw said. He cited a couple of very rich Japanese who think nothing of commuting between Tokyo and New York twice a month.

Shaw expects at least half the buyers of Museum Towers Condominiums to be foreign and he thinks there will be very few who stay in their apartments all year. Nor does he expect to have many big families. As a matter of fact, even though the average sale price of the 267 units is over \$800,000, there will be only five maid's rooms in the whole building. The building will supply maid service to those desiring it on a per diem or hourly basis.

With nine-foot ceilings, travertine marble baths and interiors designed by famous architects and decorators, the apartments all reflect the utmost in luxurious design and finish, but the real emphasis is on privacy and security, Shaw said.

**NO TRADESMEN** are allowed above the lobby floor. All deliveries are made by the building staff. There is no connecting door between the tower and the museum. There are no restaurants, no shops, swimming pool or health club in the tower, no public space except the lobby.

Apartment owners are restricted in allowing friends to use their apartments when they are out of town. They can register

the names of not more than three guests who will be admitted to their apartments in their absence.

And Shaw's firm inflexibly refuses to reveal the names of any of the apartment owners.

### In brief

#### AgriVest names V.P.

James B. McCandless of Manchester has been named vice president of AgriVest Inc.



James B. McCandless

Prior to joining AgriVest, McCandless was vice president with Bell Investment Company, Burlington, Iowa, where he was responsible for the company's \$360 million agricultural investment portfolio.

Previously, he was investment officer with Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, Hartford.

AgriVest, Inc. was founded as an independent company earlier this year when Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance divested itself of its Agricultural Investment Division. The new company, which is wholly owned by former Agricultural Division executives, now manages the insurance company's \$519 million agricultural portfolio.

McCandless is a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He is a 1968 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science.

He and his wife, Mary Ann, have two children, William, 13, and Anne, 4.

#### Aetna's Katz retires

George Katz of 46 Butternut Road retired in February after almost 33 years and four different careers at Aetna Life and Casualty.



George Katz

He plans to find "ventures that will get me out from behind the desk."

Katz was Aetna's negotiator and legal draftsman when casualty insurance policies were standard in the industry. He also was the company's principal no-fault advocate prior to the organization of the Government Relations Section of the Law Department.

He developed and managed the experiment in personal lines mass marketing called EPIC.

And more recently, Katz administered Aetna's personal lines residual marketing business, serving also as a member of the Executive Committee of AIPSO, the industry residual market rating organization.

A Manchester resident for 31 years, Katz has participated in church choirs, the Manchester Symphony Choral, and the Camp Woodstock Board of the Hartford County YMCA. He plays tennis and is an avid salt water fisherman.



Herald photo by Gineo

THE BLUE MOON IS DOWN, JURY'S IN  
... new restaurant opened for business this week

## New restaurant debuts

The Blue Moon, a neighborhood bar on Walnut Street that closed in December, reopened this week under new management and a new name: the Jury Box Restaurant.

Its new owners are Robert and David Odell of Manchester, who also own the Buffalo Water Tavern on East Middle Turnpike.

Owner Robert Odell said the new establishment will serve lunch and dinner and has a full liquor license.

"Before it was more of a neighborhood shot-and-a-beer place. They really didn't do much with the food," he said.

Odell said he and his brother David have spent the last three months renovating the building. It has a cocktail lounge on one side and a 46-seat dining room on the other.

The Odells chose the name "Jury Box" because of its proximity to

Manchester Superior Court, a block and a half away on West Center Street.

"We're trying to get a nice class of people... lawyers, real estate people... we're trying to upgrade the place in general," Odell said.

The new restaurant is decorated in a courtroom motif, with legal books and paintings of famous judges lining the walls.

### Nepotism is bad business

## Family businesses not always well-run

NEW YORK (UPI) — The family relationships that make many a small business succeed ultimately may also destroy it, says management consultant David T. Barry of Wellesley, Mass.

Barry is author of "The Family Business Estate Planning Guide," which he published himself and is selling by mail at \$49.50. It's a volume of commentary accompanied by detailed work sheets for analyzing and solving the property, tax, insurance and other problems of the family-owned corporation or partnership. It's loose-leaf for updating with mailed bulletins from the publisher.

It's also a distillation of the experiences of Barry's Management Growth Institute, which has been counseling small businesses since 1962 with heavy emphasis on family-owned concerns. Barry also has taught

graduate classes in management problems at Boston University.

"There really is a difference between a family business and other business," Barry said, "but you won't discover the difference in the factory or the back shop. The real differences are found in the company office and in the homes of the owners."

As long as the family relationships are not at cross purposes the family-owned business often has advantages over other businesses. Sooner or later, however, these relationships are likely to interfere with and even prevent sound planning and make it extremely difficult to change bad management postures, Barry said.

The conflicts of personal interests that develop in family-owned enterprises not only break up good businesses, they break up families because

of jealousy and disappointment, he said.

During its good years, the family-owned business is likely to enjoy the advantages over other enterprises of greater trust and loyalty, somewhat better experience on the part of workers and executives, a lower startup cost and a "togetherness" that improves productivity.

The disadvantages Barry sees accumulating as time goes by for family business management are confusion over birthright and confusion between ownership and the ability or right to manage, difficulty in decision-making because too many members of the family have to be consulted and a tendency to overpay executives as compared with businesses that are not family-owned.

It's not uncommon for a family-owned company to pay a son or brother right

out of school \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year whereas he'd be lucky to get \$20,000 in an outside company.

Barry said one of the most difficult problems a family business must cope with is "founder's syndrome," the belief of the founder that he alone can run the business and

his development of a determination to keep control at all costs.

This is likely to prevent the recruitment of good continuing management and eventually may force the sale of the business, often not at a good time or for a good price.

It's also not a good idea to give stock to members of the family who do not work in the company. An aunt who is retired and lives on her dividends is not likely to favor the necessary plowing back of profits into new equipment or expanding operations.

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## Rhody offers mortgages

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (UPI) — There is \$45 million worth of good news today for Rhode Islanders still hoping to fulfill the American dream of home ownership.

The Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corp. went back into the bond market Thursday to sell an additional \$45 million in revenue bonds.

It will be used to subsidize part of the interest rate on an estimated 1,300 single-family home mortgage loans. Eligible homeowners will pay a below-market rate of 10 1/4-percent interest, the lowest rate in three years.

It was the third time since late December that RHMFC has had a bond sale, infusing a total of \$111 million into the mortgage market in Rhode Island.

The December and January bond sales, totaling \$88 million, financed approximately 2,000 first home purchases at a 10 1/4-percent rate through the state's major banks.

The program is restricted to first-time buyers of single or two-family homes who meet income eligibility guidelines set by RHMFC. Applications are taken through participating banks.

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# SPRING HOME IMPROVEMENT

Supplement To The  
**Manchester Herald**  
March 18th, 1983

# When upholstering, keep muslin in mind

Most upholstered furniture you buy has the final cover fabric applied directly over the last layer of cotton padding, and no muslin cover is used. However, it is a good idea to use a muslin cover for two reasons: (1) If you put the muslin cover on smoothly, the final fabric is easier to put on; and (2) the muslin eliminates friction between the padding and the final cover, and thus lengthens the life of the final cover.

You will need muslin, magnetic tack hammer and No. 4 tacks. The amount of time it will take depends upon the furniture.

1. Two cautions for installing muslin: Remember that you will next tack the final fabric cover in place. Be careful not to tack the muslin to any rail so that it will block the installation of the final cover. Also, tack the muslin as close to the padding as possible, leaving as much rail surface as possible for tacking the

from and waste the last amount of the fabric.

2. You can use the old upholstery fabric as a guide in cutting the muslin pieces.

3. Begin with the seat, then do the back, then the arms.

4. In each case, center the muslin over the area to be covered. Drive a slip tack to hold one side, then stretch the muslin tight and drive a slip tack in the center of the other side. Repeat the process for the other two sides.

5. With the muslin thus held in place, drive slip tacks about an inch apart around the sides.

6. Make any cuts necessary to accommodate arms, legs or posts.

7. Check to see that the muslin cover is smooth. If not, pull the slip tacks and rework the cover until it is.

8. Once the cover is smooth, drive the slip tacks all the way in.

9. Apply a muslin cover to all areas of the chair which will have a final fabric cover.

At this point, your chair is completely covered in muslin, and you have a good idea of what the final job will look like. The last and most crucial step is to measure, cut and apply the upholstery fabric itself. The new material must be measured and cut into pieces which are tacked into place. Here are some things to know about cutting new material:

1. You can use the old pieces of cover fabric as patterns to cut their replacements. First, from each old section so that it is flat and free of wrinkles. You can then lay the new material on the floor, design side up, and place the old pieces on it, arranging them to get the best usage of the material and to make the pattern matches.

2. Study the pattern of the new material carefully before cutting. Patterns with small figures or overall designs which have no direction, as well as non-patterned fabrics such as tweed, present no problems. Plan to cut these to get the most use

and give an extra measure of comfort.

You will need a magnetic tack hammer and No. 4 tacks. The time it takes depends on project.

1. The proper order to follow in applying the final cover pieces is:

Seat cover, inside wing cover, if any; inside arm cover, inside back cover, outside wing cover, if any; outside arm cover; outside back cover, muslin dust cover on bottom.

2. Some seat covers consist of two pieces. In a cushioned chair, the main portion of the seat, under the cushion, is made with denim or other less expensive fabric; while the front part of the seat is covered with the final fabric. In this case, these two pieces are sewn together on the sewing machine before being positioned on the seat. To sew them, place them face to face, with edges aligned, and sew the seam about 1/4 inch in from the edge. Place on the seat with the seam flaps down.

3. To avoid a bulge at this point, run an iron over the finished seam, pressing the two flaps apart and flat against the material.

4. After positioning the fabric on the seat, drive a slip tack in the center of the front rail. Pull the fabric tight to the left and right of this slip tack and hold it with slip tacks at each side. Then put in slip tacks every inch across front.

5. Pull the cover through the back of the seat drawing it tight and

slip tacking at the back.

6. Now draw the fabric tight across the seat and slip tack it to the underside of the side rails.

7. You may have an obstruction, such as an arm support, in the way. The fabric must be cut to fit around this.

8. Fold the fabric over until it just touches the obstruction.

9. Use the scissors to make a straight cut through the folded fabric to within 1/4 inch of the obstruction. You make this cut from the seat side of the obstruction.

10. Now make two diagonal cuts. This creates a small triangular tab which is folded down under the fabric at the inside face of the obstructing post.

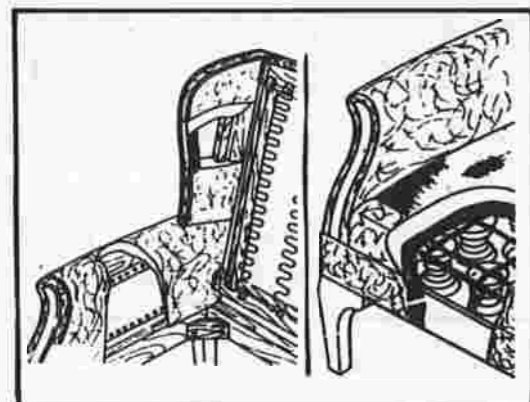
11. Fold the side tabs under and fit the material along the sides of the post. Tack it to the lower edge of the side rails. (This procedure requires a careful use of the scissors. Try making a couple of these cuts using old fabric before you do it with your new material.)

12. If the obstruction is a corner post, make a 45 degree cut. Then fold the tabs under, tack the cover down.

13. When the seat cover is fitted in place without wrinkles, drive the slip tacks in.

14. The other fabric pieces are installed in the same manner: positioned, then drawn tight and slip tacked, and fi-

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CROSS-SECTION OF CHAIR ... shows how it was made

## What's under the covers?

No matter how different the style of upholstery, all upholstered pieces with springs have the same basic construction. The unit begins with a wood frame. Jute webbing is stretched across the bottom of this frame and coils springs are sewn to the webbing. The coil springs are tied down to the give the seat a shape and to hold the springs in position. The springs are covered with burlap, then padding is installed over the burlap. Finally the outside or final fabric is applied.

Furniture backs may be upholstered with springs in the same manner as the seat, or may just be padded. Arms seldom have springs.

Padding: You'll find many types of furniture padding. In modern furniture, polyurethane foam is used, covered with a layer of cotton. In older furniture, the padding is likely to be layers of animal hair (sometimes rubberized) or moss and cotton. You'll find polyester padding replacing the old cotton in most furniture, and polyester padding is readily available

in most fabric shops.

Springs: Most furniture has either coil or flat zig-zag springs. When you reupholster, plan to reuse the springs in the chair. It is not likely that they will need to be replaced. Coil springs must be resewn and tied, while zig-zag springs may need to be renailed to the frame.

Covers: In the best furniture, the entire piece is covered with muslin after the padding is in place, before the final cover is put on. In less expensive pieces, the final cover is applied directly over the final layer of cotton padding.

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# Squash

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**STORRS**—The large selection of squash varieties, which fall into the genus Cucurbita, belong to either the summer or the winter types. The summer types fall into three categories: yellow (both straightneck and crookneck), green (the ever prolific Zucchini), and the newer scallop-type squash. The winter types include butternut, Hubbard and acorn.

Middlesex County Agricultural Agent Deborah Cole says that squashes are easy to plant and grow. They prefer a well-drained, medium texture soil. However, they will produce good yields if properly fertilized and cultivated in heavier or lighter soils.

The soil pH (measure of acidity or alkalinity of the soil) should be between 6.0 and 6.8. It is a good practice to get your soil tested to determine soil fertility needs of growing squash and other vegetables in the home garden. Soil test numbers and directions for taking a soil test are available for \$2 each from the UConn Cooperative Extension Service in your county or from Soil Testing Lab, Box U-102, UConn, Storrs, Ct. 06268.

Manures as well as commercial fertilizers can be added before rototilling the area for squash. Incorporate three to four pounds of 5-10-10 or 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of area into the row before planting the seeds.

Plant seeds six to eight

inches apart. Later, thin to one plant every 12 inches in a row. Squash seeds can also be planted in hills, which should be three feet apart in the row with two or three plants per hill.

**YOUNG SQUASH** plants are quite tender and will not tolerate a frost. Therefore it is wise not to plant squash seeds before May 20 or until the soil is warm in your garden. If you like, you can start the plants indoors and transplant three-week-old plants into the garden at the end of May.

The first flowers to appear on your squash plant are likely to be male flowers. Soon the female flowers will appear, and it is these that set fruit.

Within a few days of flowering, the flowers start to develop into young squash, and you can then harvest six to eight inch long summer squash. The summer types should be picked when fruits are tender and the rinds are soft.

Be sure not to leave over-mature fruit on the vine. Cut off those which have grown too large to keep the plants producing.

The chief pest is the squash vine borer. This large white moth larvae tunnels in the vines, killing the plants.

**TO CONTROL** this insect, start the first week of July and treat the plants with methoxychlor or rotenone. Repeat this

weekly for three or four applications. Other insect pests and their control are described in "Home Vegetable Garden Insect Control," number 74-26, which is available free from Agricultural Publications, Box U-35, UConn, Storrs, Ct. 06268.

The winter types should not be harvested until their rinds have turned hard. For butternut, the rind will turn light to dark tan. To harvest winter squash properly, cut and leave a two to three inch stem with the fruit. If the stem is broken off, the squash will spoil.

Winter squash must be cured in 75 degree F temperature in a dry, well-ventilated place for one or two weeks to harden the rind. If cured and stored properly, winter squash will keep until March or April.

New varieties of squash appear each year. The vegetable spaghetti, bush scallop types and the popular zucchini grace the home vegetable garden from June through September. This is followed by a fall harvest of winter types, with favorites being the Waltham butternut, buttercup, Gold Nugget, Table King acorn varieties and the old standby, Blue Hubbard.

For varieties most suited to Connecticut, request a free copy of "Suggested Vegetable Varieties for Connecticut," number 80-32, from Agricultural Publications, Storrs. Another Cooperative Extension



publication, "Growing Squashes," NE-51, is also available at no charge from Agricultural Publications. Both publications are also available from the UConn Cooperative Extension Service field office in your county.

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## Re-siding requires expert installer

If you're one of those people whose do-it-yourself talents are limited to changing light bulbs, you'd better consider a professional contractor whenever the need arises for the work of a skilled carpenter.

Re-siding, or the application of new siding, is a good example. It's a job best left to a professional contractor. It's a time-consuming project that requires expert skills.

When re-siding, for instance, loose shingles or boards have to be nailed down. Old caulking around windows and doors has to be removed as well as downspouts, exterior shutters and lighting fixtures.

The Vinyl Siding Institute recommends that water-proof sheathing paper be installed whenever old siding is removed. You should also consider the installation of insulating sheathing boards.

**Shop for Professional**

How do you locate a contractor skilled in the application of siding? Word of mouth recommendations from neighbors who recently resided their homes is a good place to start. Other excellent sources, says the Institute, are local banks or savings and loan associations, professional contractors' associations or building supply cen-

ters. Check with your local Better Business Bureau for complaints.

You might also look in the Yellow Pages under "Siding Contractors," or "Contractors-General," or "Siding Materials." The Institute can supply a list of manufacturers who will provide the names of reputable contractors.

In addition to expert installation, a professional contractor is a good source of advice on how to use color, texture and materials to enhance the exterior appearance of your home.

At 20, life is promising; after 40, you're still waiting for it to make good.

## 5 Tips for handyman

# Ripsaws: choose yours and operate it wisely

By UPI — Popular Mechanics

Since a rip saw is designed to cut with the grain, the tool meets far less resistance than a crosscut saw which cuts against the grain. For this reason rip saws are designed with larger and fewer teeth than the crosscut saw. The typical rip saw has 5 1/2 or 6 points per inch.

When you purchase a rip saw, or for that matter any hand saw, make it a practice to go with a quality brand. Because of the way this tool is used, saw steel must be tough and hard in order to hold a cutting edge. An accurately tempered saw will ensure a long-lasting cutting edge, yet have the resilience to withstand buckling. The steel must also permit repeated filing and setting of the teeth over time.

Today, most handsaws are tapered-ground, that is the entire blade is tapered from tooth edge to saw back or spine, says Popular Mechanics. This ensures that the kerf (cut) made by the teeth is wide enough to accommodate the following blade easily. If the saw didn't have such a wedgelike shape, the blade would bind or buckle—a common problem with many inexpensive saws.

When buying a saw, even if it's a quality tool, make sure to pick it up and heft it

shape. Then hold a straightedge across the blade as if it were the string on a hunting bow. The saw blade should form a perfect, uniform arc under the straightedge. This is the indication of a well balanced saw.

When using a rip saw always make certain that the board to be cut is well supported. To start the cut, brace your thumb against the side of the saw blade with the teeth positioned where you want to cut. Lightly draw the saw up two or three times to start a kerf, and then proceed with the cut. Use smooth, full down strokes and keep the teeth at about a 60 degree angle to the work surface for maximum cutting ease. Also make certain to hold the saw blade straight up and down or you will produce a bevel edge on both sides of the cut.

When making a rip cut in a long board, it is often wise to clamp the workpiece to either a sawhorse or workbench. This way, your noncutting hand will be free to support the cutoff piece as you near the end of the cut. And finally, because you bought a good saw to begin with, it pays to take care of it.

Wipe the tool with an oily rag after each work session, especially when the saw has been handled with sweaty hands.

Next, hold the saw at arm's length and check its teeth for uniform set. A poorly set saw will cause inaccurate cuts every time. Also check the saw's tension. Do this by bending the length of the blade slightly between both hands to create a bow

shape. Then hold a straightedge across the blade as if it were the string on a hunting bow. The saw blade should form a perfect, uniform arc under the straightedge. This is the indication of a well balanced saw.

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## Finishing furniture: clean it, don't strip it

The first rule in refinishing furniture is: Don't strip off the old finish unless you have to. Try to save the old finish if you can. In an antique, the old finish is an integral part of the antiquity of the piece, so a new finish will reduce the value to antique collectors. In modern furniture, a dull, ugly finish may suffer from nothing more than a deep accumulation of grime. If you've ever washed windows which haven't been cleaned in a year or more, you have some idea of the tough film which can build up on the finish of furniture.

The first step in renovating furniture is to clean down to the original finish.

You will need a commercial wood cleaner, or detergent and water, or trisodium phosphate and water and a medium stiff brush. The time it will take depends upon the piece being cleaned. Do not rush or shortcut this operation.

**1. NOTE:** Lacquer and shellac finishes will bloom (turn white) after absorbing water, so must be cleaned with a wood cleaner of the wax-removing type. Varnishes, paints and enamels can be cleaned with water solutions.

**2.** For paint, enamel and varnish: Scrub the piece with a detergent and water solution. If tougher cleaning is needed, use a

trisodium phosphate-and-water solution. See the TSP package for directions.

**3.** For shellac and lacquer finishes: Clean with a commercial wax-removing wood cleaner. Read the labels before you buy. You want a wax remover and cleaner which does not deposit a new coat of wax.

**4.** Allow furniture to dry 24 hours after washing before applying a new finish.

**5.** When dry, the old finish will look dull. Apply a thin coat of paste wax to one surface and buff with a lamb's wool buffer in an electric drill.

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**Woodworking**

# How to adjust and use your bench plane

By UPI-Popular Mechanics

The feel of pushing a razor-sharp plane across a rough board to smooth its surface is one of the most enjoyable aspects of woodworking. With a little practice you can quickly learn the basics for using a plane. As your skill increases, so will your speed.

In the process you will be required to learn how to "read" wood grain, a skill required of a serious woodworker.

Since it is frustrating to work with a plane that is out of adjustment, the first step is to learn exactly how the tool works, and how to keep it in proper working order.

A bench plane has three major components: the tool body, the plane iron assembly, and the lever cap. The tool body is made of steel and has a knob in front and a full-grip handle on the back. The bottom is machined flat and has a side-to-side slot, called a throat, through which the plane iron projects.

The tool body also has a lateral adjusting lever for aligning the plane iron from side to side, and a depth adjusting knob that controls depth of cut.

The plane iron assembly includes the plane iron, a flat piece of steel with a cutting edge like a chisel and a plane iron cap, a similar piece of steel minus the cutting edge. The cap has a curved hump at its lower

end called a chip breaker. The two irons are joined with a screw and installed over the centerpost in the tool body. The lever cap is the final component. It covers and locks the plane iron assembly in place.

There are three critical adjustments in any bench plane. First, the proper assembly of the plane iron and the plane iron cap. The cap fits over the iron on the unbeveled side of the blade. The hump end of the cap should be positioned 1-16 inch from the cutting edge of the iron and it should be screwed tightly in place so that both pieces of metal fit flush against each other. This adjustment is crucial because of the way the blade cuts. As it moves across the wood, it should produce a thin shaving that curls away from the cutting edge when it hits the blunt end of the cap iron. If the cap iron isn't properly positioned, the plane iron will tear the wood instead of cutting it.

The other two adjustments are made once the plane iron assembly is installed in the tool body. To make the installation, insert the assembly into the tool body throat and secure it with the cap. Then turn the plane over and sight along the base from the front end of the tool. Adjust the projection of the iron through the throat by turning the depth adjusting screw. The cutting edge should extend just a hair below the plane bottom.

Never run your finger

across the bottom to see if the blade has adequate projection. The risk of a serious cut is too great.

Once depth is set, sight down the plane again and move the lateral adjusting lever until the cutting edge of the plane iron is precisely parallel to the plane bottom. This assures that the iron will cut an even shaving rather

than taking a heavier bite on one side.

With adjustments completed, try practice cuts with the tool. For beginners, it is best to start with a soft wood such as pine. To practice on a board's edge, clamp the stock firmly in a vise. If you want to work on the face of a board, secure the stock between a tail vise

and a bench stop, or tack-nail the board to your workbench, making certain the nail heads are not in the path of your planing strokes (or you'll damage the blade).

Grip the front knob with one hand, the rear handle with the other; try to run the length of the entire board in one stroke. Do not try to remove too

much stock at once (remember, depth adjustment controls this). If the blade "grabs" the wood, adjust the iron so it doesn't project as far below the bottom. If it still grabs, check grain direction. Make no mistake about it, professionals use both hands with a bench plane. Please turn to page 11

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## Cost of buying home is more within reach of average citizen

**WASHINGTON** — Declining interest rates and stable housing prices have brought the cost of buying a new home back within the reach of millions of households, according to a New Housing Affordability Index released by the National Association of Home Builders.

"This index gives us the ability, on a quarterly basis, to determine whether the economic situation is improving or getting worse for potential home buyers," said NAHB President Harry Pryde. "At the present time, the situation is improving. But to maintain

this course, interest rates must continue to decline to affordable levels."

The quarterly index showed that the housing affordability crisis peaked during the 4th quarter of 1981, and since then the number of families who can qualify for homeownership has been steadily increasing. Interest rates also reached their high point during the last quarter of 1981. The FHA/VA mortgage rate peaked out at 17-1/2 percent, while conventional rates reached 19 percent levels. The current FHA/VA rate is 12 percent; conventional mortgage rates average about 13 percent.

The index rose from a low point of 70.4 during the fourth quarter of 1981 to 78.7 in the last quarter of 1982. Preliminary figures for the first quarter of 1983 show the index rising further to 82.6. This means that today's median priced new home was 17 percent more affordable for the typical family than it was during the fourth quarter of 1981. Despite this improvement, new housing was still 17.4 percent less affordable than it was in 1977.

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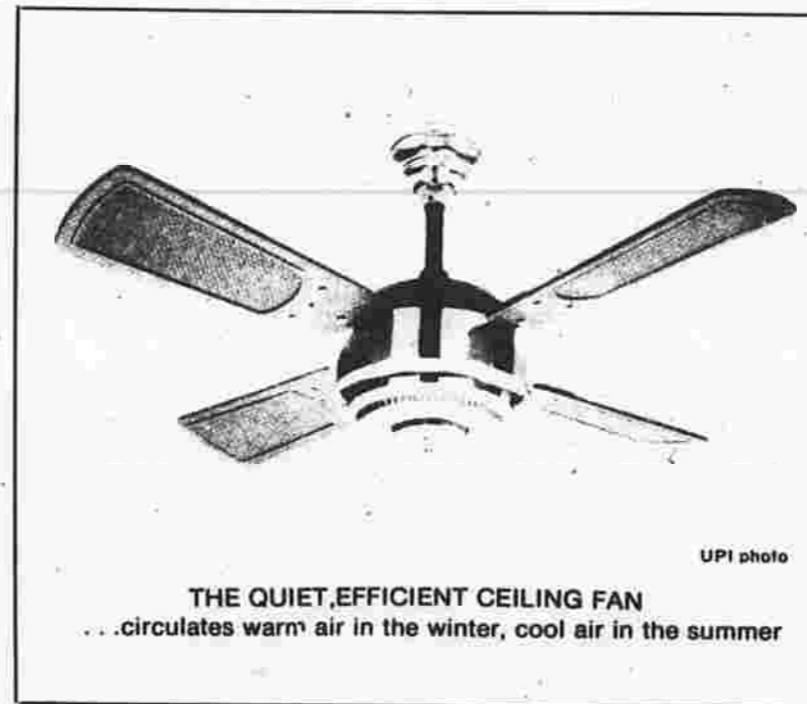
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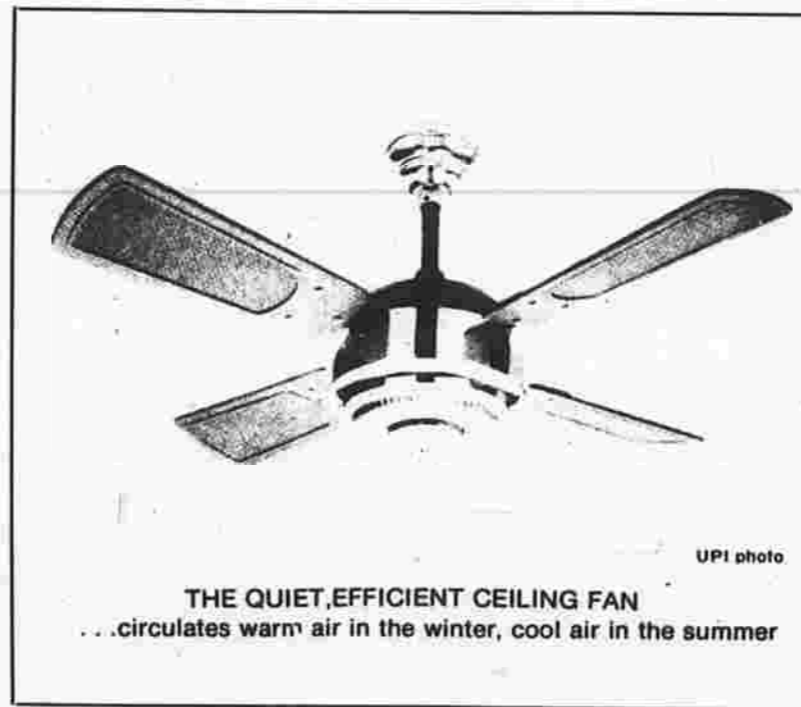
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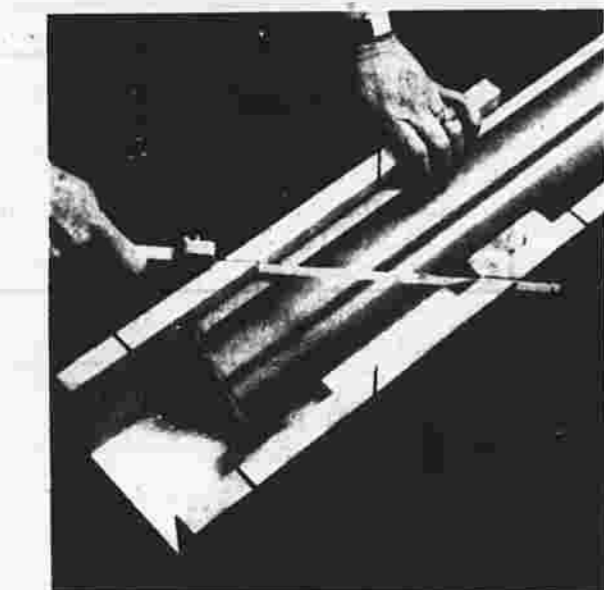
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There's more to rehabbing an apartment or house than exposing old brick walls, cleaning and restoring floors and choosing period papers for the walls. What about architecture detailing: ceiling molding and rosettes that provide the finishing touches?

Many older homes and apartments once boasted these handsome moldings and ceiling rosettes (or medallions). But in the course of the years they may have been damaged beyond repair or lost altogether.

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you resume planing, remove the stock from those areas first.

Once the surface is basically flat, readjust the iron for the scantest

possible removal and work from one end of the board to the other in a straight line, not diagonally. Never work against the grain, and keep your

strokes smooth. When you are finished, always retract the plane iron into the tool body so the cutting edge isn't damaged during storage.

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## A wiring aid for do-it-yourselfers

You've got the paddle fan for the ceiling, but the closest electrical outlet is near the floor.

Your smoke detector operates on electric current instead of a battery — but where do you plug it in?

The stereo rig, television, home computer and reading lamps are all using the only electrical outlet available — and lots of extension cords — in the living room. It's not only unsightly; it may be unsafe.

But there is a new electrical wiring product, intended to solve all three problems without requiring the breaking through of walls or the hiring of an electrician to do the job.

The Wiremold Company of West Hartford has introduced an electrical surface wire carrying system for do-it-yourselfers that is now available nationally. The product is being marketed as On-Wall Wiring.

By using this new product, homeowners can install wiring without breaking into an existing wall. The product is especially appropriate in areas where masonry construction and apartment living are common — and in some cases may be the only way to go. It can also be a boon to owners of older homes where wiring is minimal.

Areas such as a garage or a basement workroom can easily be provided with more outlets or more lighting fixtures. And if necessary, homeowners can even install a fixture temporarily and then dismantle it when they move or rearrange living — and lighting — patterns.

A big plus: the product eliminates the use of unsightly extension cords or unsafe wiring techniques.

Each of 15 components

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nally tacked into place by driving in the slip tacks. The only variations occur when blind tacking or blind stitching is called for.

14. If wetting is to be used, install the cover on one side, then tack the wetting in place, and then tack the other fabric in place. In some cases, once the wetting is in place, you can blind tack the second piece of fabric next to it, or sew the second piece of fabric to it with blind stitching.

in the Wiremold system is numbered individually. Do-it-yourselfers need select only those elements needed for a particular wiring job. The components, manufactured of galvanized steel with an ivory baked enamel finish, can be painted to blend with existing decor or left in the adaptable ivory color. They can even be wallpapered over.

In most cases the person installing the system will pick up power from an existing wall outlet, and by means of the Wiremold channel and other components, take the power to a remote location where he can install a fixture or another outlet. As an example, the time needed for the average person to wire a paddle fan or install an overhead light is about two hours according to the company. One caution: use only with grounded wire system and check project with your local building inspector.

According to National Sales Manager John Richards, consumer research showed a growing



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demand for safe, easy, inexpensive do-it-yourself wiring. "More people are renovating their homes and need additional outlets, switches and

lights. At the same time, cost and time involved in obtaining electrical services are on the increase," explained Richards. "Do-it-yourself wiring is a

natural." The company formed a Consumer Products Division to market the new product and expects to reach full national distribution by mid-1983. The product is UL listed, meaning it has passed safety testing conducted by Underwriters Laboratories.

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## Sparking switch gripe prompts query

By UPI-Popular Mechanics

**QUESTION:** Every wall switch in my home produces an internal spark when the switch is turned on. Sparks also result when I unplug appliances. What's my problem?

**ANSWER:** We checked your plight with both an electrical engineer and the engineering department of Leviton, a large manufacturer of wiring devices. Both agreed you have a problem that should not go unattended. Since your house is new, try contacting the builder. If you can't get any satisfaction there, Leviton suggests sending one or two of the switches back to the appropriate manufacturer. If removing the switches is beyond your skills, by all means hire a licensed electrician to do the job.

more of a fire hazard than smoking a cigarette in a wood-paneled, concrete-block basement. In fact, heavy-timbered construction, such as 4x4s or larger, with the corners slightly chamfered, qualifies as slow-burning construction. (Sharp corners cause easier ignition). Think of it as trying to ignite a 6-inch round log with a match as opposed to igniting a 1/2-inch square stick with a match.

**QUESTION:** I am considering putting a vapor barrier on both sides of the exterior walls of a new house I am constructing. Will sweating occur between the two barriers?

**ANSWER:** The vapor barrier must be installed only on the warm side of an exterior wall. Otherwise, any moisture that gets inside the wall will be trapped there, and rotting will certainly follow.

the heated water in a holding tank prior to sending it to my water heater, what type of valves are needed to direct the water flow?

**ANSWER:** The Holly Hydro Heater may be what you need. The maker calls it a water jacket. It's made of 1/4-inch mild steel and has connections for 3/4-inch-diameter pipe. When placed in a wood-stove or fireplace and connected to a house water system, the unit can save you money on your hot water fuel bill. These units are 2 inches thick by 6 inches high and are available in 12-, 14-, 18-, and 24-inch lengths. The units are designed to fit flush on the inside of the stove, either along a side

wall or on the back wall. They can be installed outside the stove too. However, this cuts the heat production by about two-thirds. Hourly B.T.U. output varies from 15,000 to 30,000 depending on the size of the unit.

The manufacturer claims a do-it-yourself plumber can install the unit, including the hookup, to an existing hot water tank. The jacket varies in price from around \$100 to \$125, depending on unit size and geographical location of the dealer. For more information, write to Holly Hydro Heater, Box 339, Sebastopol, Calif. 95472.

**QUESTION:** Our basement construction is part

block below grade (five courses high) and 2x4 studs with plywood sheathing above grade. The exterior finish is aluminum siding. I have fiberglass insulation with no foil backing between the studs. In the winter months, when I look behind the insulation, I see that the plywood is saturated with moisture. I'd like to finish the basement but not if I'll have to replace rotted wood.

**ANSWER:** You'll have to replace it if you don't stop that moisture from getting into the framing. With a cold and impervious material such as aluminum on the exterior, it's all the more important to install a vapor barrier on the inside. This will

prevent the warm moist air from inside your house from condensing on your framing members.

We suggest a minimum of 4-millimeter-thick polyethylene be stapled to the face of the studs. Be sure to overlap the seams at least 4 inches. And although the block is not giving you any trouble, we recommend covering it with the barrier as well. Begin with a 1-inch fold at the ceiling, bring the plastic over the studs and the block, and finish off with another 1-inch fold at the floor. This should effectively seal the wall. If you are not going to add furring to the block wall, you can fasten the vapor barrier to the block with dabs of roofing cement.

**QUESTION:** I'm building an all-weather wood foundation for my new home in Alaska. I want to build a coal bin in the basement. How can I best protect it from any fire hazard?

**ANSWER:** We don't think your situation is any

**QUESTION:** The wood stove I just installed heats about 2,000 square feet of living area. I would now like to install a coil within the stove to preheat my hot water. Ports in the side of the stove will accept a 1-inch pipe. What type and size piping will I need? As I intend to store

## Good Daylight helps indoors

Daylight Savings Time needn't begin in April and end in October because daylight saves more than time. It saves energy and money as well and does it all year long.

How? Adequate daylight reduces the need for artificial lighting indoors, which results in lower electric bills.

A skylight is one way to bring lots of daylight into a home. But, says APC Corporation of Hawthorne, N.J., a manufacturer of skylights, it has to be carefully chosen and placed to avoid unwanted heat gain and loss, excessive glare and intense light that could fade carpeting or ruin furnishings.

Skylights with double-domed acrylic glazing, for example, minimize glare as well as excessive heat gain and loss, yet provide balanced, natural daylight.

Location also plays a part. A south-facing skylight will bring in lots of daylight so some shading device in summer may be

necessary. A north-facing skylight lets in soft, even light.

No matter where it's placed, the amount of daylight that enters through a skylight depends on where you live, the angle of the skylight and the shape of its shaft.

Locating a single skylight near a corner of an average-sized room may work better at dispersing light across walls or ceilings than one placed in the center of the ceiling. Since a skylight permits deep penetration of daylight into a home's interior, light colored ceilings, walls and floors serve to bounce, spread and soften the daylight. Openings in walls also permit daylight to penetrate into other rooms.

To further reduce glare, use flat rather than glossy paint on walls and ceilings. Glossy surfaces reflect intense light. Walls and ceilings painted off-white or beige reflect somewhat less and soften the light.

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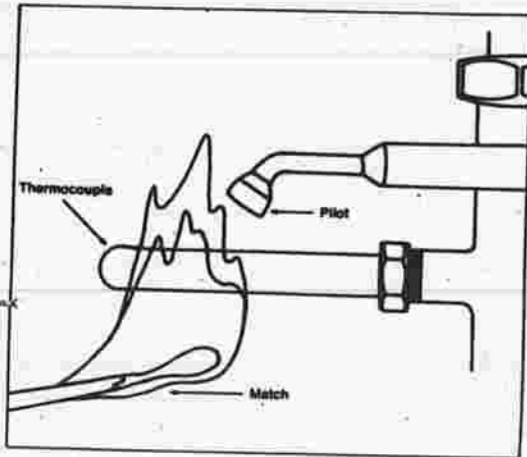
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# Here's how to light a pilot light



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The pilot light on a gas furnace or hot water heater burns constantly when the unit is in operation, and unless it is lighted, the unit will not work. If for some reason the pilot light goes out, you can light it yourself.

You will need a match. It will take about five minutes.

1. The procedure is the same when lighting a furnace or a hot water heater.

2. The pilot on a hot water heater usually is located behind a small-lattice door near the bottom of the unit. You usually will find instructions for lighting the pilot on a metal plate near this door. Always follow these instructions exactly.

3. The pilot on a furnace is located near the gas burner. To reach it, you usually remove a side or end panel of the furnace cabinet. Look for a metal plate located somewhere within the burner compartment which gives specific instructions for lighting the pilot,

and follow these instructions.

4. General instructions for lighting a pilot: first check to see that the cutoff valve and the gas cock are both in the ON position.

5. Turn the gas cock to OFF and wait five minutes.

6. Turn gas cock to PILOT position.

7. Hold a lighted match to the pilot and push the pilot reset button down. Hold it down for 30 seconds. A flame should appear at the pilot and remain lit while you hold the reset button down.

8. Release the reset button. The pilot should remain lit.

9. If the pilot light goes out, repeat steps 7 and 8, this time holding the reset button down for only 15 seconds.

10. If the pilot light refuses to stay lit, do not continue to try to light it. Either the pilot orifice is clogged with dirt, or the thermocouple (the little tube sticking out near the pilot) is faulty.

## Consider reroofing with asphalt

Home improvement time is a good time to think about how you will protect your home investment.

A new roof, for instance, should do more than simply protect your home against the elements. It should offer style, dimension, color, durability, fire safety and easy care as well.

One that does is multi-layered asphalt shingles. Their earthen tones come in eye-catching shades of browns and beiges create a rugged looking roof with bold shadings that serve to blend a home with its environment.

# Don't wash money down dishwasher

Your dishwasher could be flushing energy dollars down the drain.

Experts estimate that 80 percent of the cost of running a dishwasher comes from the energy to heat the water it uses. Based on this finding, Northeast Utilities energy management specialists have come up with some ways to help plug the costly overflow of wasted energy.

Start with your home water heating system. Set its thermostat at 120 degrees as recommended by the state health authorities to reduce the chance of scalding. Glassware may come out spotted at lower temperatures but that is no health hazard. It takes 25 percent more energy to heat water to 140 degrees than 120 degrees.

**IF YOU'RE remodeling or building a home, locate the dishwasher as close as possible to your water heater. Heat is lost as it travels from the tank to your appliance, radiating from the pipes. Pipe insulation, easy to install, also reduces heat loss.**

Some additional money-saving tips:  
• Don't rinse dishes before putting them in the dishwasher. Instead, scrape or wipe them. If you must pre-rinse, use cold water.  
• Wait until the dishwasher is full before running it. Then be sure to use the right amount of dishwasher powder by reading the instructions

for the brand you are using.

If your dishwasher has energy-saving cycles, use them as often as possible. This can save \$12 to \$20 per year.

• Avoid using the "rinse and hold" cycle, it uses three to seven gallons of hot water. During the regular cycle, turn the machine off after the final rinse and let the dishes dry in the hot air, or use the "cool dry" or overnight setting on newer models.

• Keep your dishwasher drains and filters clean. If you are buying a new dishwasher, NU urges you to look for the black-and-yellow Energy Guide tag showing the different operating costs for homes with either gas or electric water heaters. The tags have two dishwasher classifications: "standard" capacity which holds eight or more table settings, or "compact" capacity which holds less than eight table settings.

PAY particular attention to the energy cost figure on the Energy Guide label. The figure is based on running that particular model through 416 cycles annually on the normal setting. If you are considering a model that has other settings — ones you would use more often than the normal wash cycle — then your energy costs will vary. The "heavy duty" setting, for example, will use more energy than normal while;

the "light soil" setting will use less.

Many factors determine why one dishwasher is more efficient than another. Those with better designed wash systems and spray patterns, for example, require less hot water to do the same job.

A LITTLE arithmetic indicates that dishwashers are not an extravagance with full loads and that washing the same dishes by hand may even be more expensive when hot water is kept running to rinse them. This is based on the fact that NU customers pay about 10 cents for the electricity required for one combined regular and drying cycle — only 1.8 cents if the drying cycle is not used. Each load, however, consumes about 10 gallons of hot water that costs approximately 17 cents to heat. This makes a total of 27 cents per load. Hand washing the same quantity of dishes and pans, filling two sinkfuls or more, will save money only if less than 27 cents worth of hot water — about 12 gallons — is used.

NU reminds its customers that every energy-saving step taken is a contribution toward greater energy independence for the entire region served by the utility. "When you save money, we save fuel," NU says, "and that's good for all of us."

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## Shopping tips

# Check out your air conditioner now

When it comes to buying room air conditioners, getting the most comfort for your money is the name of the game. If you know how to do it, you can spend less to buy and less to operate your unit, yet still be comfortable.

General Electric's room air conditioner department in Louisville, Ky., suggests that this is a good time to make sure your air conditioner is ready to face another cooling season. If it is ready now, you won't have to worry when the first hot weather hits.

If it needs to be replaced or if you're thinking of adding an air conditioner to your house or apartment, this is a good time to buy. Right now, most dealers have a full selection and many are offering special prices.

shopping from the General Electric experts:

Before you go to your dealer, determine specifically what room or rooms you want to cool. Measure the area. (Don't settle for an eyeball estimation). It's especially important to measure the window or opening in which the unit will be installed.

Your dealer may also want to know if the electrical circuits in the room or areas you want cooled are 230-volt or 115-volt. If you have 115-volt, check to see if the circuit is able to handle a 15-amp load.

Finally, remember that an oversized capacity model is not the smartest buy. Be conservative when determining cooling capacity. A smaller capacity unit will perform more satisfactorily than

an oversized capacity model.

The reason is simple. Comfort depends upon temperature and humidity. A room air conditioner dehumidifies only while the compressor is operating.

The compressor of a smaller capacity unit operates almost continuously, maintaining excellent dehumidification as it controls temperature.

A unit that is oversized in capacity for the area to be cooled tends to run infrequently, allowing humidity to build up. This results in a "clammy" feeling and prevents you from getting the most comfort for your money.

Buying a high efficiency unit also makes sense. High efficiency room air conditioners cost more to build and, therefore, to buy, than standard units.

# Plan before buying flowers for garden

**STORRS** — Annual flowers are suited to a wide variety of uses and conditions. They are available in different sizes, shapes and flower colors. The plants are adaptable to sun as well as shade.

These plants can be planted among perennials and shrubs, in foundation plantings, in moveable planters as well as in flower boxes and pots. In addition, many varieties of petunias, impatiens, sweet peas and begonias can be grown in hanging containers. If space is a problem, annual flowers can be grown among vegetable plants.

Before shopping for plants, take a few moments to plan the garden, says Joseph Malsano, regional horticulture agent at the Bethel field office of the University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service. Locate the garden for maximum effectiveness of plant type, color and sunlight.

Once the sight is selected, the next step is to take colored pencils and plan your color scheme. Be sure to place your plants in groups of three, five and seven for a splash of color effect. Place the smallest plants in the

front, followed by medium, with the tallest plants in the rear. Also, repeat colors plants throughout the garden for effect.

After you have completed the planning phase, you can shop with more confidence and select the color and number of plants necessary for the garden.

Annuals can be planted after the frost-free date — on or about May 30 in Connecticut. Apply five to seven pounds of agricultural limestone per 100 square feet of bed or according to soil test recommendations. In addition, peat moss or compost thoroughly by turning the soil to a depth of eight to ten inches. Level the soil before planting.

Remove the plants from the container. This can be done by tapping the pot lightly to free roots, if there is one plant per container. When there is more than one plant in the container, cut between the plants with a knife. In any case, handle the roots as little as possible.

Set the plants as planned in the early afternoon or evening, and water them well. Do not plant them in the heat of day.

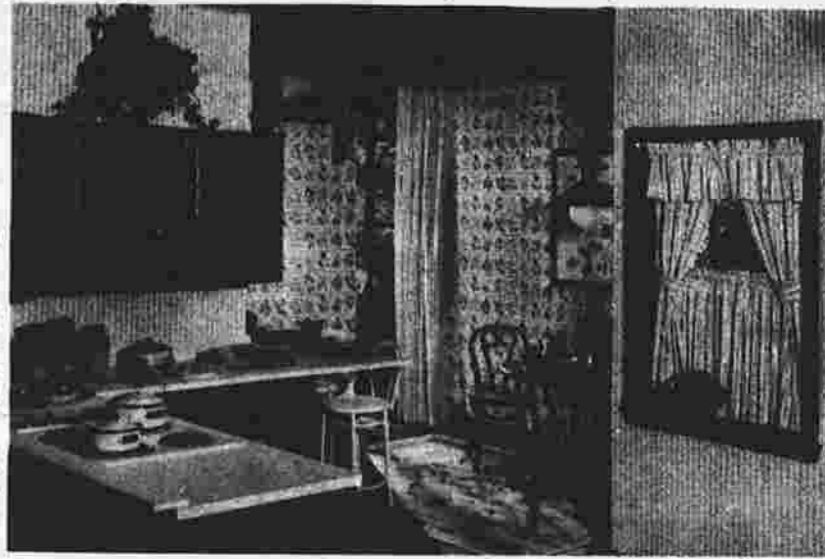
After planting, apply water soluble fertilizer or starter solution to get them off to a good start. Apply a balanced garden fertilizer around the plants once a month during the growing season. For example, apply one pound (two cups) of 10-10-10 fertilizer per 100 square feet.

As the plants grow, pinch back the tops to make them more compact, and to induce branching. Also, during the growing season, remove dead flowers to keep the plants flowering.

Water beds weekly with a deep watering — one inch of water per application. Light frequent watering encourages shallow rooting and less drought resistance.

Remove weeds where necessary. A garden mulch applied after planting will help conserve water and keep weeds to a minimum

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## Like a summer day

Your day can get off to a more cheerful start if you have the right kind of wallcoverings in your kitchen. The coverings pictured here, featuring floral

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