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GARDENER'S CHECKLIST

1. Lawn and garden need not be a lawn problem. Your nurseryman can suggest an effective control.
2. Plant fragrance in your garden. Here are a few shrubs with delightful fragrance: *Boronia*, *Star Jasmine*, *Night Blooming Jasmine*, *Meyer Lemon* and *Orange-flame* fragrance.
3. These summer flowering shrubs can be planted now: *Hibiscus*, *Pieris*, *Fuchsia*, *Hibiscus* and *Ecological*.
4. Cut down the old flowering stalks on *Delphinium*. The plants will bloom again in the fall.
5. Warm weather bedding plants such as *Petunias*, *Mari-golds*, *Zinnias* and *Asters* do particularly well when planted now.

Garden Chatter

By LORNING BURGLOW

Your knowledge of the compression ratio, if any, in the latest pea peas that you buy can save you money. Often times we are tempted to purchase from the dollar sign only. A half of pea may have a larger price tag on it than a larger half sitting close by, and the compression ratio that is used in filling that half is the secret as to whether your purchase is wise or not.

Canadian sphagnum peat moss will hold 10 to 20 times its weight in water. In fact, a standard bale could be watered to weigh as much as 1000 lbs. Sphagnum moisture content is a fluctuating factor, the industry usually uses the cubic measure. Cubic measure of the moss compressed to a given compression ratio is by far the most exact basis on which we can know how much actual peat is in a particular package.

Sometimes this even has its problems. A baling chamber is automatically filled with an excess of 12 cubic feet of loose peat moss and a plunger then compresses the moss into a bale. The springy nature of the moss, however, makes it mechanically impossible to maintain an exact size of package when the pressure is removed. Also, the moisture content and fiber of the moss affects the force needed to attain the two-to-one compression, thereby contributing to the size fluctuation. Thus, although each bale contains a given quantity of moss in its natural state, there is a certain amount of fluctuation in the cubic measure of the compressed bale. These fluctuations are not as acute with smaller compressed packages as there is less peat moss involved.

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced last week that the low bid for construction of a new picnic shelter, bridge and area lighting at Alondra park has been submitted by the Hans Construction Co.

Contract for these improvements should be awarded within three weeks, Hahn added.

Earlier this month the board of supervisors awarded a contract for general development and landscaping at the lake area in the park to the D and M Sprinkler Co.

The bridge will be built from the east side of the lake to the island. Intended primarily for pedestrian use it will also be used for service vehicles. The bridge will be 12 feet wide and 40 feet long.

The new picnic shelter, east of the lake, will be built over a concrete slab 30 by 120 feet. Construction will feature a series of six foot concrete block walls shaped to form alcoves for 16 cooking stations, each of which is to be provided with a two-burner gas range, sink and shelf. Picnic tables will also be provided.

Completion of work under this contract will require about three months. The three bids received ranged from the low of \$30,410 to a high of \$68,025.

Floribunda Rose Easy To Raise

If roses spell lots of gardening care and tending to you then you haven't met the rose that is certain to please you with its easy care and abundant blooms. It's the Floribunda Rose.

There are many of the popular Floribunda varieties available. Tops on the list is this year's All America Rose Selection winner, *Circus*, which blooms in ever-changing shades of red, yellow, orange, pink and buff. The *Wildfire* Floribunda variety is just what its name implies: dazzling scarlet blooms that burst out in wide-flaring single blossoms. Also on the brilliantly colored side is *Redcap*, with blooms in bright, glowing crimson. Three more favorite Floribundas, *Fralic*, *China Doll* and *Pinkie*, bloom in shades of pink. Always popular selections also are former All America Award winners *Jimmy Cricket* and *Lilbit*.

The Floribunda can be planted in so many ways you'll be astounded. It makes a beautiful, thick, low-growing hedge or beautifies a utilitarian fence. Use several plants of one variety for solid bands of color along driveways or paths or in front of shrubbery. The Floribunda combines well in the perennial border garden, too. Plant it to match or to contrast with your perennial flowers. Floribundas in containers enable you to enjoy their beauty and fragrance close-at-hand.

Trio Now Performing Nightly At Restaurant

The Marineland Restaurant has signed the Yvonne Rivera Trio to entertain nightly. The musical ensemble opened an indefinite engagement Friday evening.

The trio, headed by Miss Rivera, is replacing pianist Nile Mendez and organist Carl Simon, who have just completed a six-month keyboard stint at the restaurant.

Tub Gardening Increases In Popularity

Rather than maintain a narrow strip of garden around the patio or near the terrace or sun deck, many California gardeners are doing their gardening in these areas in tubs.

Tub gardening can include all types of plants. The larger tubs can easily accommodate small trees or large shrubs while the smaller sized containers make a natural home for perennials or flowering shrubs.

General Advantages

The advantages of tub gardening are several: plants in tubs can be moved around to provide shade where it's needed or to change the patio scene. Tub plants can be moved under protection if bad weather comes. And tub gardening in tubs on the patio, terrace or sun deck is much neater than working in a limited strip of soil—there's no wash-over from the tubs onto the pavement as there is from the ground.

The California Association of Nurserymen suggests the following small trees for tub plantings: Japanese Maple (*Acer palmatum*), Flowering Nativity Grad Awarded Serra High Scholarship

Frank Landerville of 1630 Beech Ave. was awarded a scholarship to Junipero Serra High in Gardens at Nativity School's eighth grade graduation rites last week.

Landerville was named winner of the A. Gonzales Scholarship. He will enter Serra High as a freshman in September.

Peach or Apricot (*Prunus persica* and *Prunus mume*). Some smaller shrubs that make fine tub subjects are Azaleas, Hydrangeas and Camellias. *Nandina domestica*, called Heavenly Bamboo, is a beautiful tub planting. In all these plantings try low-growing flowers or ground covers in the tubs as carpets around the trees and shrubs. Cyclamen, though not a shrub, is also an excellent tub subject.

Few Considerations

Gardening in tubs is easy but there are a few special considerations to make. For instance, be sure drainage is excellent; provide enough moisture and fertilizer for the plant has only you to depend on for water and food. In most cases you will want to prune back your shrubs to keep them under control and when you are planting, your nurseryman may suggest you prune the roots also in order to keep the plants the appropriate size for the tub containers.

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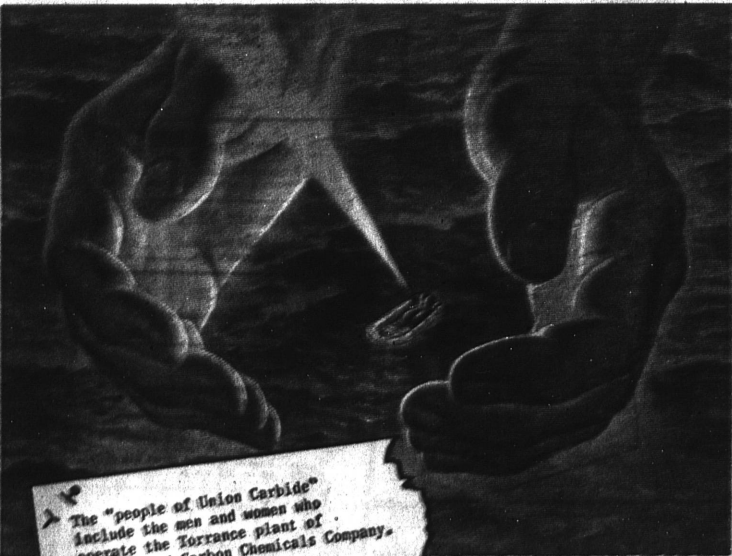
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