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Garden Checklist

1. Give your lawn a good soaking at least once a week; rather than light sprinklings several times a week. Deep waterings encourage strong root growth.

2. For color in shady garden spots rely on Cineraria, Godetia, Virginia Stock, Fairy Primrose, and the everblooming Fibrous Begonias.

3. Mother' Day can be thoughtfully remembered with a gift of blooming Roses, Camellias or Azaleas in a container.

4. Evergreen trees and shrubs may be pruned and shaped at this time.

5. Don't delay in planing Dahlia tubers and

Taxpayers Ask IRS

Taxpayers Still Have Questions on Returns

matters is provided by the local office of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and is published as a public service to taxpayers. The column answers questions most frequently asked by tax-

How do I work out the sur-

Follow the instructions for making this calculation that

1040A. On both forms you will note there is a line on which to enter your income tax, a line to enter the amount of your surcharge and a line for the sum of your income tax and surcharge.

To avoid delays, it is important to enter all the informa-tion on each line as called for on your tax return.

I've never filed an esti-

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and only owe \$28 on my 1968 tax. Do I have to file the esti-

If you estimate that your 1969 tax liability will exceed your tax withheld by \$40 or more, then you are required to file a declaration of estimated tax.

The purpose of filing a declaration of estimated income tax and making quarterly pay-

for all taxpayers to pay their tax on a current basis.

ing the pre-addressed label if I've made a mistake on the form the label came on?

Lift the label off the form and place it on the one you are filing. The label has been made so that it lifts off easily but sticks tightly when placed on another form.

last year on some stock his grandfather gave him. Does he have to report this or do

and should not be reported on your return. A return would have to be filed by your son if his total income for the year was \$600 or more. In figuring gross income, the first \$100 of dividends is not cou

I've heard that hospital and medical insurance pre-miums get special tax treat-ment. What is it? Half of the premiums you paid for hospital and medical

insurance up to a maximum of \$150 can be taken as an item-ized deduction without regard to the 3 per cent limitation that applies to medical expenses All other medical expenses, in-cluding the balance of any mecliding the balance of any medic al insurance premiums, have to be reduced by 3 per cent of the taxpayer's total income before they can be deducted. Look on page 7 of the 1040 instructions for further details.

Do you have to be married to file as a head of house-

No, you must be unmarried

end of your tax year. A single person can qualify as head of household if he or she fur-nishes over half the cost of maintaining a home as the principal household for a dependent relative or an unmar-ried child, grandchild, or step-child, even though the child is not a dependent. However, a dependent parent need not live in the same home.

I turned 65 last month. Can I take the extra ex-emption for age on my 1968 tax return?

No, your age for tax pur-poses is what it was on the last

day of your tax year.

Can I add the sales tax I paid on my car to the amount listed in the state sales tax tables?

What do you mean when you say all W-2's must be attached to tax forms? Do you need all the copies my company gave me?

Only one copy of the W-2 should be attached for each job reported on your tax return for 1988. One copy of the form should be kent for your form should be kept for your records and the other may be required for your state return.

The Mail Ego

By TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY

parent thing that Barbra Streisand wore to the Academy Awards? I've never seen anything like it."

You were suppos THROUGH it, not AT it. Fortu-nately it was worn at night. Otherwise it might have been an ad for her new movie "On a Clear Day You Can See For-

"Have they proved any-thing yet about the effect of television violence on chil-dren? I have read a lot about it but never took much inter-est because that was before my children were old enough to worry about."

When AREN'T they old enough to worry about? Con-gress has been studying the problem continuously for 15 years and has finally decided that violence does beget vio-lence and even if it doesn't it hardens children to the point where they accept violence as an inevitable solution to all problems.

"I see where Liberace is coming back on television with a series of his own this summer. The last time I saw him was in 1954. What's he been doing all this time?"

Playing night clubs and mak-ing guest appearances. I recall he once told me that when he's ne once told me that when he's not working he often gets the crazy notion to get up in the middle of the night and wax all the floors in the house. So I guess he's been waxing a lot of floors recently. His summer replacement for the Red Skel-ton Show starts in June.

"How do actors feel abou

Not too good according to Charles Aidman, the con-scientious, intelligent theatre actor who is making a movie titled "Down You Go" with Jennifer Jones. "It seems simple just to take your

Bank Sets Dividend On Stocks

A regular quarterly dividend of 55 cents a share on the capi-tal stock of BankAmerica Corp. has been authorized by Corp. has been authorized by the corporation's board of di-

The dividend, which is at the annual rate of \$2.20 per share, is payable May 29 to share-holders of record May 1.

In other Bank of America news, the bank's board of directors elected a new member

rectors elected a new member at its April 15 meeting. He's T.' M. McDaniel Jr., president of Southern California Edison Co. in Los Angeles.

clothes off," he told me. do it every month for Playboy but it's a little more com-plicated for a man. The per-sonal reaction seems to be pretty much the same for all the actors I know. There is no nudity suggested by the script so you complain at first and the director finally convinces you that it's dramatically ap-propriate. To do it you have to shut yourself off mentally from everything around you. Some-how you get through it but af-ter your clothes are back on you feel as if you'd been used and you're furious."

"Why do they turn up the volume when the commercials come on? I know they say they don't, but it SOUNDS like they do, the result is the same. If they're trying to antagonize me they couldn't have devised a better system. How can we eliminate this?"

them are so hypnotized by the sound of their own com-mercials they seem to forget that shouting went out with snake-oil salesmen at carniv-

"A letter in your column last year has caused me some thought ever since. Why CAN'T we have more programs about real heroes? And why are there fewer Lindberghs today than ever before?"

Today a hero needs a press agent. Lindbergh, incidently, will be the subject of an ABC documentary May 8 titled "The Last Great Adventure." That title may be a clue to the scarcity of heroes.

Volunteers Needed At Center

Do scientific experiments intrigue you? Has nature study always been one of your interests? If so, you can put your interest to work being a volun teer at the Weymouth Science Center of the Los Angeles City Schools in San Pedro. The center has a continuing

need for volunteers to package and prepare materials for teachers and students. These kits are of great assistance in helping children learn through seeing and handling materials rather than just reading about them.

for those who wish to give a few hours any time Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.

The center has the materials

Contact the Volunteer Bu-reau, 2008 W. Carson St. For-



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