

Graduates



Patti McGilvray, daughter of Ross and Donna McGilvray of Peterborough, and granddaughter of Garfield and Emaline McGilvray of Guelph Street, has graduated from Trent University with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics. In the fall Patti will be going to MacArthur College, Queen's University, to complete her bachelor of education.



Bill and Sheryl Haynes are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Dee Dee Margaret, at the Spring Convocation from Mohawk College of Applied Arts and Technology on May 26. Dee Dee received a diploma of applied arts, specializing in early childhood education. Dee Dee was also presented with a President's bronze medal, for her outstanding contribution to the college and community. Dee Dee will further her studies in the fall at Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, Toronto.

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Your Birthday

June 17, 1990

An enterprising friend could be instrumental in helping you further a personal ambition in the year ahead. These methods might be rather brusque, but this person will know how to get things done in a hurry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Someone with whom you might have a business involvement today may not be all he or she is representing to be. The special deal you're offered because you're a buddy may not be a bargain. Gemini, treat yourself to a birthday gift.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Objectives you select for yourself today will be worthy ones, yet they could be subjected to outside influences. Avoid arrangements with persons whose aims aren't in harmony with yours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Generosity is an admirable virtue, but it should be steered by wisdom today. Be extremely careful you do not overindulge the underserving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Taking risks on something that proved to be fortunate for a friend is no guarantee you'll repeat the results. You must find a more valid measuring rod.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might have to deal with some individuals who will be rather difficult to please. Disappointments will be minimized by realizing that you can't be all things to all people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Usually you're a rather decisive person, but today you might uncharacteristically be indecisive and let people who shouldn't make decisions for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) It's bad enough if you lack the ability to properly manage your own resources today, but don't make matters worse by mudding up another's affairs as well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You could be reasonably good at things today that can be achieved with minimum effort. However, you might not score as well in developments that require a second try.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) In your conversations with friends today, some of your pals may be tempted to chop up a buddy who isn't present. You won't like yourself later if you are a contributor.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Your financial trends could be rather wavy today and you might be both adept at acquisition and equally adroit at squandering. Focus on the former, not the latter.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It might be a trifle difficult for you to stay the course today. Your good intentions could be completely swept aside if you become disenchanted with your rate of progress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A lack of imagination won't be the root cause of your ineffectiveness today. The problem could stem from being oversold on some of your more illogical schemes.



Enviro-Sense

Try composting

By GEORGINA NIPSHAGEN

There will always be organic material in your home and garden that can be recycled in your own compost bin to provide a valuable amendment to your soil - high in humus content and rich in plant nutrients. An added benefit is that you reduce your garbage output while you build up your soil.

Almost any type of organic material may be used: vines of peas and beans, pea pods, soft hedge clippings, lawn mowings, tea leaves, egg shells, banana and orange peelings, coffee grounds, cat litter, fluff from the vacuum cleaner, old straw, fallen leaves, even well soaked newspapers, inverted sod, weeds (preferably before setting seed), all except very woody material and diseased plants.

Build a bottomless box with three fixed sides screwed or bolted together and a front of loose boards that can be slipped into position as the box is filled. A four-foot cube will provide capacity for up to one ton or two cubic yards of finished compost.

About every eight inches of vegetable matter, sprinkle a thin layer of soil and one of the following activators: 1 inch manure or 3 oz. seaweed, fish emulsion, blood and/or bone meal, comfrey leaves, or one of the numerous commercial activators on the market. Occasional turning is helpful but not essential to the composting process.

To catch rainwater, keep the top of the heap concave. A partially shaded location with good drainage is ideal for the moist spongy consistency of a good compost heap. If material is very dry, water it before putting the activator on the heap.

Build up your heap as vegetable waste becomes available. When the heap is ready, four to six months, the outside will not have rotted yet and can be cut off with a spade and set aside to provide the beginning of your next composting adventure.

The inside of the heap should be dark brown, sweet smelling and alive with valuable microorganisms and trace elements to enrich soil for your trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables. If you are not ready to add this precious adjunct to your garden, cover the heap to prevent leaching out of valuable nutrients.

Apply compost at a rate of about one pail full per square yard annually as a mulch, forked into the top ten inches of soil before planting. The tilth will be improved, soil will not dry out as readily and there will be sufficient humus to encourage young plant growth.

More information on composting in future articles. Next time we will look at composting the lazy way. Why not start now? You can make a difference.

Home Post Scripts

By Glenda Hughes



I was quite taken aback earlier this week, when one of my clients asked me to do a market evaluation for her, and then called back later to check to see if there was any charge for this service. I was really shocked, as I thought that after finding dozens of "market evaluation" certificates in the mailbox every year, that by now, everyone knew that this was part of our service. However, it also gave me insight into just how vulnerable we are to things we hear, things we read, and see, and don't take the time to clarify. Perhaps it is an opportune time to use this column to tell you what real estate sales people are qualified to do, and will do for you at no cost other than hoping for your business at some time in the near or distant future.

As mentioned above, we will do "market evaluations," or "market analysis" for you, which is showing you what is currently on the market that compares to your home, what has sold recently on the market that is comparable, and show you how we arrive at a figure that is suitable for your home to be listed at. We have a multitude of information in our computers, and our sales books, and then we draw on our experience as necessary.

We also do financing arrangements and finance figuring to see what you can afford and what a financial institution will lend you, and even track down private mortgages if it is possible. We can do all the leg work for you in this stressful area of buying a home, and make it as painless as possible - and it is part of our service, if you wish it.

When your home is on the market, we take care of promoting it, in which ever way we think is suitable for your home in particular; we take care of arranging appointments for showings, we prepare offers, and we help negotiate your sale. After that, we take care of forwarding all your paperwork to your lawyer of choice, after all the conditions are met so that your lawyer can draft up your legal paperwork and everything will run smoothly on closing day.

When you are purchasing a home, we will run you around to as many homes to view, as you think are necessary, until you find that "perfect" home. Again, we will draft your offer, present it, and negotiate to try and put smiles on all faces. Then the paperwork is again forwarded to the lawyers and we do all the running.

These are the basic things we do, but there are a multitude of extras we do such as: advise our clients about decorating, help them through separation periods, take care of their animals when they are away, pick up their kids if in a jam, arrange for lawn care while vendors are on holidays - and some of us have been known, to plant flowers for our clients, paint decks and clear out basements! Need I say that we are most diversified! You will never see an invoice for this service, all we request is our normal commission, and we don't get that unless a sold sign goes on the lawn.

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