

## GREEN THUMB GARDENING



### By CHRISTINE COLE DO's AND DON'T's FOR APRIL GARDENING

- DO**
- Control Crabgrass with pre-emergent herbicide (late April-early May)
  - Transplant trees and shrubs while they are still dormant (before leaves start to develop)
  - Spray ornamental plants (trees and shrubs) and fruit trees with dormant oil to control overwintering pests
  - Prune Roses, Clematis, deciduous hedges
  - Prune flowering shrubs such as: Pee Gee Hydrangea, Annabelle Hydrangea, False Spirea, Dogwood, Spireas and other shrubs that flower on new wood
  - Divide perennials such as: Delphinium, Chives, Ajuga, Goutweed, Corabells, Coreopsis, Shasta Daisy, Bleeding Heart, Gaillardia, Geum, Hosta
  - Start flower and vegetable seeds such as: Petunia, Snapdragon, Marigold, Impatiens, Peppers, Tomatoes, Eggplant
  - Fertilize lawn with one containing slow release, high nitrogen such as 21-3-9 (first number is Nitrogen)
  - Transplant pot bound houseplants
  - Remove winter protection from garden plants gradually (over a couple of weeks)
- DON'T**
- Do not prune all foliage off of tulips when they have finished blooming—once they have faded cut off old flower head but leave 2-3 leaves
  - Do not prune Maple & Birch trees until leaves have developed—they will not "bleed" as much sap at this time
  - Do not prune spring flowering shrubs until they have finished blooming, this includes: Lilac, Forsythia, some Spireas, Deutzia, Weigela.
  - Do not divide or transplant Bearded Iris, Lily of the Valley and Peonies until they have finished flowering—best done in late summer.

Each week Christine Cole of Tuitman's Garden Centre and Landscaping, Highway 25, 1 mile south of Acton, 853-2480, will be presenting helpful tips and information to assist you in creating your garden show-place!

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# Take that environmental feeling with you camping

While in the midst of an environmental revolution it seems everywhere you look someone is telling you ways to be more environmental in your home or at work. I'm not knocking this new awareness, but nobody seems to be giving ways to lessen our impact on the natural environment itself.

The U.S. National Wilderness Preservation Act states "wilderness is where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain." The last time I've canoeed a chain of lakes or hiked a forested trail in Canada, however, I viewed many areas where we have left our remnants.

Wildlands are more than just unspoiled environments: they are a part of a quality human experience demanding isolation. Therefore, there are two dimensions to the problem of low impact camping - damage to the integrity of the land, and injury to the wilderness experiences of others.

In the past, the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has acted against the problem by forcing can and bottle bans, having campers only camp on designated sites, have limited-



### Nature's Way By KEVIN CALLAN

use permits issued and hand out pamphlets lecturing, "take only photographs and leave only footprints." But the MNR actions always seemed to come after the damage was done.

Keeping in mind, however, that it is not of malice but of ignorance or an unawareness of the consequences of people's wrong doings. We must depend more on attitude and awareness than on rules and regulations. We must alter the mood of campers to make a difference for the future of the natural environment.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIPMENT LIST

What do I absolutely need? How can I travel through the wilderness so I leave as little impact on the land as possible? Both questions are similar. I've found in the past that if my goal is to achieve light weight, then I usually have less impact. For example, a gas stove is much lighter than an axe.

**CHOOSING A CAMPSITE**  
Always keep in mind that it is best to choose a high-impact designated campsite than creating a new site on its own. Never dig trenches around tents, cut or break standing trees and spread out while hunting for firewood. Last spring Algonquin Provincial Park initiated a tree planting program on high-impact sites.

Remember, the perfect campsite may only mean that you take one last look as you pack for another day of travel, knowing that whoever comes upon your campsite will never imagine anyone had camped there the night before.

#### FIRES VS STOVES

For cooking a stove is faster, lighter than an axe in the pack, and in many parks there is a lack of available firewood at interior sites. So why haven't I changed. Sure I bring along a gas stove, but at least two nights out of the one week excursion I curl up around an evening blaze.

I think we're simply reluctant to lose our identity with fire itself. It makes us feel secure and holds back the darkness. Slowly, however, I'm becoming more of a stove convert. I can tell a few memorable nights of

northern lights and star gazing. Campfires should be considered luxuries, not necessities.

#### CATHOLES AND TREASURE CHESTS

I can't stand discovering a garden of T.P. mounds in the back of a campsite. It ruins the entire trip. If there isn't a treasure chest or thunder box made available on the site go back at least 200 feet from camp, turn up only two inches of soil, and when finished stir your waste into the soil with a stick. Then cover the T.P. and "do-do" with a thin layer of soil, just like your pet cat does at home. In two weeks it will become perfect potting soil.

#### Euchre Night

On April 19 at 7:30 p.m. Brampton West W.I. is having a Euchre Night at Huttonville School. Everyone welcome.

#### UWC book sale

The University Women's Club of Georgetown is holding its annual book sale on Saturday, April 20. The sale will be held at Knox Church, corner of Main St. and Church St. in Georgetown, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds go to Halton Hills student scholarships. Needed are used books for sale. They can be dropped off at McDonald's, Hallmark Cards, and Georgetown and Acton Libraries. If you wish to have your books picked up please call 873-4985 or 873-6665.

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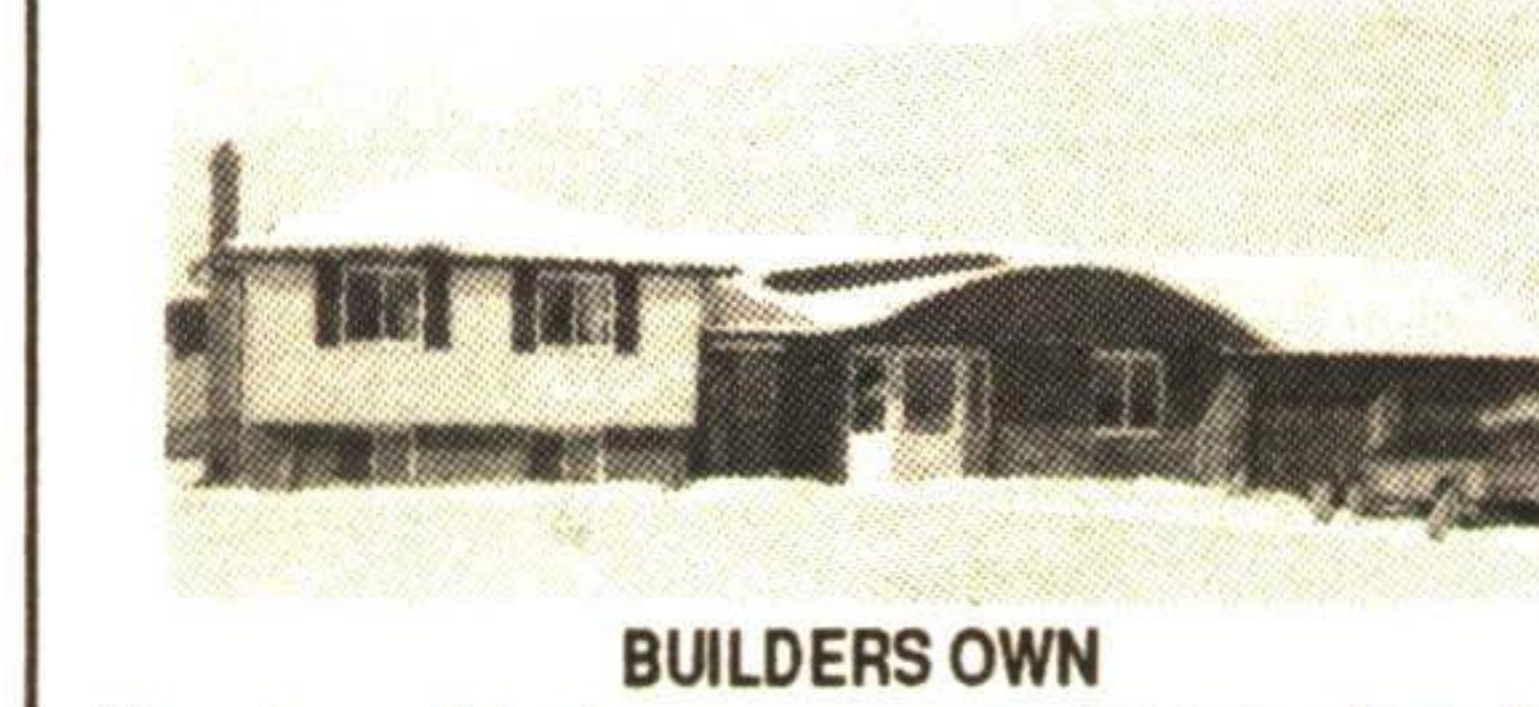
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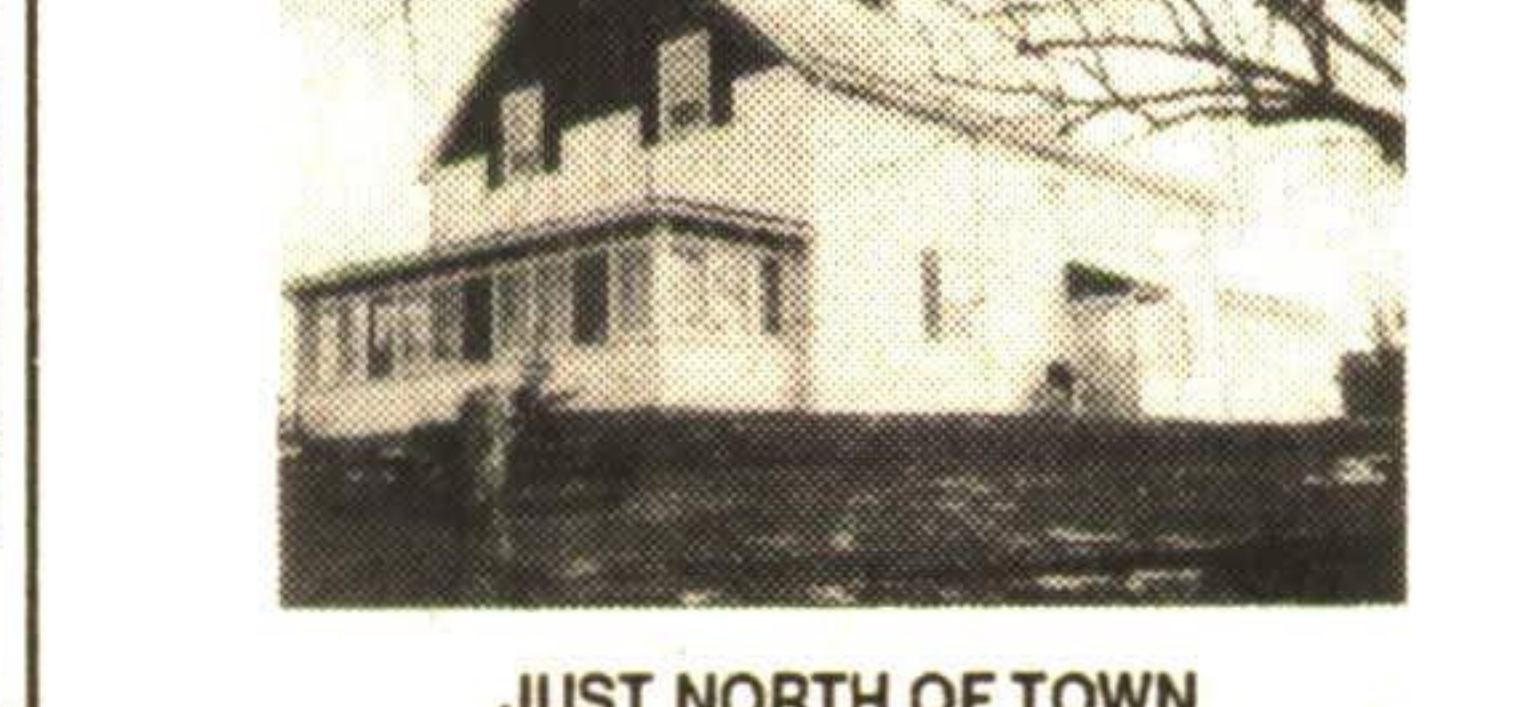
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**Your Week Ahead Horoscope**

**ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Concentrate on private life issues. Learn a little more about what it takes to keep mind and body functioning well.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
Popularity along social lines may come at a high price. Choose your words with care. Say what you mean.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
There is a great need for your special kind of service. Recognize the benefits to be gained.

**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Start a new cycle of self improvement and advancement. Good opportunities come as others recognize a poised and confident individual.

**LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
You probably feel a strong urge to volunteer your services to help a home or institution continue the good work.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
A club or meeting house becomes a second home as you become increasingly concerned for the common welfare.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
Prominence comes through your official capacity as leader of the group. A long trip develops into an interesting travelogue.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
A knowledge of foreign culture can be helpful in your travels. Lecturing or teaching appeals to your level of mental awareness.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
A bit of property is in store for you. Be absolutely honest and above board where other people's money is involved.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
Look for more amiable means of settling domestic disputes. Legal proceedings can be costly in terms of money and emotions.

**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Give full attention to the sound health practices so essential to your well being. Proper diet and exercise are musts.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
A lot of energy is wasted in meaningless pleasure seeking. Look for artistic expression of your feelings.

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