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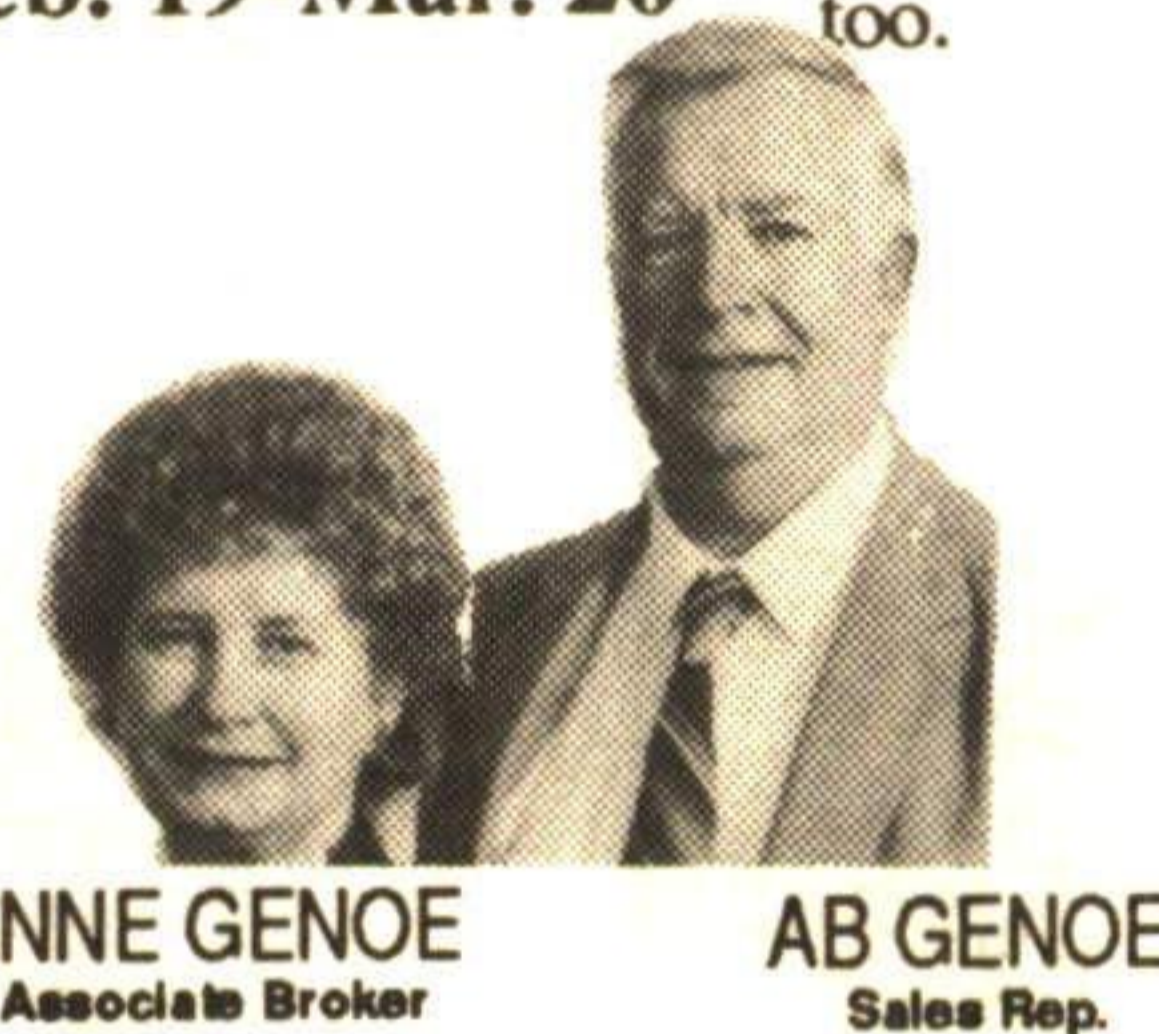
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*Your Week Ahead Horoscope*

- ARIES**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Listen carefully to your conscience. It will guide you in both moral and social dilemmas.
- TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20  
Set aside some time for a heart to heart with a loved one. A problem unknown to you is apt to surface.
- GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20  
You are headed for the doghouse! Whatever you have done, the publicity will blow over soon and all will be well.
- CANCER**  
June 21-July 22  
Enjoy the extra time that has been given to you. Lay duties and obligations aside; they will be there when you return.
- LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22  
A financial gain is coming to you. Remember that there are others who could benefit from your benevolence.
- VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Your career has become stagnant. Breathe some life into it. Listen to the advice of one who has been there.
- LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22  
Your influence is greatly felt. You may be deserving of some of the glory attributed to others, but hold your tongue.
- SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21  
Use your creative talents to add to your wallet. Extra money will come in handy soon. Stash away what you can.
- SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
A younger person will be able to give a new slant to an old issue. Listen to what he has to say.
- CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
A compromise must be reached before civility is restored at work. Remember it takes a big man to admit defeat.
- AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
Don't be intimidated by those who claim to be your friends. Stick to your guns; be strong.
- PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
Give some of the work to your spouse. You should not have to carry the whole load; you deserve some time off, too.



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*Turf Tips*



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**DETHATCHING YOUR LAWN**

Before discussing dethatching, you must first know what thatch is and how it develops. Thatch is the build up of dead and live grass stems and roots which form a layer on the soil surface. This layer acts and looks just like a "sponge". This sponge like material absorbs water and nutrients (preventing them from reaching the roots in the soil) and forms a good harbour for insects and diseases. One half inch (1/2") is a good thickness to maintain. More than 1/2" of thatch may create serious problems down the road.

Dethatching is a word used quite frequently when discussing lawns. Quite simply it means to remove part of the thatch or control the thatch layer from building up. Dethatching can be accomplished in several ways. The two most common ways are by using either a "dethatcher" or an "aerator".

A dethatching machine is often used improperly. This machine was designed to help control thatch from building up, not to reduce the existing thatch layer. Vertical spinning knives thin the lawn out by cutting grooves through the grass. Once completed, the excess grass must be cleaned up to avoid smothering your lawn. As long as the thatch layer is less than 1/2", this method can be effective in "controlling" the thatch from building up. Once thatch has reached a serious level (greater than 1/2"), the dethatching machine will have a tough time cutting through this layer of thatch. If this is the case, an aerating machine would be your best bet.

An aerator does more than just allow air, water and nutrients into the soil. It also "dethatches" your lawn. It does this by physically removing plugs of soil and thatch. Once these pieces of thatch are removed from your lawn, the remaining thatch will automatically begin to break down and thin out. The soil from the plugs will break down in approximately 1 week and fall back into the thatch. This soil is filled with micro-organisms and bacteria necessary in the decomposition of thatch.

Based on the above information we feel that aeration is a better way of "dethatching" your lawn. The process of controlling the thatch in your lawn, whether the thatch is 1/2" or 2" is ongoing and should be part of your annual maintenance program.

NEXT WEEK: PREPARING YOUR LAWN FOR WINTER

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This is a weekly lawn care column.

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