

GREEN THUMB GARDENING



By CHRISTINE COLE

AMARYLIS BULBS

Amarylis bulbs are spectacular to grow at this time of year. Their large, showy flowers brighten some of the long days of winter. The trumpet shaped flowers are available in colors ranging from orange, white, pink, red and striped versions of these as well.

The bulbs can be purchased and potted up from early October to late April. The bulb is usually very large and contains a complete flower along with all the food it needs. For this reason, Amarylis (and other bulbs) are very easy to grow and the chances of not getting a flower are very slim. Plant bulbs in a large pot that has a drainage hole and use a very light, porous soil mixture. The top one third of the bulb should be above the soil level (exposed). Set in a well lit, warm location and water lightly until growth appears. Once the leaves or flower bud starts growing the water can be slowly increased. The flower stalk quickly reaches a height of 2 to 3 feet and then 2 to 4 large blossoms open. The flower usually develops before the leaves fully emerge. After the flower fades the stalk can be cut off near (1-2") the soil. The strap-like leaves will continue to grow until early autumn. When the leaves have died down, stop watering the bulb until a new bud starts to grow. Then resume watering again. The bulb will probably require repotting every 3 to 4 years with a larger pot. This is an appropriate time to remove any offsets (small bulbs) that have developed, and put them into a pot of their own.

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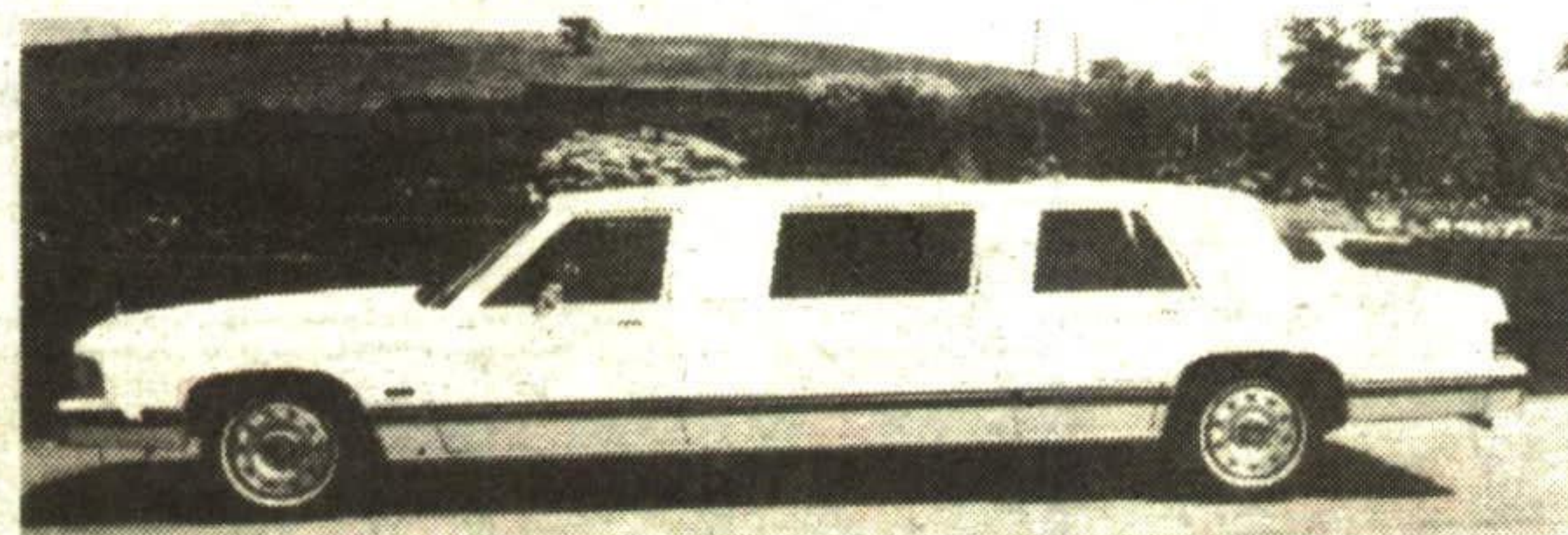
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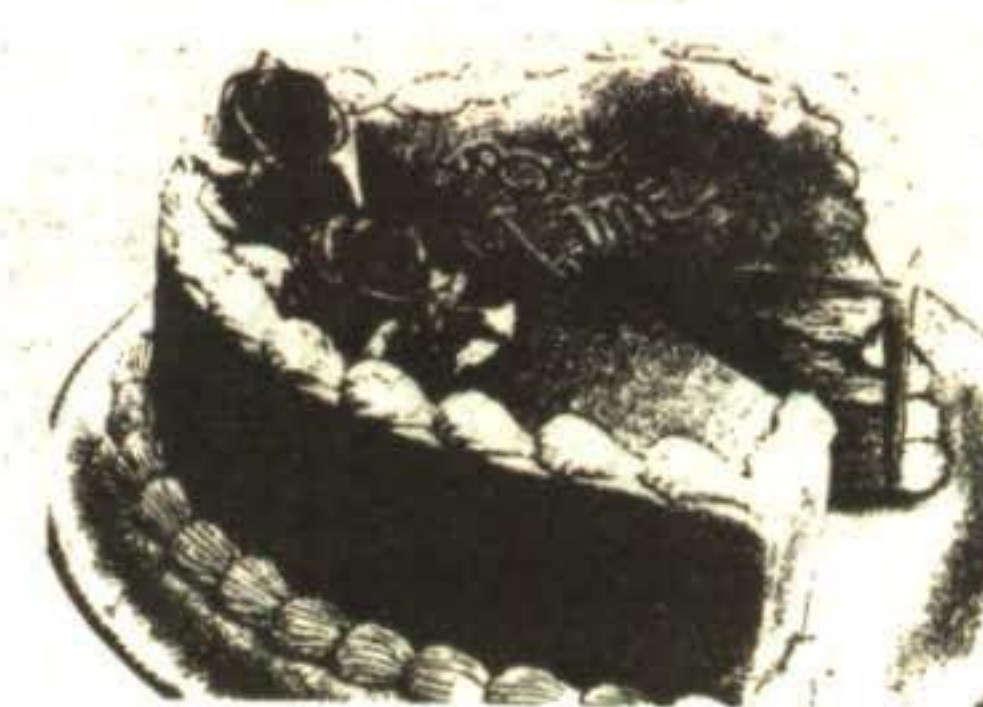
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