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Landscape designer Laurie Wallace has a knack for brightening up a yard or garden. As the owner and operator of Laurie's Laurels, she is a small business person who prefers a manageable schedule. She says her firm will complete the jobs larger companies have little time for.

Things come up roses for landscaping firm owner

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Laurie Wallace wants to have everyone's garden come up roses this growing season. The 15-year landscape professional owns and operates Laurie's Laurels, a landscape garden service which upgrades existing gardens, as well as designing and creating new settings. Along with one employee, Laurie comes up with a plan, then sets about planting trees and shrubs, roto-tilling flower gardens, planting bulbs, arranging plants, laying sod and arranging patio stones. "We're a small, personalized service," says Laurie, who holds three degrees in landscape related studies. "We do jobs the

bigger landscape companies don't have time to do." Laurie admits she is probably the only woman offering such a service in the area, but says many women prefer to have another woman do their landscaping for them. "A lot of women on their own would rather talk to a woman about their shrubs, trees and plants." She claims she has been fascinated by landscaping all her life, and that she is constantly reading material on the subject. Formerly of Willowdale, Laurie has lived in the Stouffville area 15 years, and has run her own landscape service for three years. While her work has been restricted mainly to outdoor gardens up until now, she hopes to establish a clientele base for tropical plant maintenance, so she can work at her craft year round. Laurie claims to have a

designer's eye when it comes to putting together a plan for her customers. She works with them, in coming up with the look they want, but may be unable to achieve themselves. "A lot of people have favorite colors they want to use outside, to continue their inside look. I love it when they say, 'Go ahead and do what you want to do.' They've always been pleased with the results when I do." "There isn't much I can't do in either indoor or outdoor landscaping. And I just can't get enough of it, it's always been an interest of mine." And when the job is done, Laurie loves to stand back and appreciate her efforts. Even her hobbies relate to her love of seeing things grow. She maintains a vegetable garden on her Bethesda and Hwy. 47 property, and loves to take photographs of the work she has done for customers.

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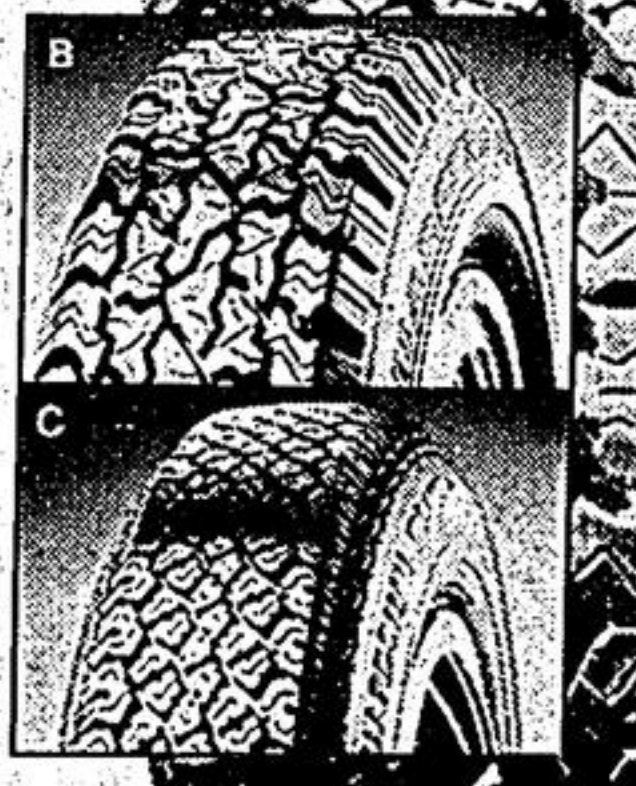
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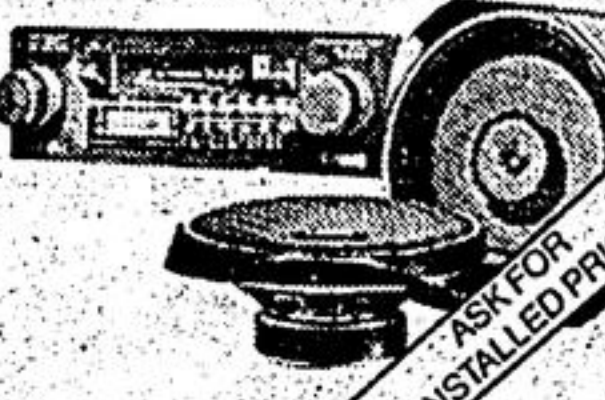
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