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DERRICK HEWETT of Supply, right, and **Kenya Young** of Wilmington, left, watch **UNC-CH School of Nursing** faculty member **Linda Brown** demonstrate the use of an infusion pump that allows patients to control pain medication. Hewett and Young spent a day in the UNC hospital skills lab as part of Nursing Exploration Week 1993, a UNC-CH School of Nursing recruitment program aimed at high school students.

1 OF ONLY 36 CHOSEN TO ATTEND

Local Student Completes Summer Nursing Program

Derrick Hewett of Supply has completed the 1993 Nursing Exploration Week at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing.

Hewett is among 36 rising sophomores, juniors and seniors from 29 counties who participated in the four-year-old program.

Students spent July 16-23 living in a UNC-CH residence hall and learning about the diverse opportunities available in nursing. At UNC hospitals in Chapel Hill, they teamed up with nurses from the burn center, the newborn nursery, the critical care unit, psychiatry and rehabilitation.

Students also practiced basic assessment skills, such as how to take blood pressure and prepare for injections.

At the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Durham, they learned how it feels to be "old" during an aging simulation. Other activities included visits to nursing facilities at Duke University and N.C. Central University in Durham and Rex Hospital and Rex Home Care in Raleigh.

The program had more than 200 applications for the 36 available spaces. Successful applicants had an overall grade-point average of 3.8 on a 4.0 scale. "We have some of the best and brightest students interested in learning about what nursing has to offer, and we're going after them early to keep them interested in the profession," said Peggy Campbell, program director and associate professor of nursing.

Sea Trail Garden Club 'Shower' Will Benefit Bosnian Rape Victims

Sea Trail Plantation's Garden Club will host a unique baby shower and benefit luncheon to benefit the women and children of war-torn Bosnia.

The effort is being coordinated through Samaritan's Purse, the worldwide ministry headquartered in Boone and led by Franklin Graham, son of the Rev. Billy Graham of Montreat.

"The other day Franklin Graham was interviewed on CNN to discuss Bosnia and the women who were having babies as a result of violations against them," said garden club spokesman Karen Acton. "Their families—if they are living—have turned their backs on them, leaving them alone with no help or place to go. Franklin Graham has opened a home for these women in Bosnia."

Acton said she was told by Samaritan's Purse that the new mothers are often unable to care for

their children or themselves. Pat Pilkington, a representative of Samaritan's Purse, has been invited to be guest speaker for the fundraiser.

The shower will take place Monday, Sept. 20, at 11 a.m. at the Jones-Byrd Clubhouse. Tickets are limited and may be purchased through NationsBank, P.O. Box 2868, Shallotte NC 28459, attention: Judy Seaboldt.

Tickets will cost \$20, and each person attending is asked to bring an unwrapped baby gift. Also being sought are donations of women's and babies' clothing, blankets and personal hygiene items for mothers and babies.

Those wishing to make a direct contribution to Samaritan's Purse may write P.O. Box 3000, Boone NC 28607.

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Mondo, Liriope...Just What's What?

Dear Plant Doctor: I am very confused. I am looking for a ground cover to use in my yard. I finally decided on a plant called "monkey" or "mondo" grass.

When I visited a local nursery they tried to tell me that mondo grass, lilyturf(?) and liriope were all about the same thing. Now I do not know what to put in my yard.

Can you help clear up this confusing mess about these groundcovers?

Answer: You are not the only one who is confused. According to an article in *Hort Technology* (April/June, 1993) by Dr. Paul Fantz (N.C. State University), there are over 20 named species and over 100 named cultivars in this group (*Liriope* spp.) of plants.

Earlier researchers grouped these plants according to leaf shape or size, flower characteristics, etc. However, modern technology allows scientists to classify plant relationships according to highly accurate biochemical and genetic characteristics. Species or common names of many of these plants are now being changed or renamed or reclassified. In short, we have a "taxonomic" mess.

Before you buy, find out if the plant creeps or clumps, in the "old" classification, Creeping Lilyturf (*Liriope spicata*) and mondo grass (*Ophiopogon japonicus*) are both creepers and can spread throughout an area very rapidly. They are ideal for an area-type groundcover.

Giant Lilyturf or Big Blue Lilyturf (*Liriope muscari*) is a clumper (i.e., it grows like tall fescue or the daylily). This liriope is ideal for garden borders or other areas where you do not want to worry about the plant "taking over" a bed.

By the way, none of these plants are true grasses. At best, the whole group of *Liriope* spp. are remote pri-

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mate cousins to the entire family of plants botanically classified as grasses.

My advice to you is simple. Find a liriope, mondo, or whatever that you like and try it. If you want to find out the correct scientific name, I will be glad to send samples to Dr. Fantz for positive identification.

Dear Plant Doctor: I have, what was a beautiful 3-year-old pink Queen Elizabeth rose bush. The first year it had a profusion of large rose blossoms and grew to 5 feet tall.

In the late fall of the first year, I cut the rose back.

The second year, the rose quickly became diseased and I was advised by a friend to spray with Specticide and fertilize, which I did.

This year the plant is very diseased and I am afraid the plant will die. I have regularly sprayed it with Ortho Rose spray and fed it with Stearns MiracleGrow.

Any help you can give me will be greatly appreciated. Also when should I cut it back and how much? Thank you.

Answer: The rose variety "Queen Elizabeth" is a tall grandiflora type of rose bush. Your letter indicates you have broken at least two cardinal gardening rules which may have contributed to the decline you have seen

in your rose: pruning at the wrong time of year and using a pesticide before identifying the pest. However roses are tough plants and will often come back with proper care.

First, most roses (with the exception of the climber and rambler types) do best when pruned heavily at the end of the dormant season, February or early March is usually a pretty good time to prune your roses. In addition, roses must be pruned "hard" according to most gardeners' standards.

Although some rose experts may disagree, optimum pruning for grandifloras requires that you remove all weak or diseased canes leaving only three to six of the most healthy canes. The remaining canes should be pruned off 6 inches to 15 inches above the plant crown. A plant without vigorous new growth will not produce the profusion of flowers you are looking for.

Second, never spray a pesticide unless the pest is identified. Specticide (or diazinon) is an insecticide and will do nothing for plant disease. Ortho Rose Spray mix is primarily a fungicide and will do nothing for insect pests.

I am sending you several N.C. Cooperative Extension publications that cover various aspects of rose culture that I believe you will find useful. In addition, I recommend that you investigate the purchase of a good book on gardening and rose care. According to the rose experts, Ortho's *All About Roses* is a superb starter book on rose culture. I have also found Reader's Digest Illustrated Guide to Gardening to be an excellent source of practical gardening information. Good luck!

Send your garden questions or comments to *The Plant Doctor*, P.O. Box 109, Bolivia, N.C. 20422.

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