Off-beat facts for gardeners

I'm sort of strung out, you know what I mean? After the last couple of weeks I'm tired and silly, just like you are, probably. Maybe the following facts sound a little off-beat to you, too. I sure



From Organic Gardening Magazine and the American Nurseryman comes a formula for measuring the amout of soil in a flower pot, whose shape is called a frustram.

V equals (R2 plus r2 plus Rr)(3.1415)(H 3).

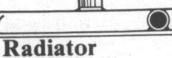
R and small r represent the radius of the top and bottom of the pot, and h equals the height. If measurements are in inches, the result will be in cubic inches.

Those who think bit, like n cubic feet, should multiply by 0.00057861.

You heard it here first.

Cook in iron cookware. Iron content of an egg triples if eggs are cooked in an iron skillet. Check for filings if you scrapped the bottom too hard.

Icy patches on front walks can be eliminated by sprinkling



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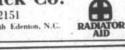
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generously with fireplace ashes. Wall-to-wall carpeting is subsequently destroyed by tracking aforesaid ashes back into the house. Use the back door.

From HortIdeas comes the suggestion of soaking two inches of stems of cut poinsettias in grain alcohol for ten minutes after cutting, then switch to water.

For important occasions add Perrier and a twist.

Remember these basic rules with houseplant troubles.

When leaves start turning yellow, you've probably overwatered, so you get root rot.

When leaves start turning yelow, you are not watering the plant enough.

When leaves start turning yellow, you are not fertilizing enough. When leaves start turning

yellow, you have over-fertilized, and there is too much salts buildup.

When leaves start turning yellow, you have not provided

When leaves start turning yellow, the plant has been exposed to too much direct sun.

Simple isn't it?

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I propose installing this under the greenhouse bench next to my exclusive-design Electric Aphid

Place houseplant in machine. Shut door, turn control to SLURP. Aphids are mechanically suctioned into a biodegradable mesh baggie, ready for disposal. But don't.

Instead, mix with birdseed and feed to the family's pet parakeet. An extra shot of protein may give Tweetie-Pie a much needed winter lift.

Buy some new, exotic plants for the house. Here is a picture of my favorite, as drawn by Edward Lear, 1812-1888:

Violence in home

RALEIGH-Most families care about each other, have good communication skill, and can handle stress. But for some familes, home is where the hurt is.

Violence among family members falls into a number of categories, including child abuse, sibling violence, violence by the child or a parent, and violence against elderly by handicapped family members.

Violent incidents in families are usually not isolated events. Generally, family violence is intense, recurrent, and will continue possibly escalate unless there is some outside intervention.

Local and national studies suggest the problem of family violence is widespread. The National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect estimates that approximately one million children are mistreated by their parents each year. Of these children, as many as 100,000 to 200,000 are physically abused. Sixty to 100,00 are sexually abused, and the remainder are neglected.

It has been estimated that onesixth of all American couples experience at least one violent incident each year, and more than

one-fourth experience such an episode sometime during their marriage.

Stress appears to be an important factor in episodes of family violence. Some stress factors may be chronic, such as financial instability or unemployment. Others may be the result of "bad" timing when nothing seems to go right. This is when normal coping mechanisms prove to be inadequate. If the family has a history of violent interactions, additional stress is likely to result in increased violence.

For more information on family violence, contact the Crime Prevention Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety at (919)



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This 12th day of December, 1985. Harriette L. Dail, Executrix of

Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9

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Belle L. Divers Preston Howard Divers, Dec'd

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF WINFALL

The citizens of the Town of Win fall are hereby informed that the Town Council of the Town of Win fall will consider the adoption of a ent Plan for the King

Street Redevelopment Area. In accordance with G.S. 160-505, the Town Council has designed itself to perform the powers, duties and re sponsibilities of a redevelopment

Approval of the redevelopment plan by the Town Council will constitute approval by both bodies. The Town will conduct a public hearing on the proposed redevelopment plan on January 13, 1986, at 7:00 n m at the Town Hall in Winfall. At this hearing the Town Council will afford an opportunity to all persons or agencies interested to be heard and will receive, make known, and consider recommendations in wrill ing with respect to the redevel opment. The redevelopment plan vill be available for public inspec tion at Town Hall on January 2. 1986. A description of the bounda ries of the redevelopment areas are

Beginning at the intersection of

the southern right of way of White

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southern right-of-way of Street approximately 345 feet to a point: thence northerly (crossing King Street) 30 feet to the intersec tion of a property corner and the northern right of way of King Street; thence northerly along property lines (and crossing Mason Street) approximately 670 feet to a property corner; thence easterly along property lines (and crossing White Street, Louise Street and Ca therine Street) approximately 1,152 at to a point on the eastern right of way of Catherine Street approxi mately 140 feet to a property corner; thence easterly along a property line approximately 358 feet to a property corner; thence southwest terly along rear property lines approximately 160 feet to a property corner: thence westerly along a property line approximately 50 feet to a point; thence southwesterly (and crossing King Street) approximately 380 feet to a point on the southern right-of-way of King Street located approximately 60 feet from the intersection of the southern right of way of King Street and the western right-of-way. of King Street approximately 880 feet to said point of beginning (containing approximately 20.0 acres, more or less).

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