

#### Community Service



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, (right), recently attended an Award Assembly for Sandra Rolston, a Bethpage resident. County Executive Gulotta presented a Community Service Award to Sandra on behalf of her outstanding scholastic performance.

#### Meet V. Pres. Quayle



Annette Ferrara of Hicksville, President of the Nassau County Federation of Republican Women, meets Vice-President Dan Quayle at the door of the Vice-Presidential residence in Washington D.C. Marilyn Quayle gave a dinner reception for the Republican women leaders who recently attended a conference sponsored by the Republican National Committee. "We were delighted to see Vice-President Quayle walk in the door," said Annette. "Lucky for us, he wanted to surprise Marilyn with his last-minute change in schedule." schedule."

#### Senior Citizen Honors



Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta, center, attended a reception honoring the Presidents and Directors of Senior Citizen Clubs and Centers in Nassau County, which was recently held at the Hillwood Commons in C.W.

Joining the County Executive were: Enrico V. Vitelli, President, LILCO Retiree Club; Clare Smyth, Persident, Mid-Island Hicksville Seniors; Margaret Schoppmann, President, St. Ignatius Senior Citizen Club; Irwin Penzel, Direcdent, St. Ignatius Senior Citizen Ciub; Hwin Penzel, Director, St. Ignatius Senior Citizen Ciub; Myrs A. Glansante, Director, Our Lady of Mercy Seniors; Irma DeStefano, Director, Mid Ialand Hicksville Seniors; Carmela De Pace, President, Hicksville/Levittown Sr. Citizens; Edna M. Crews, Director, Hicksville/Levittown Senior Club; Matthew Bozek, President, Salisbury Senior Citizen Club; Nassen Centry Compilestoner of Senior Citizen Affairs Rena sau County Commissioner of Senior Citizen Affairs Rena

#### This Issue

This issue is complete in three sections. Part one con-tains the local news and photos of the area.

The second section is a special Summer Car Care edition. With specially prepared infor-mation on summer car care and advertising information on new cars and services.

The third section is the spe-

cial Discovery Magazine with columns, classified advertising and something for the entire

#### Town To Hold All Hearings At Night

A proposal to hold all Town meetings at night has been ap-proved by the Oyster Bay Town Board, it was announced by Town Councilman Leonard B. Symons, who submitted the proposal.

Beginning Tuesday, September 15, regular public meetings of the Town Board will be held starting at 7 p.m. The first hour will be for general public com-ment. At 8 p.m., the Town Board will call the regular Town calendar. He noted that the annual budget hearing will be held both during the day and at night, as it has been historically.

The meeting dates following September 15 through the end of December are: October 6, 20, 27; November 10, 17; and December 1, 15. Councilman Symons noted that all hearing dates are Tuesdays.

#### **Retirement Plans** At Beth Library

Are you planning your retire-ment? Would you like to explore alternatives to Florida?

Join Jerry Seigel, Arizona resident and afficionado, for an evening of slides and discussion on "breaking the Florida habit." He will explore Arizona's breathtaking scenery and leisurely lifestyle, and answer any questions you may have about living in this southwest paradise, on Thursday, August 27, 7:30 p.m. at the Bethpage Public Library.

Admission is free and all are welcome.

The library is located at 47 Powell Avenue, two blocks west of exit 8, on the Seaford-Oyster Bay Expressway, (Route 135), phone 931-3907.

## **Drive-In Development Brings Protests**

A plan to bring a 14 screen movie theater and B.J.'s Wholesale to the site of the present Westbury Drive-In was met with protests from many Jericho area residents Tuesday.

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The hearing, held at Jericho High School was a draft environment impact statement prepared by Nelson and Pope, consulting engineers, hired by United Artists Westbury Theatre which proposed the plan.

Site of the Westbury Drive-in is Brush Hollow Rd., Jericho Turnpike and Cantiague Rd.

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Turnpike and Cantiague Rd.

Many of the 1,000 residents opposed the site on the basis of it bringing noise pollution and air pollution to the already congested intersection. An impact statement presented by the developers says that the plan would bring less traffic than a five story office building if located on the site.

According to the impact statement the proposed redevelopment would only add 3.2 percent to the traffic flow. The study said that the proposal would add 202 vehicles to Brush Hollow Rd. from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. if some of the drivers who regularly are there stopped to ahop. If drivers were only on the road because of B.J's Wholesale or the theatre, 305 vehicles would be added. The contrast was with an office building, it would bring 345 cars on the road at going home time according to the statement.

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The Town Board will wait to vote on the proposal until the study is made final and residents objections are fully heard.

#### **Preservation Program** Westbury Gardens



The July 13 storms that wrought havoc on most of Long Is-land, made an uninvited "tour" of Old Westbury Gardens. The wind and rain downed one main portion of a white pine situated near the south terrace, crushing a lead urn and

breaking the limestone wall.

The damaged tree had been cabled to another pine and to the large beech tree. The force of the storm pulled the cable out of the sister pine and sent a section of the pine crashing to the ground.

The white pines are an integral part of the original George Crawley design of 1910. To protect the landscape, the remaining portion of the tree has been reinforced; the lead urn will be replaced and the wall restored.

The recent damage reaffirms that the Historic Landscape

The recent damage reaffirms that the Historic Landscape Preservation Maintenance Program at Old Weathury Gardens is an ongoing balance between protecting the integrity of the historic design and accommodating the natural changes of a living landscape.

Old Westbury Gardens is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is considered the finest example of an English garden in the United States. Located between the LI. Expressway and Northern State Parkway it is accessible from any point in the tri-state area. sible from any point in the tri-state area.

The Gardens and Mansion are open Wednesday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For information call 333-0048.

#### Hicksville A's Summer Tournament

On Tuesday, July 21, the Hicksville A's faced off against the Lynbrook 12 year old

Kevin Soper came into pitch and did a super job, striking out 4 and only giving up 4 walks. Keith Engelhardt was commanding behind the plate.

Defense was strong with nice plays by James LaPadula in left, peter Martin in center, Chris Cannizaro in right, Tommy Kessler at short and Josh Strugatz at second. Brian Boyle played heads-up ball with an impressive unassisted double play.

Batting was strong with Adam Geslak going 2-3, James LaPadula with a hard hit triple and nice hits by Brian Boyle, Tommy Kessler, Peter Martin, Kevin Soper, Josh Strugatz and Chris Swier. Hicksville won 6-3.

On Saturday, July 25, the A's met a strong Smithtown team for a double header. The first game Tommy Kessler was

#### The Editor's Notebook

GOOD NEWS: MORE POLICE

Here is some good news for local residents who have been concerned with the increasing number of burglaries in the area, and growing graffiti problems

on local buildings:

With the approval of a new police contract which saves tax dollars by reducing the incoming salary for Nassau County Police Officers, Nassau County Executive Thomas S. Gulotta announced the immediate hiring of 135 new police officers in order to replace retired police officers. to cut overtime costs and to create a greater police presence on our streets as a deterent to crime.

Under the terms of the new contract the County will realize a salary savings of \$10,000 for each incoming officer while in the training academy, or a savings of almost \$1 million. This will enable the County to hire the new officers immediately without a negative impact on the County's fiscal status.

Simultaneously, newly appointed Police Commissioner Donald Kane is working on a streamlined reorganization plan to cut costs and deploy more police for street duty. "There is no greater deterrent to crime than the visibility of a police officer on the street" Gulotta Said. "The manpower of the Nassau County Police Department has been reduced from a high of 3,948 in 1975 to its current level of 2,599 due to retirements. Clearly, we must take those steps necessary now in order to maintain the police department at an acceptable level in order to ensure the safety and protection of our citizens.

"The new officers will be selected from existing civil service lists and will enter the depart-

ment's training academy immediately.

"Particularly in difficult economic times, it is necessary to maintain the assurance of police presence. Grafitti ridden parks, unsafe streets, and delayed police and ambulance response to emergencies are just some of the results if the police force diminishes further in numbers. We will protect our residents and their homes. Once you lose control of the streets and the community to the criminals you'll never get it back! I am not going to let that happen in Nassau

'Raising our families in safety and security away from the perils of more urbanized areas has been one of Nassau County's greatest assets. I intend to make certain we can walk the streets of this County without fear of harm to person or property," Gulotta concluded.

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called into pitch and pitch he did, striking out 9 and only giving up 1 walk. James LaPadula made a terrific catch in center and Chris Swier made several nice plays at second. Brian Boyle went 1-1 batting and Kevin Soper had a hard hit double. Final score: Hicksville 4, Smithtown 3.

The second game Kevin Soper came into pitch and did a great job, striking out 5 and only giving up 3 walks. Tommy Kessler at short and Adam Ges-lak at first made several key plays. Batting was strong with Chris Cannizaro going 2-3 with a RBI, James LaPadula 2-3, Tommy Kessler 1-1 with a RBI, Josh Strugatz 1-1, Chris Swier 1-1 with a RBI and Nick Schmidt 1-2 with a RBI. Hicksville won 8-2. Great game

#### In Service

Marine Pvt. Chester F. Zebrowski, son of Chester F. Zebrowski of 37 Colony, Hicksville, recently completed recruit training.

During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine, and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills in-cluding first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill. Teamwork and selfdiscipline are emphasized throughout the cycle.

He is a 1991 graduate of Hicksville High School, Hicksville.

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#### **Changes Sought** In Recyclables

A Tuesday, September 15, public hearing has been scheduled by the Oyster Bay Town Board to consider amending the Town Code of Ordinances regarding the definition of recyclables and the disposal of corrugated cardboard, according to Town Councilman

Douglas J. Hynes.

"At present, the Town Code,
Article I. Section 201-1. defines recyclable materials to include newspapers, food and beverage containers made of brown, green or clear glass, and food and beverage containers made of aluminum and/or steel. Councilman Hynes said. "The proposed amendment to the Code would expand the definition to include food and beverage containers made of aluminum, steel, tin or any combination thereof, as well as all rigid plastic household containers."

Councilman Hynes added that the Board will also consider amending the Code to prohibit the disposal of uncontaminated corrugated cardboard by Type I permit holders at the Town's disposal facility.

The hearing is scheduled for 8 p.m. in the hearing room of Town Hall East, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay.

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The bidding requirements, contract forms, general con-ditions, supplementary general conditions of the con-tract, drawings and specifications may be ex-amined at the Hicksville Public Library, 169 Jerusalem Avenue, Hick-Jerusalem Avenue, Hick-sville, New York 11801 on Friday, August 10, 1992 after 1:00 p.m. and may be obtained upon deposit of \$50.00 for each complete set.

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The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, or the proposals will be rejected within 45 days of the date of opening proposals subject, however, to the discretionary right reserved by the Board of Trustees of the Hicksville Public Library to waive any informalities in, reject any or all proposals, accept any bid, or to advertise for new proposals if, in its opinion, the best interest of the library will thereby be promoted. This invitation is an offer to receive proposals for a contact and not an offer of a contract.

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bid security in an amount not less than five (5%) per-cent of the base bid, in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the bid-

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#### In Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Adam J. Hersh, son of Alan D. and Sheila F. Hersh of Santa Barbara Drive, Plainview, recently completed the Aviation Electrician's Mate Course.

During the course, at the Naval Air Technical training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, TN, students receive introductory instruction required to perform scheduled maintenance on naval aircraft including specialized training on electrical and electronic instrument systems.

The 1988 graduate of John F. Kennedy High School joined the Navy in January 1990.

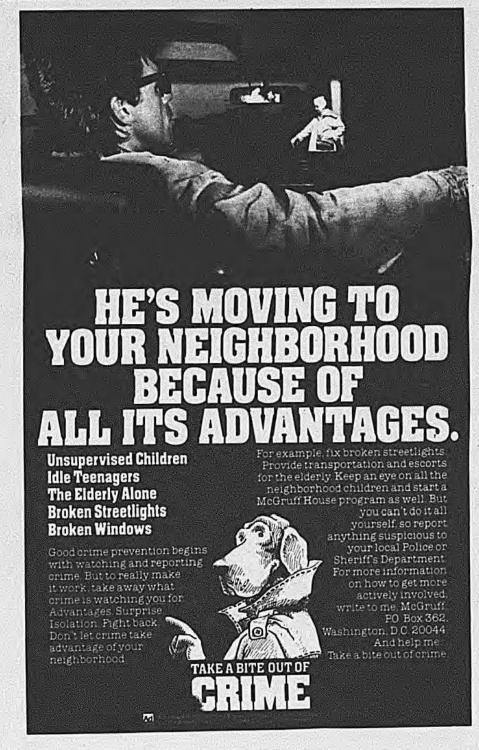
#### Zone Change Hearing Aug. 18

A request for a change of zone from "D" Residence to "R-0" Residence-Office in Hicksville will be the subject of a Tuesday, August 18, public hearing of the Oyster Bay Town Board, ac-cording to Town Councilwoman Ann R. Ocker.

The applicants, Samuel Arbital, Bernice Arbital, Salvatore J. Presti and J.Marc Sugarman, doing business as Baysep Associates, are seeking a change of zone from 'D' Residence to Ro' Residence-Office," Council-woman Ocker said. "The property in question is located on the west side of South Oyster Bay Road, north of Garden Street, also identified as 364 South Oyster Bay Road, Hicksville."

The hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the hearing room of Town Hall East, Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay.

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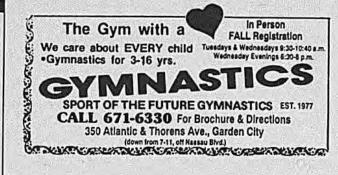
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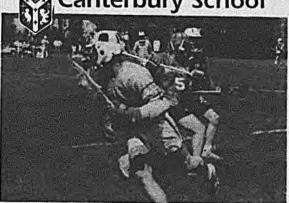
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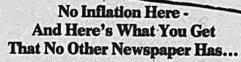


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By Bill Clark

Do you remember Greyhound dog racing at the track in Mineola? That was when we had the large agricultural fair each year, and the schools had

one day off to attend the fair. Far from the fairs today. More like the Syracuse State Fair held each year to this day. All the buildings and track area



Upper Photo Before 1958 at Broadway and Notre Dame, it was the Ukrainian and Eagles Hall in the 30's, with Rogosa Fruit and Vegetable, and Smith's Drug Stores to the right.



Lower Photo 1992 Replaces empty lot and hall with Briarcliffe next door. Photo by Bill Clark

now the Mineola court houses

now the Minecia court houses and parking lots. I watched the Library vs. Farmingdale play baseball and pictured them in uniforms of early baseball days. Especially imagining what the ladies' out-fits would have been like to run s back in the early 1900's.

Having a birthday recently, I recalled the family doctor in Brooklyn. They also had to have a license to prescribe some medications. One day in the Brooklyn Eagle paper his pic-ture appeared, he failed to renew his permit, I guess. But they told me that they found my Mother had me, when I was born and he was her doctor. This possibly was why he was called to account for handling

Dope.
TV was on while writing and a short on 60 Minutes showed Shirley Temple when young and then when she was a U.S. ambassador; sure brings you back to many a good show. Just in case you should care, Santa came to Hicksville by Jeep in 1948. A few weeks ago I men-tioned an aunt who when learning to drive turned into the driveway but did not straighten the wheels and took down the flagpole just missing the small evergreen tree that I recall being planted. I passed the house a few days ago to find the now approximately 20 foot evergreen cut down. It was so big a passerby wouldn't realize there was a garage in back. Next door to them many years ago was a very nice lady, Mrs. Marie Fricke, well known in

Marine Lance Cpl. Michael Murray, son of Eugene G. and Helen G. Murray of Acre Lane, Hicksville, recently deployed with 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, Camp Lejeune, NC, for six months to the Medi-

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Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg

Community Reform Temple, located in the Salisbury section of South Westbury, welcomes Rabbi Judith Cohen-Rosenberg as its new spiritual leader, beginning August 1. A Brooklyn native, Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg has spent the last six years serving congregations in upstate New York; four years in a large congregation in Rochester and the last two years in the smaller community of

Her experience has a strong educational component, including religious school, adult education, and youth group leadership. "Each school-aged child should have an oppor-tunity to engage the Rabbi in tunity to engage the Rabbi in conversation individually and in class," says Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg, who will also serve as principal of the religious school. "I consider myself an integral part of the education team that consists of parents as well as teachers."

C.R.T.'s new rabbi, its first female religious leader and one of only two in Nassau County to head a temple pulpit, has also been quite active in community affairs and social action. "Our mandate to pursue justice has led me to preach, teach, and act on behalf of those whoe rights have been deprived, or are in danger of being deprived, most recently in the fight for AIDS education and support for those affected, and in the religious Pro-Choice movement," she explained.

"Aside from her outstanding educational credentials and professional experience, we were impressed by Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg's personal warmth," said C.R.T.'s President. Bob Junghandel, summarizing the South Westbury Temple's three month search for a rabbi to replace Marc Gruber, who traded places with Cohen-Rosenberg by accepting a position in Rochester. "This is very important to us," he explained, "as we are a very close-knit Temple family."

The new rabbi echoed Junghandel's sentiments by com-menting, "The continuity of touching people's lives at every crucial stage and even at the more mundane points between is both my motivation and reward." Community Reform

Temple wil offer many such op-portunities to Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg through its educational programs, youth groups, social action projects, inter-faith outreach programs, and Judaic study groups, in addi-tion to the usual life cycle

Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg joins the Westbury community along with her husband, Michael, a computer information systems manager, son Micah, 3, and daughter Leora, 1. She officially begins her duties on Friday evening, August 7, at 8:30 p.m., when she will lead Sabbath services at C.R.T. The entire community is invited to welcome Rabbi Cohen-Rosenberg and her family.

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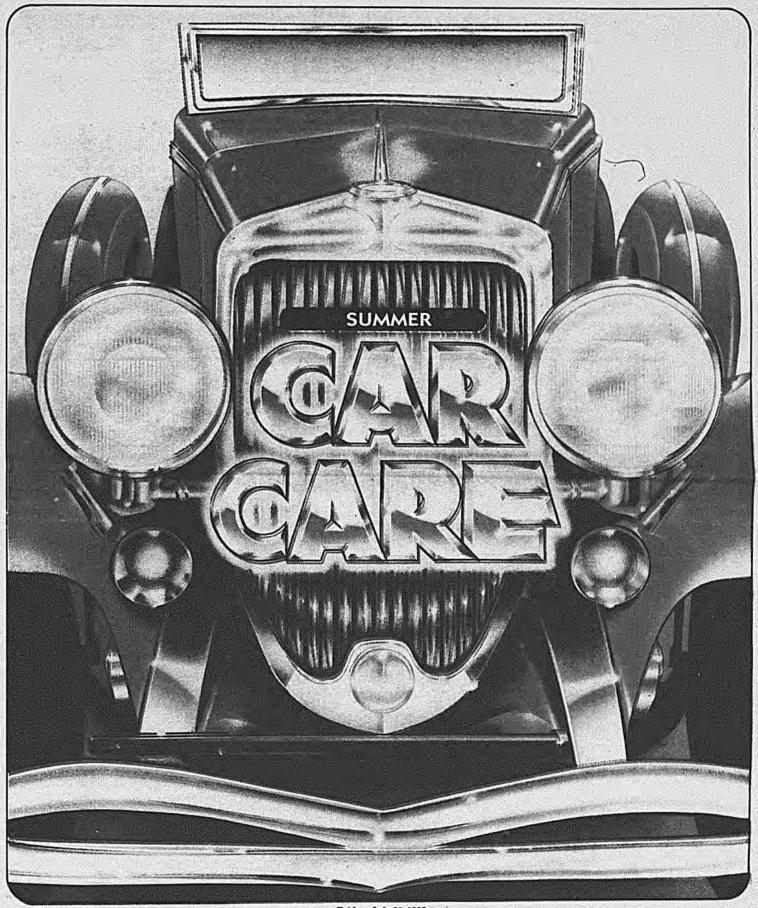
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#### CAR CARE

## Do-it-yourself repair and tuneups

By Norm Hudecki With the average price of a new car at more than \$15,000, many car owners are taking more of a hands-on approach- to protecting their investment.

While the convenience of quick lubes and specialty service centers is becoming increasingly attractive, most folks still perform at least some maintenance or repairs on their vehicles. For instance, research by Valvoline Inc. shows that two-thirds of the motor oil sold in the United States was purchased by do-it-yourselfers.

To be successful as a do-it-yourselfer, follow the "three E's": educate, equip and execute.

· Educate Before you pop the hood and start poking around, learn about the procedures you want to perform. Your best in-structional tool is probably right in the glove compartment: your owner's manual This widely published, seldom-read book contains a wealth of information on troubleshooting, basic maintenance and recommended parts and supplies,

You might also look for seminars or classes on car care in your area. Many American Automobile Association chapters across the country sponsor Car Care Clinics, taught by the organization's trained auto service technicians. Check the telephone book under AAA for the office nearest you.

Community colleges, vocational schools and some car dealerships also offer classes for the public.

In addition, there are a number of books and guides for specific models available at bookstores. No matter how you educate yourself, make sure you know what the job entails before you start in. Know where the parts involved are located and how to reach them. Know when the engine should be running and when it should be shut off. And have an idea of how long the job should take so you can allow enough time and avoid hasty mistakes.

· Equip: Good auto service requires the proper tools and supplies. After you educate yourself on what items you need for your project, set about getting the equipment you need.

An oil change is a good example. You would need a drain pan for the used oil, a wrench for the oil pan plug, a filter wrench, a funnel for pouring in the new oil and a container for transporting the used oil to a collection site. As for supplies, you would need the proper amount of new motor oil (usually 3 or 4 quarts) and a new oil filter.

Another consideration: Find out if your vehicle requires wrenches or sockets in metric or U.S. standard measurements

· Execute: Finally - now that you've educated and equipped yourself - it's time to execute the work. First, find a good work area. Your vehicle should be parked on level, firm ground or pavement. Try to find an area that is protected from the weather but that is well-ventilated to avoid being overcome by fumes or engine exhaust

Take precautions for safety

while you work. If you are under the car, make sure the jack or ramp is sturdy enough and in the proper position and that your car is in "park" with the emergency brake on. Be careful when working around the battery, electrical system, refrigerant storage tank and moving parts. Wash your hands after exposing them to flu-

A key part of car maintenance and repair is practicing environ-mental responsibility. Learn where to dispose of old fluids, bat-teries, tires and other items. And it's generally best to have a professional technician with recycling equipment handle air-conditioner recharging; refrigerants contain harmful CFCs that can be leaked into the atmosphere when the procedure is done improperly.

The final step in the execution phase is to record what you have serviced and when the next check is due. Most owner's manuals have a section for this. Such records can often be helpful if you choose to sell the vehicle as evidence of its good care and performance.

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You can lessen the odds of mechanical failure through periodic mainte-nance. Your vehicle should last longer, too — up to 50 percent longer, accord-ing to the non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence

ASE, which tests and certifies the competence of automotive technicians, presents the following car care tips as a public service. Some are easy to do; others require a skilled auto technician.

\* Getting started. The best planning guide is your owner's manual. Read it and follow the manufacturer's recommended service schedule.

\*Air conditioning. A marginally operating system will fail in hot weather. Have the system examined by a technician who is ASE-certified in

air conditioning repair and service.

\*Cooling system. The greatest cause of summer breakdowns is overheating. The cooling system should be com-pletely flushed and refilled about every 24 months.

The level, condition, and concentration of the coolant should be checked periodically. (A 50/50 mix of anti-freeze and water is usually recom-

Do-it-yourselfers, wait until the engine has cooled before removing the engine has cooled before removing the radiator cap! The tightness and condi-tion of drive belts, clamps and hoses should be checked by a pro. • Oil. Change your oil and oil filer as

specified in your manual - more often (every 3,000 miles) if you make fre-

(every 3,000 miles) if you make frequent short jaunts, extended trips with lots of luggage, or tow a trailer.

• Engine performance. Replace other filters (air, fuel, PCV, etc.) as recommended — more often in dusty conditions. Have engine problems (hard starts, rough idling, diminished power, etc.) corrected at a good shop with modern testing equipment and ASE-certified technicians. certified technicians.

Windshield wipers. A dirty windshield causes eye fatigue and can pose a safety hazard. Replace worn blades and keep plenty of windshield washer solvent on hand.

• Tires. Have your tires rotated about every 5,000 miles. Check tire pressures once a month; let the tires "cool down"

first. Don't forget to check your spare,

and be sure the jack is in good condition. Examine each tire for tread life, uneven wearing, and cupping; check the sidewalls for cuts and nicks. An alignment is warranted if there's uneven tread wear or if your vehicle

Brakes. Brakes should be inspected as recommended in your manual, or sooner if you notice pulsations, grab-bing, noises, or longer stopping dis-tance. Minor brake problems should be

 Corrected promptly.
 Lights. Inspect all lights and bulbs; replace burned out bulbs; periodically clean dirt and insects from all lenses To prevent scratching, never clean the

lenses with a dry rag.
• Emergencies. Carry some basic tools. Ask a technician for suggestions. Also include a first aid kit, flares and a flashlight. Consider buying a CB radio

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# CAR OPTIONS

## Frills to consider when buying a new car

#### By Debra Lee Baldwin

It used to be that small boys could identify the make and year of a car by sight. Nowadays, auto manufacturers no longer believe cars have to look different from last year's model in order to sell.

Sentiment aside, today's automobiles are far superior in every mechanical way to the ancients.

Many technological advances aren't obvious from the exterior, but they allow greater maneuverability or increased safety. Hightech options range from practical to luxurious.

#### MUST-HAVES

Disc brakes were once found only on race cars and a few exotic sports cars. Now they have become almost standard. And antilock braking systems (ABS) - a safety feature that prevents loss of control in skids - are available on more and more cars.

New four-wheel steering eases handling. Introduced in 1988 in the Honda Prelude Si and Mazda's 626 Turbo LX, this soon will show up in U.S. makes. Stability is better at high speeds, and parking is a snap in tight spaces.

It used to be that nearly 20 percent of an engine's efficiency was lost as its power was routed through the automatic transmission, says Parade magazine. In today's more sophisticated cars, computers "read" engine performance and "know" the best moment to shift - eliminating slippage and efficiency loss.

By the 1990 model year, every

new car sold in the United States will be required to have crash protection - which usually means air

Case histories of the effectiveness of air bags are impressive. This one is from "The Car Book"

by Jack Gillis (Harper & Row): "Pittsburgh, Pa., March 1982. A 1974 Oldsmobile equipped with an air bag was sideswiped and forced into the opposing traffic lane where it collided head-on with a Ford Pinto. The Oldsmobile driver bruised his shoulder and received a minor cut under his eye and a bump on the forehead. The driver of the Pinto was killed instantly and the passenger was hospital-ized for many weeks."

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In Motor Trend magazine, the "Trend" column caresses a car with words worthy of a fashion

"The new Golf ... possesses much rounder, softer lines than its predecessor ... with those distinctively deep taillights, now even deeper and wider and, in place of the old-fashioned slab sides, threecurve flanks with a higher waist-

Undeniably, we like our cars stylish. We add front spoilers, tinted glass, pinstripes, stylistic wheel trims and body-side moldings. We cruise around in convertibles never mind that they're impractical.

Many extras that improve a car's basic appearance add to its resale value. These include protective moldings, door-edge guards, carpeting, lighting groups, white sidewalls and vinyl top.

Even hubcaps add to a car's worth. But watch out for heavier, fancier covers that tend to produce problems in wheel balancing

and undue tire wear.
Other "extras" that enhance the value of your vehicle include power steering, power brakes, disc brakes, air-conditioning, radio, automatic transmission and a trailer-towing package with heavy-duty suspension and brakes and extra cooling.

"Any customer can have a car painted any color that he wants so long as it is black," said Henry Ford in 1909. Unlike early Model-Ts, cars of the 1990s could be

A chemist at the University of Rhode Island has developed a chemical coating for glass and other substances that reacts to electrical current by changing color. Imagine hitting a switch on your dashboard ... and (ZAP) your blue cruiser turns red and racy.

#### VOICE OF THE FUTURE

Vogue magazine asked Sergio Pininfarina, the world's leading car designer, where cars are headed in the 1990s. He replied:

"Cars will become more aerodynamic and specialized. There will be cars for commuting, for the city, for off-road driving. New materials will allow more free-dom - glass will be lighter and shaped like steel. You will be able to see more outside without being seen on the inside.

'Cars will feel more open, giving the impression of being in a

Look for voice-controlled sys-

tems in the cars of the 1990s that will enable drivers to control the car radio, interior temperature and instruments.

Further down the road, cars will be equipped with computerized maps that respond to questions such as: "How do I get from here to 501 First St.?"

If you want to travel long distances, it will guide you with a stack of electronic maps that flips from one to the next.

If you are driving after dark, an infrared night vision sensor will penetrate far beyond your headlights to show you what traffic is on the road.

#### LUXURY OPTIONS

Many new Mercedes-Benz models come with electrically adjustable front bucket seats and head restraints. These have a two-position memory (program it for you and one other driver). Electrically heated windshield wiper nozzles are standard on many models.

Audi of America Inc., and the Bose Corp. have developed an acoustically customized automotive music system for the Audi 100 and 200 sedans. All the system's components, say company representatives, work with the acous-tics of the car's interior to reproduce sound with clarity and real-

According to Vogue magazine, the headlights for the BMW 750iL have their own washers; the spacious trunk comes with its own tool kit. A cellular phone is standard in every car, as are heating units in the two padded leather seats. And each front seat has its own separate dials for climate control. A special fan can be set to cool the car while it's parked in the sun.

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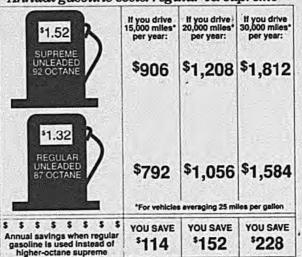
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### Good reads

By Jackie Fitzpatrick

The commute is getting longer by the day, the morning drive radio team is boring you to tears, you feel numbed by the time you reach home in the evening.

Why not read a book to rejuvenate or relax?

A book may be just the remedy as you breeze along miles of the same-old road or sit behind a stalled truck.

Actually, you won't be doing the reading, you will be listening instead. Books on tape are growing increasingly popular at book-stores, mail-order catalog companies and libraries across the coun-

try.

The list of books on tape continues to grow. Popular and classical literature are available, but book sellers say popular books are most frequently purchased. Some of the best-selling authors on tape are Larry McMurtry ("Lonesome Dove") Tom Clancy ("The Hunt for Red October") and Roger Ludlum

("The Icarus Agenda").

Best-selling fiction and non-fiction alike, as well as sports books and comedy, are all being taped. Famous actors and directors are reading the tapes.

For example, Ed Asner reads Elmore Leonard's "52 Pick-Up" while director Rob Reiner reads "The Princess Bride.

Should you opt to use the com-mute or chore time listening to taped books, you may want to pick

up one of the many self-improve-ment tapes. A couple of the biggest sellers are of books by Leo Buscaglia and "The One-Minute Manager" series by Kenneth Blanchard and Spencer Johnson.

Here is a varied Top 10 list which includes some of today's most popular audiocassettes.

• "The Icarus Agenda" by Rob-ert Ludium (Random House Au-

· "Journey" by James Michener (Random House Audiobook).

. "The Princess Bride" by William Goldman (Dove Books on

Where You'll Find Me," short stories by Ann Beattle (Simon and Schuster Audioworks).

. "Murder in the Mews" by Agatha Christie (Listen for Pleasure Ltd.)

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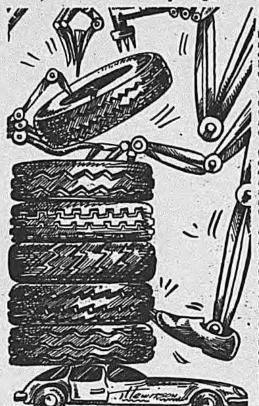


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# TIRES AND BRAKES Buying, maintaining these life-saving devices



By Steven Parker

Your car's or truck's tires and brakes are the most active components closest to the road, yet most of us pay little attention to them. Except, of course, when they give us trouble.

Tires and brakes are covered by warranty in one way or another on new vehicles. Generally, the car warranty itself covers the brakes as long as you get service at recommended intervals.

Tires are generally covered under a separate warranty that comes with the rest of your new-car paperwork. And don't be afraid to ask the salesperson about that warranty, which is sometimes transferrable to a future owner.

Give your potential purchase a complete road test before you sign any contracts, and pay attention to handling, steering, "road feel" and braking capabilities. Most of us are concerned with how well a car accelerates, but how quickly you can decelerate is just as important

Especially with used cars, make a visual inspection of the tires. Are they obviously worn, or have they been well-maintained? The old axiom that the depth of the tread should be as deep as one half of a dime is still a good guide. Make sure the sidewalls are not scuffed beyond what you'd expect from normal use.

Be certain the tires on the car

are those specified by the manufacturer. The owner's manual will list the proper tire size and speed ratings for that vehicle. A local dealer or national tire chain shop can also be of help with your intended purchase.

Even large luxury cars should be able to provide the driver with an adequate and confidence-inspiring amount of control. This feel, telegraphed to the driver through the steering wheel, is in great part determined by the condition of the tires.

Bald tires or tires run at lower than recommended air pressure will provide a sloppy neutral feeling. Tires in good shape and being run at the proper air pressure, which should be checked with an accurate gauge monthly as well as before, during and after long trips, should offer a crisp, dynamic feeling.

High performance driving tires (low-profile, wide tires with "HR" and "VR" ratings) will offer greater road feel and quicker response to driver input, but there is a trade-off in comfort. Likewise, luxury car tires will usually not handle as well as sports car equipment.

Braking systems are now often connected to the on-board computer on, your new car. Anti-lock brakes, if your car is so equipped, generate a pulse, turning the power on and off in milliseconds to keep the car from skidding in a panic-stop situation.

Drum brakes, found most often on the rear wheels of cars and trucks, can sometimes be adjusted by driving backward at slow speeds and pumping the brake pedal. Check with your local repair shop to see if this will work with your vehicle.

Disc brakes, normally found on the front end of today's cars, need to be serviced by qualified technicians using special tools.

You should be aware of possible brake problems. Signs such as chirping or squealing when the pedal is applied, a scraping feeling felt through the pedal or the pedal pushing farther toward the floorboard than normal when pressed hard can mean trouble. If the vehicle pulls to one side when the brakes are applied, it may mean an adjustment is in order.

Steven Parker is a member of the International Motor Press Association

Cold Steals Tire Air

When cold weather approaches, be sure to check your car's tire inflation. According to the Car Care Council, tire pressure drops one pound for every 10-degree drop in temperature, and tires that haven't been checked since summer probably are underinflated.

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