



Accents

Dazzling daisies

These dazzling daisies retail for \$3.99 for a bouquet of seven stems.



Anyone interested can call their local Thrifty Florist (or the new toll free number (888) Thrifty) to find out when they will arrive.

Finicky pet help

Although most cats and dogs will go through their food as fast as a vacuum picks up dirt, there are other, more finicky, pets that will barely nibble at their kibble. These dogs and cats, often older animals or those that are recovering from trauma or illness, can actually jeopardize their health by not eating enough.

Now there's help for picky pets.

The OurPet's Company has just introduced OurPet's Gourmet Spray for Cats and Dogs, a convenient and healthy product that transforms any ordinary dry food into a tasty treat that will tempt even the fussiest eater to dig in.

According to Dr. Steve Tsengas, president of OurPet's Company, OurPet's Gourmet Spray works on two levels - first, the aroma will please a pet's sense of smell to attract its attention - then the taste will keep the four-footed companion's concentration on the meal until it is finished.

"Just like human beings, both cats and dogs prefer a variety of palatable flavors over bland food," said Tsengas. OurPet's Gourmet Spray for Cats and Dogs has only one-tenth of a calorie per "serving" (a single spray), so any weight that a "poor eater" gains will be from the nutritious food itself. The spray is also absorbed quickly by dry food, so it leaves no residue in a pet's bowl.

Stored at room temperature, the spray has a shelf life of one year, making it easy to keep in a pet's pantry. Thanks to its stable shelf life, the spray can be packed in a suitcase or gym bag and taken with a pet on overnight trips and vacations.

Although OurPet's Gourmet Spray for Cats and Dogs is an aid for all ages of picky eaters, it is especially useful for getting older pets with weaker senses of smell and less receptive taste buds to get excited about mealtime.

OurPet's Gourmet Spray can also help owners switch their pets to healthier, more natural diets.

Available at leading retailers for a suggested price of \$2.49-\$3.99, each 2-ounce bottle of OurPet's Gourmet Spray for Cats and Dogs provides 400 aromatic appetizing spray applications.

For more information, contact OurPet's at (800) 565-2695, or visit www.ourpets.com.



This photo was taken by Roland Hardy before the remodeling was completed.

Ranch dressing



Pamela Livingston Hardy and Roland Hardy broke up the horizontal look of the ranch home in Beverly Hills by planting Bradley pear trees and installing a circular drive.

1950s Beverly Hills home rejuvenated for 2003



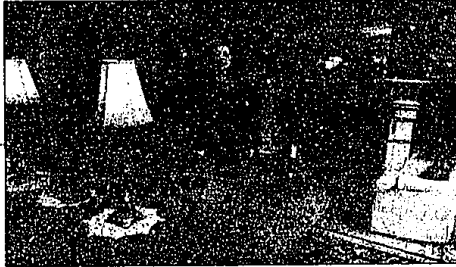
The Hardys' master bedroom is all decked out in what Roland Hardy calls "Pamela's Blue."

Pamela Livingston Hardy and her husband, Roland Hardy, took one look at the 1954 ranch in Beverly Hills and saw a home with potential but a style that was definitely archaic.

A recreation room beyond the living room and kitchen was cold and stark with old wood paneling, green shag carpeting and a drop ceiling. The basement was one large room with little more than wood paneling and a tile floor. A bathroom — a half bath — just off the entrance of the house was, well, let's just say outdated, with a pink sink and pink toilet, old white tile and dated wallpaper.

But the couple saw the potential, and forged ahead with the purchase and renovations. Pamela was so eager to get started, the renovations began three weeks before the couple moved into the home in fall 2000.

"The ranch is the thing of the future," Livingston Hardy said. "It could be the transi-



Pamela Livingston Hardy passes in her living room.

tional house with design for 2003."

What was considered modern nearly 50 years ago is viewed with disdain when no changes are made in the home's layout, decor or style. It just looks old.

The living room is the center of the home with the kitchen

on the right and a recreation room on the northeast side of the garage. On the west side of the home, three bedrooms and two bathrooms made up the ranch's main floor.

Today, when you walk into the entryway, a third bedroom

PLEASE SEE RANCH, C2

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From art deco to art nouveau, Modernism Exposition has it all

The Modernism Exposition will take you on a walk down memory lane or help you create a home filled with 20th-century flair, form, function or just plain fun. Merchants will lure you to their booths with pieces designed by such greats as Frank Lloyd Wright, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Herman Miller, Heywood Wakefield, the

Stickleys, Salvador Dalí and other designers' works of the Art Deco, Art Nouveau, Prairie, Arts and Crafts, Surrealist and Neo-Classical schools of design.

On April 25-27, the Southfield Municipal Complex will create a life of its own with Lava lamps, Peter Max art, decorator items, furniture, jewelry

and vintage clothing — all certain to evoke memories from a different place in time. Jewelry, furniture, decorative items, memorabilia and vintage clothing will be featured at the exposition.

All the enticing memorabilia is certain to reawaken fond memories and allure a heartfelt purchase. But how will you

know the 1960s concert poster that reminds you of your first love is worth the money?

Here are some tips to keep in mind when swooning over that '60s dinnette set before you make your acquisition!

■ Do your research. If you are just beginning your journey into the intriguing antiques and collectibles world, take a little

time to visit a few landmarks along the way. You can use the local library or visit the Internet. There are many Web sites that provide pictures, descriptions and even costs for a particular object. Be well-read and aware of what you are after.

■ Check out the background

PLEASE SEE EXPO, C3

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece, along with information, to: Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.



Mirror images

Mirrors by Rochester area artist Cara Bleski (Ceramica) show more than mere reflections — they feature her creative frames, a sampling of which is seen here. Ceramica, who specializes in handcrafted mosaic art, works part time out of her home making mirrors, frames, accessories and children's pieces. Most of her work is custom. She also participates in local art shows, including Meadow Brook's Spotlights event. Call (248) 390-5469.



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