

Down to Earth

Getty recreated Roman villa

MALIBU, CALIFORNIA: Prior to my departure for the trip through the Panama Canal a "must" was a visit to the famous J. Paul Getty Museum, opened January 1974.

It will be a mecca for art lovers as well as horticulturists with an eye for design. The stop was worth a trip to L. A.

Visitors approach the villa through a Roman gate. If walking you ascend a road of cobblestones, passing through a valley. If you drive there is an underground garage. As you gain altitude, ahead is the magnificent peristyle with a formal Roman garden.

HERCULANEUM, the initial village, near Pompeii, was destroyed by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in A.D. 79 and for over 16 centuries was in obscurity. In the excavations which followed the floor plan of the villa was uncovered, along with the gardens.

The completed villa is in a valley, overlooking the sea. Each phase of the design and construction was carefully followed by Getty. It is endowed to always be kept in prime condition. As you tour the rooms of the museum you realize the skill

which has been drawn upon to keep it authentic.

Getty wanted to create a museum so the guest would feel he had been invited to a home. The Getty Museum recreates the splendor of the first century Roman villa. All I could think of was the pleasure it would have been to be a Roman wife enveloped in such splendor.



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The museum is based on a floor plan and notes made during the 18th-century excavations. Included are antiquities from Greece and Rome, plus early decorative arts. The varieties of marble, the designs in the various rooms, the pieces from the excavations are beyond description. The gardens follow the ancient plan and there you

see roses, viburnums, ivy, tulips, anemones and grapes. Sculpture provides important accents.

Within the Getty Museum is a library for staff and scholars. There are 25,000 volumes and the library may be visited by appointment. There is a photography archive which has over 150,000 photographs of art works, available to art historians.

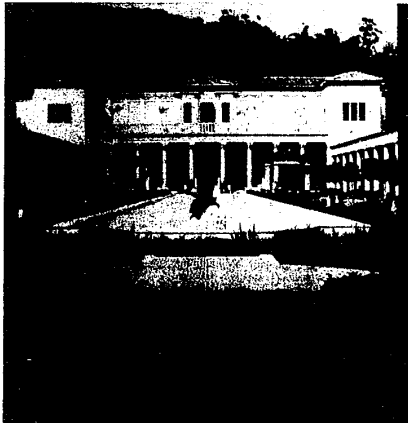
MELON GAVE the Museum of Art in Washington, the Duponts have given the most beautiful garden in all the world. Longwood, between Philadelphia and Wilmington, and along came J. Paul Getty with his exquisite museum at Malibu, near Los Angeles. It was never seen by the donor.

Another wonderful gift is the

Hirshhorn Museum in Washington where sculpture is used as a landscape art, a part of the Smithsonian. What a privilege to enjoy these gifts for personal enrichment.

Home front suggestions: Take it easy, remember the sage advice—do not get out into the garden with that "I will conquer the world attitude" until you have been tempted for three warm spring days.

You will do more harm than good to the shallow roots of many plants. Just pick up sticks. It will be good for your winter waistline. Paint your bird houses. Toss around the material on your compost pile. You can prune some of your evergreens which have a branch or two out of line for visual appreciation. Enjoy.



The J. Paul Getty Museum in Malibu, Calif. is a replica of Roman villas in the city of Pompeii.

CMU graduates are announced

Four students from Farmington were among 1,430 graduates who recently received degrees from Central Michigan University. They include: Terry Lee Brennan, of 20966 Birchwood, who re-

ceived a BS in home economics education and Stephen Carrio, of 31817 Valleyview, who received a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Carol Flores, 23912 Wesley, received a bachelor's in music education. Timothy Jarratt, 29665 Fernhill, received a bachelor's in business administration.

J. Strack wins design diploma

Janet Strack, of 2460 S. Lakeview Ct., Farmington Hills, has been awarded a diploma from the School of Interior Design, in Scranton, Pa. for the successful completion of a career training program in the field.

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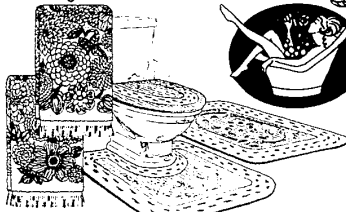
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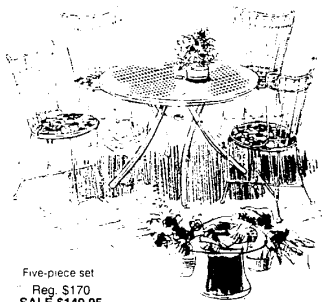


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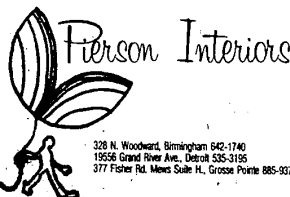


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