

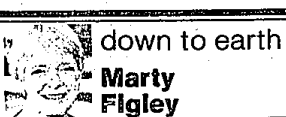
New products help the gardener

I hope many of you were able to attend the open house at Bordine's new nursery in Clarkston and tour their new hi-tech greenhouse. What tremendous progress this industry has made in the facilities to provide plant material for the consumer.

John Gayton, the designer, shared some information with us about the building. Much study was done before the structure was done in January 1988 and in the horticulture industry everybody shares information, he said.

A weather station on the greenhouse roof senses wind speed and direction, light intensity, rain and snow and transmits that information to the main computer, which has been preset by an operator to provide the ideal environment for the crop being grown.

The purpose of the greenhouse is to let Bordine's supply poinsettias, geraniums and seedlings for retailers. Although Bordine's has added this new facility, the company continues its garden center and nur-



down to earth
Marty Figley

seary greenhouse in Rochester.

IT IS important that we find products that don't pollute our environment. Safer Inc., the company that manufactures all-natural, non-toxic materials for pest and weed control without harmful side effects, is offering a free brochure that may be of interest. "Safer Gardens and Houseplants" offers solutions using non-toxic materials for pest and weed control without harmful side effects.

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tool called the Green Machine by HMC. Ours is electric, but a gas-line-powered model is available. We used the weeder/cultivator recently. Lew, my husband, was impressed by the job it does. I also used it in the herb garden with ease. Other attachments are available for the Green Machine Expand-It (R) system.

If long distance travel plans are part of your summer itinerary, the Cleveland Garden Center of Greater Cleveland, Ohio, has planned an exciting travel event, "Gardens of Hawaii," with visits to the four major islands, Oct. 1-15. For information, contact Reid International, 10431 Clifton, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, 1-800-322-8734.

The Herb Society of America Inc. is planning a trip, "Switzerland & The Magic Alpine World of Herbs and Wildflowers," June 24 to July 11. Swissair is handling all aspects and can be reached at 6501 Mineral Point Road, Madison, Wis. 53703, 1-800-556-9286. Bon voyage!

Magazine editor to speak

Patricia Ryan, Life Magazine editor, will speak at a benefit for Neighborhood Artisans at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Academy of the Sacred Heart of the Sacred Heart.

Neighborhood Artisans is a non-profit, job-training program that helps unemployed and low-income people learn a trade in screen printing and sewing. There is retail space in Trappers Alley in Detroit's Greektown.

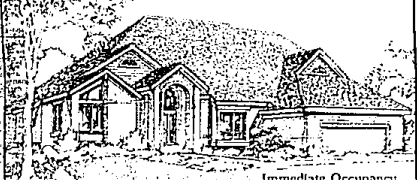
Ryan is a former managing editor of People Magazine.

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