

ing at the end of the day. And spas are therapeutic, massaging the body and settling the nerves.

LIKE POOLS, SPAS have evolved in style. They're more elaborate than ever before. Optional appointments include Roman steps and love seats, decorative tile and potted plants.

Spas may be portable or permanently fixed. The most popular spa is 6 to 7 feet in diameter and 3 feet deep, but they come in other sizes, too, depending on space available.

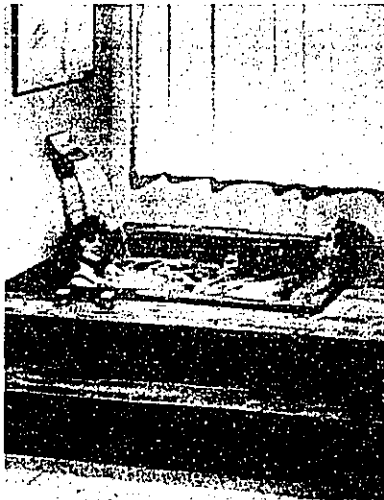
Some are so elaborate that molded rock forms give them the appearance of being near a mountainside.

Sometimes spas are part of pool systems that can be operated electronically. A touch of the finger on a remote-control device at poolside can start the spa, the fountain, the waterfall. And turn them off, too.

But not all spas are built in the open. They can be installed in the home too; in the master bath area or in a room with a sauna and exercise room. A spa can fit in almost anywhere so long as the floor will support the weight.

IF YOU WANT A pool so you can swim your way to good health and physical fitness — but you're limited on space — consider a lap pool.

Lap pools can be just the right size for town houses, as well as for the small backyard of single family homes.



Whirlpool or spa? Which is right for you? Kohler's Repartee whirlpool bath (left) offers luxury for one or two, while the larger portable Celebration spa provides indoor or outdoor entertaining fun.

Just right for condominium dwellers too.

These minipools are long, narrow and not too deep and usually have racing stripes painted on the bottom. They're perfectly suited for swimming laps and competitive water sports,

such as badminton or volleyball.

Since lap pools are usually about 40 feet long and 5 feet deep in the center, they can be incorporated into or built next to regular pools if space is sufficient.

"Swim spas" smaller pools equipped

with underwater jets, can also function as exercise pools. The current created by the jets allows you to swim in place.

Keep in mind that lap pools don't have to look like gym pools, they may be functional, but they also can be as decorative as any larger pool.

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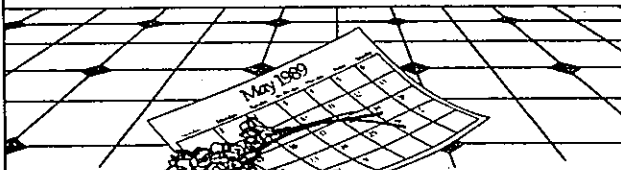
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