

Plant lovers' corner

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dieffenbachias are broad-leaved foliage plants that, unlike most houseplants, contain their own secret weapon against attackers. They contain a juice with irritant or toxic properties. A person or animal that chews, bites, or tastes the plant will experience a swelling of the lips, mouth, and tongue. For this reason it is sometimes referred to as the mother-in-law plant, tuffroot, or dumbcane. Small children and pets should be kept away from the dieffenbachia. Handle the plant with care when making cuttings for propagation purposes. Dieffenbachias are popular houseplants because of their durability and ease of culture. Watering an important part of growing the dieffenbachia. Maintain a moderately moist soil. Water thoroughly and then not again until the surface of the potting medium is dry to the touch. Best growth occurs between 65 and 75 degree temperatures. Do not let the temperature drop below 50 degrees. A relatively moist atmosphere will result in vigorous growth. The large dieffenbachia leaves may dry up in a hot room. Spray the leaves the year round. Dieffenbachias tolerate a wide range of light conditions. They will grow in heavy shade and can be used in dark areas in the home, but growth will be slowed. They grow best in bright, indirect sunlight.

The dieffenbachia has a unique type of flower made up of a spathe and spadix. The spathe is green and often resembles an unfolding leaf. It remains on the plant for a long period of time. The spadix is erect, off-white in color and often hidden. The male flowers are near the top of the spadix and the female flowers occur at the base. The flowers are insect pollinated. If fruit develops, it is berry-like in appearance. Dieffenbachia seldom flower in the home but their blooms are not considered attractive.

There are several signs to watch for in diagnosing trouble with dieffenbachias. There signs include: yellowing and dropping off of lower leaves—from over-

watering; plant rots off at the base rapidly—leaves dry up—low humidity in room, plants need periodic syringing, leaf color faded—plants need more light; lower leaves fall off and plant becomes leggy—too low light intensity, brown leaf edges and/or leaf tips—too much fertilizer, too dry for short periods; lower leaf drop—sudden changes in temperature or plant is in drafty location, and leaf yellowing or discoloration—plant in full sunlight.

Ants can also cause considerable damage because they carry certain aphids which secrete a honeydew. The ants gather and feed on this honeydew, and fungus may also develop on it.

Tip burn is another problem. Droplets of water may develop during the early morning hours on the tip of the leaves. This process is known as "guttation." And, if there are excessive fertilizer salts in the soil, these salts will be in the solution of the water droplet. When these droplets evaporate, the salts remain on the tip and cause tip burn.

UNIVERSITY PARK — When the weather turns cold, houseplants must suffer with two problems - hot, unventilated rooms and icy, drafty windows. Artificial and coal gases will damage most plants long before there is enough present in the room to be detected by odor.

To check for gas leaks, place some fresh carnations in each room where the houseplants grow. If the carnations "go to sleep" or the petals turn upward in six to 10 hours, enough gas is present to injure the foliage. Houseplants need fresh air, but they must not be placed in the direct flow of heat or near drafty windows. Quite often the air round a window pane will be chilled to such a degree that it will harm the plants, even if the room temperature is comfortable.

Any leaves of a plant that touch an icy windowpane will stick to the glass become brittle and break off. If there is

no other place to put plants during frosty nights, a newspaper placed against the pane will provide some insulation.

Park fees changed

HARRISBURG — The Environmental Quality Board has voted to increase State Park camping fees by \$1 a night per site and to allow visitors at campsites until 10 p.m., one hour later than the previous regulation.

The Board also voted to retain the current regulation calling for quiet hours in campgrounds after 9 p.m.

The proposal to raise campsite fees from \$3 to \$4 per night for Class A sites with modern washhouse facilities available and from \$2 to \$3 per night for Class B sites using pit toilets and cold water pumps generated 24 letters of comment, 13 approving the increase and 11 opposed.

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MILKING EQUIPMENT

450 gal Dairy Kool bulk tank; dump station w/washer, dryer & approx. 40 ft. hose; Surge 30 plus milker pump, 2 DeLaval magnetic milker units one 50 lb pail other 35; DeLaval magnetic converter; 30 gal. elec hot water heater; S.S. wash vats. XR-16 semen tank - Semen 9 amps Pond - Prems Super Charge, 4 amp. Lawcrest Knight Alliance; 4 amp. C. Hanover - Hill CR Lucky; 16 amp Skagvale Frasea Rocket, 4 amp. Delati Allstar Gerri Martin, 5 amp. J2788 - Jersey.

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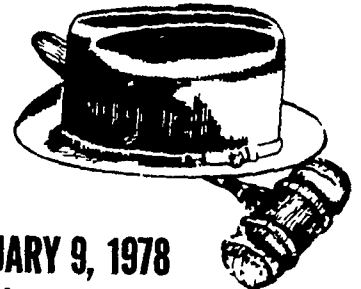
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