


Pimmit Hills DISPATCH



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**Have a
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**See you in
September**

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**PHCA
Town
Meeting:**

Tuesday,
June 1, 2004
at 7:30 pm
Pimmit Hills
School,
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PHCA Community News

Pimmit Hills Water Shed

At the next Pimmit Hills Town Meeting on Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 pm, a guest speaker will talk about the protection of the Pimmit Hills Water Shed. Unfortunately, our water shed is one of the more polluted waters. Did you know that water that goes down the street drains goes into our creeks and then into the river and thus our drinking water? Please don't dump toxic material (like paint or turpentine) from your driveway out to the gutters in the road. This affects our water quality and you don't want to drink that! Learn more about our Pimmit Hills creeks, streams and water shed at the next meeting.



July and August Break

PHCA and the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* go on a break in July and August. There are no meetings those months nor is the *Dispatch* published. We start up again in September on Tuesday, September 7. Articles and ads for the September *Dispatch* need to be in by August 7. Be sure to check our Pimmit Hills community website (www.PimmitHills.org) for any news updates over the summer. We hope you have a safe and happy summer!



Neighborhood Watch

PHCA plans to participate in 21st Annual *National Night Out: America's Night Out Against Crime* on the evening of Tuesday, August 3. All across America, community Neighborhood Watch programs in partnership with

block parties, community events, etc in the evening as a stand against crime. Our community event will be an ice cream social at the Pimmit Hills School. Our website will have further details as the date gets closer.

On another note, Rick Marcos, Neighborhood Watch chairman, is seeking citizens to be Neighborhood Watch Block Captains. If you are an alert person who would like to help out, please contact him at 703 -790-3397. He also requests that you let him know of any crime incidents in our community (after reporting them to the police).



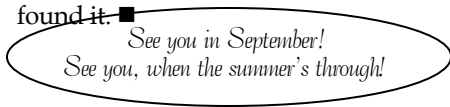
New Second Vice President

Lee Rock, who has served as the PHCA Second Vice President, has had to step down due to increased job duties at his work. Leonard Road resident Richard Ellis has volunteered to serve as the new Second VP and will be voted on at our June meeting. Rich is the husband of the author of our very popular Pimmit Hills Gardener column, Deanne Eversmeyer -Ellis. Rich works as a contractor and is originally from Michigan.



Lost and Found

There is a new feature on our website for free listings of lost and found pets and other items in Pimmit Hills. Found a pet? Let us know. Lost a pet? Check our website to see if someone found it.





PHCA Membership

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- Printing and mail delivery of the *Pimmit Hills Dispatch* (which costs about \$2 per house *per month*--10 month schedule equals \$20)
- PHCA Membership Telephone Directory to be published in June 2004 BUT ONLY FOR PHCA MEMBERS (non-members must pay \$20 for the directory)
- PHCA representing the community to Fairfax County and its officials
- Access to community events like Clean-Up Day
- Projects like building entrance signs to Pimmit Hills
- Running monthly meetings where community business is conducted that affects you; having special speakers come to our meetings like our elected leaders, transportation and development topics
- Being a part of the McLean Citizens Association which gives us an even stronger voice in Fairfax County
- Helping PH citizens with problems and complaints; working with Fairfax County on serious property concerns, an official PHCA membership card, **AND MORE!**

PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Pimmit Hills Citizens Association (PHCA)
 1927 Pimmit Drive, Falls Church, VA 22043

Name(s) of PHCA Members in Household:

Street Address:

Falls Church, VA 22043

Home Phone:

E-Mail Address: (for PHCA to contact you; email will not be listed in Directory)

I'd like to volunteer to help out with PHCA activities yes no

I do NOT want to be listed in the PHCA Membership Directory

Dues Enclosed: \$ _____ June—\$10/person July/Aug—\$11/person



PHCA Meeting Notes

By Sarah Rock, PHCA Secretary

Hello Neighbors! Here are the notes from the May PHCA meeting:

Director Pete Collat brought up the letters sent to several Pimmit Hills residents regarding potential changes to garbage collection in Fairfax County. The letters have created much confusion in the Hills since the County does not provide waste disposal services in our neighborhood. First Vice President Joan Naleppa will attend the public hearing regarding this matter May 10, 2004 at the Fairfax County Government Center.

First Vice President Joan Naleppa shared the joyous news that the first welcome sign was successfully installed near the intersection of Lisle, Magarity and Rt. 7. Plans for the second welcome sign are underway.

Neighborhood Watch Rick Marcos is recruiting "block captains" to serve as the eyes and ears of Neighborhood Watch. Rick is also coordinating, along with Terri Varona, plans for Pimmit Hills first National Night Out on August 3. Any resident interested in helping Neighborhood Watch or helping with National Night Out in August should contact Rick. Learn more about National Night Out at nationaltownwatch.org.

President Gene Lesser brought up the recent explosion at the Lutz residence on Leonard Road that injured two young boys, Devon and Tyler. The Safeway on Coleshire is collecting donations to help the boys and has collected over \$2,000.

Galilee United Methodist Church has also set up a fund to help the boys. Donations can be sent to the following address, make sure to mention Devon and Tyler Lutz: Galilee United Methodist Church, 45425 Winding Rd., Sterling, VA 20165

The May 1 Clean Up Day was a success with over 2 trucks filled.

A representative from the Northern Virginia Red Cross presented "Together We Prepare." The most common disaster is fire. The Northern Virginia Red Cross responds to about 1 fire per week in Fairfax County.

There are five steps to help prepare for emergencies, natural or otherwise.

- 1 - Make a plan for your family
- 2 - Build an emergency kit
- 3 - Get trained in first aid techniques
- 4 - Volunteer and get involved in your community
- 5 - Give blood

An emergency portable defibrillator was also demonstrated. For more information about the Red Cross see: redcrossfairfax.org

The meeting was adjourned to enjoy cake and coffee in celebration of the new Pimmit Hills welcome sign.

Hope to see you at our next meeting, Tuesday, June 1!

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

There are some area residents who have no concept of the sanctity of life, who place no value on the safety and well-being of their neighbors, those potential killers who speed through my neighborhood.

You know who you are. You have seen me; I am the man in the street asking you to slow down. I will only ask so many times. Something must be done, and I implore you to exercise the power of informed choice.

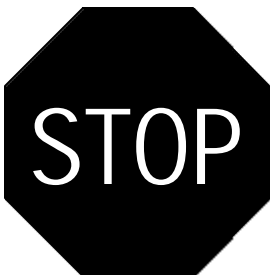
Twenty-two years ago, while this Marine was serving his country on foreign soil, you killed my family. You took my beautiful wife, a pediatric oncology student, and my beloved little girl, Hillary Jane. At 19 months, Jane spent the last day of her infant life with a piece of aluminum speared through her neck — her mother dead and her father on the other side of the world, she died agonizingly and alone. For me, on that same day, every dream and every promise died. Killed by someone who is a free man today, who can enjoy his grandchildren and their dreams. He can keep his promises to them. I wonder if he ever remembers my family to them, or if he

sees my baby's laughing smile while he sleeps. I can only wonder if he still speeds through neighborhoods.

Repeatedly, I have requested Fairfax County to do something about the speeding. I have found the County authorities to be unresponsive and somewhat unprofessional. Perhaps it is the Pimmit Hills address — if only I could afford a McLean address. Maybe then the County would install stop signs or speed bumps. Maybe then the County would issue tickets. Perhaps then the County would care. (Yes, I know McLean DOES have speed bumps, more stop signs, and an enhanced police presence. Money gets you things.)

I do not care how you behave when you are not near my family. Speed on, kill someone else's loved ones. You seem to have this right. But on Leonard Road, please, slow down. Do not murder my new family. Do not step on my dreams. I will protect them by any means necessary.

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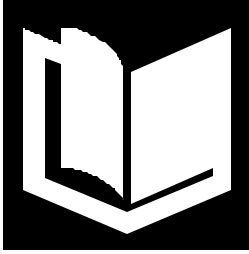
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Tysons-Pimmit Library News

By Janice Kuch
Associate Branch Manager

Calling all Children and Young Adults! The time to enjoy the Library's annual Summer Reading Program arrives as the school year ends. Librarians from Tysons-Pimmit will be visiting local elementary and middle schools in early June to preview a wonderful variety of books to encourage students to read for pleasure during their summer vacation. Studies have shown that kids who read while school is out do better at maintaining reading comprehension levels.

The Summer Reading Program runs from June 18 to September 4 and participants who turn in a completed reading log during that time will receive a coupon booklet of free and discounted prizes donated by area businesses. The Program theme for preschoolers through sixth graders is **READY, SET - READ**; kids in this age group choose and read any 15 books and children may count books read to them. For teens in grades 7 through 12 the theme is **TAKE THE LEAD - READ** and they read their choice of any 8 books to complete the reading log.

Be sure to pick up a copy of the

in the Library. In addition to suggested book lists for every age group, it offers descriptions of all free programs, including puppet shows, storytellers and educational entertainers, which will be presented at the Fairfax County Public Library branches during June, July, and August. Registration for Library programs (by phone or in person) begins two weeks before



the program date.

Summer brings sunny days, warm evenings, vacation trips – and the Library's Summer Reading Program for kids and teens. Please bring your children and grandchildren to Tysons-Pimmit to share the fun! ■

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The Pimmit Hills Gardener

By Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis,
Horticulturalist

The cicadas are here! The cicadas are here! Mother's Day evening we watched the earliest arrivals crawl out from between the patio pavers out back. A few nights later we watched as dozens of nymphs, clinging to the Cherry Laurels by the front door, split their skins. Slowly the white adults emerged, wings undeveloped, eyes beady and red. By morning the cicadas were black, winged and crunchy. The greatest densities are found under Maple trees; Tulip Poplars seem to be the least popular. The only damage we'll see is some tip breakage on the trees that the females lay their eggs in-- I would expect to see the least damage to the Tulip Poplars. They seem to be doggie digestible -- our rottie has taken a liking to them! Yuck!

The cicadas will be gone by the end of this month and then we can get on with our lives for another 17 years without a thought of cicadas. And now it's summer. How about a few guidelines for summer maintenance? First off, watering. A rain gauge is a good idea, even if it's just a straight sided glass. If we don't get a good rain (about an inch) during the week set up

your sprinkler on new plants and water deeply. This is where a gauge will let you know when to turn off the spigot. Daily, brief waterings promote shallow roots that are less likely to survive the tough times.



Next, lawns. If you're going to fertilize your lawn, do it in the fall with a fertilizer that is higher in potassium (the third number on the label). Potassium helps to grow a stronger root system. Fertilizing in the spring just gives you more grass to mow and can lead to a flabby lawn that suffers in the summer

heat. And if you don't bag the clipping (and you really shouldn't), you'll be fertilizing your lawn organically every time you mow. If you've got too many weeds in your lawn, a broadleaf herbicide can help. But be aware that your flowers and shrub are broadleaf plants and can be affected by sloppy applications. Also keep in mind that herbicides are pesticides and kids and pets should be kept off the grass after an application.

Insecticide applications should be done only when absolutely necessary and, as with all pesticides, after all directions are read and heeded. Most



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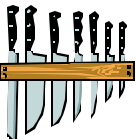
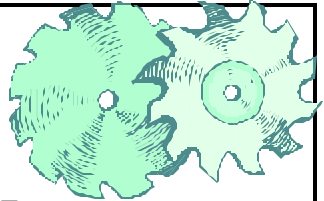
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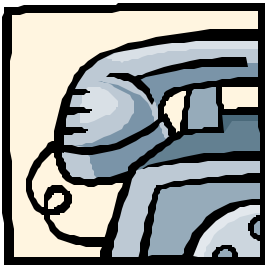
plants can take quite a bit of pest damage. And often the culprit is gone by the time the damage is noticed, making spraying useless. In my garden a herd of tiny green caterpillars were skeletonizing my climbing rose, but I did nothing as most of them were already gone (morphing into moths or eaten by birds) by the time I noticed. Besides, with all the nesting birds dining in our yard and a dog that has to get her nose into everything, I don't take any chances with insecticides. The rose is healthy and vigorous (kudos to the new English Roses) and growing with Clematis and native Wisteria companions that will hide any uglies.

Mulch, mulch, mulch. But don't over mulch. A couple of inches is plenty. Repeated heavy applications of mulch can kill off established Azaleas

and Boxwoods, both shallow rooted shrubs. Heavy mulch against the base of a tree can cause rot. Maples and Birches will grow roots into the mulch layer if it is too deep. I allow the fallen leaves from the Red Maples and Tulip Poplars to become mulch. These decompose fairly quickly, adding organic matter to our Virginia clay and fertilizing the soil naturally, at no cost and without effort!

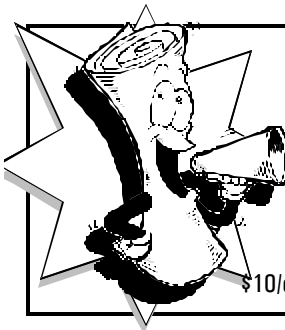
So that's it for now. Stay cool this summer and keep your mouth closed while your car windows are down, at least 'til the cicadas are gone!■

Horticulturalist Deanne Eversmeyer-Ellis lives on Leonard Road.



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Home in the Hills

By Sanya M. Thomas, Pimmit Drive

IT WAS 1979, and the snow was deep enough for a five year old to dig real tunnels instead of trenches. Mom admonished Dad for “Language, please, George!” as he slipped and slid back and forth with our earthly goods on a path long since trodden into ice. She wasn't really mad at him, because it was moving day, and it was our first house. “Pimmit Drive, Pimmit Drive,” I chanted softly as I widened my tunnel into a frozen cave. The snow continued falling on our hedges, our lawn, our porch, and our maple tree. It was all ours, and not even the Blizzard of ‘79 could dim the glow of the lamps shining through the windows that we owned.



IT WAS 1982, and the other children squealed and shouted as the second grade class picnic ran rampant over Olney Park. The air was thick



with the perfume of azaleas and roasting hot dogs. The boy who lived four houses down from my own, and the girl who lived on the corner of Pimmit where it zigged and zagged were helping me to look for frogs in the creek. We'd never actually seen a frog in the creek but that made

the search more exciting. A shadow passed over us, and there on the bank was our teacher. We expected to be yelled at for sneaking away from the picnic tables, and so we were very surprised when she smiled at us. “Did you know,” she said, “that Pimmit Run goes all the way to the Potomac River? And from there, it goes to the Atlantic Ocean?” The world was suddenly very, very big.

IT WAS 1987, and I didn't want to wait outside for the school bus that would take me to junior high school. It was beautiful late spring day, but I could not take a single step without crushing a giant reed eye cicada.



The old woman from down the street laughed at me trying to pick my way up the sidewalk. Her speech was badly slurred from a stroke, but we managed. I gathered that she had been in Pimmit Hills for three cycles of cicadas. The year she moved in, it wasn't so bad, she said. The great machines had stirred up the earth when they leveled the ground for our homes, and killed the buried creatures before they could hatch. In 17 years, though, the year she redid the kitchen in harvest



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gold, the sturdy trees and peaceful lawns had given birth to a multitude. And the multitude had clearly outdone themselves in 1970, because their children were now swarming in Biblical proportions. "Moses, he know dese locusts!" she cackled as she gleefully stomped away.

IT WAS 1989, and Marshall High School had flung the doors wide to release her children to the summer winds. There were four of us, and we sprinted across Leesburg Pike despite



the weight of a year's worth of paper and an enormous yearbook in our back-

packs. We cut across the Tyson's library parking lot, through the Peachtree apartments for a quick splash in the fountain, and then past the post office and the steamy sweet smell of the laundromat into the 7-11. With our giant sodas we sauntered down Paxton, and down the stairs to the bridge over the culvert creek. We sat there for hours, enjoying the freedom of doing

nothing, and talked a lot about the future where we were certain to do... something. On top of the list, the very first thing we would do in three years time after graduation, was get the heck out of PimmitHills.

We all agreed on that. I complained bitterly of my home, with a unique feature only shared by a few dozen houses in the neighborhood: if my father left the bathroom door open, you

could see the toilet from the front door. My friend, the baby of her family, bemoaned being stuck in the "small bedroom."

We all nodded. We all knew which



bedroom that was, and it was just another reason we were all going to flee. The main reason we were leaving went unsaid. We were Pimmit Hills kids, and we had just finished a year of making new friends, who lived in enormous houses. And we had learned that according to their parents, a Pimmit Hills kid might be a little scary, a little dangerous, and possibly, probably, up to no good.

IT WAS 1997, and I didn't live in Pimmit Hills anymore. I was in graduate school down south, and the class was sociology. During a discussion of labels, I realized with a start how I had allowed other people to define me by my home's size, by false perceptions, by snobbery, and by a reputation long since left behind by the living neighborhood. After five years away, I



was suddenly homesick. My neighborhood had small houses, but no neighbors had bigger hearts. My community had members of

a citizen's watch group, safe places for children to play, and people who took care of each other in times of trouble. We kept our streets clean and our yards tended. And no one, but no one, could beat our holiday light show. God bless the guy with the helicopter



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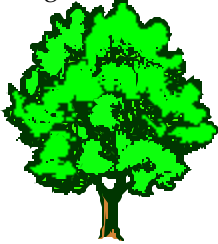
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on his roof at Christmas, I thought.

IT WAS 2002, and though I lived in Alexandria that fall, I took my boyfriend to show him the outside of my old house. It still belonged to my parents, but they had rented it out as my father served an assignment overseas. As we zipped around the Beltway, I laughed as I told my sweetheart about hearing guns fired in “the Pimmit Estates” on the fourth of July, the year my family first moved in. “That was probably my brother,” he snickered. I stared at him in shock, as he told me how often he’d spent time in my neighborhood after his much older



brother bought a house down near Magarity Road. He knew all about the holiday lights, the maple trees, and the friendly neighbors tinkering

with their cars and swapping stories in the brisk autumn air. My heart was just a tiny bit lighter as we turned down Lisle Avenue to take the slow way through the community.

IT IS 2004, and I’m sitting in what used to be my bedroom. It’s an office now - with the addition of another two bedrooms and two more bathrooms, this room is free to house my computer and my files. My parents have

offered to sell me the house. I am the envy of many of my friends, to have such an opportunity. A whole quarter acre of our own. A paved driveway, and lots of curb space for guests. Three bathrooms, skylights, and fifty year old trees. Metro access, picnic parks, a library, great schools. Tara Thai, Trader Joe’s, and a Whole Foods a



few blocks away. Family close by, and neighbors I’ve known for over twenty years. Such wealth in property and lifestyle is hard to imagine, let alone achieve these days, and I cannot believe how lucky we are.

My sweetheart, now my fiance, is calling me. It’s getting pretty late, and most of our neighbors are long since asleep. Even though our commute to work is just ten minutes down 66 into Fairfax, we like to get up early and go for a walk down to Olney Park and back every morning, so it’s definitely time to hit the hay. The spring breeze is coming through the window, and I know I don’t need to close it in order to sleep in peace on my safe, quiet street. It has been twenty five years, and I am home in the Hills. ■

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Joys of Remodeling

By Cindy Kwitchoff, Dispatch Editor

Part 5

My contractors recently installed the new windows in the back addition and they look wonderful! They are vinyl double-hung but they are slightly taller than the average Pimmit Hills window and actually seem better proportioned to our houses. The new windows also have panes built-in between the glass so they are easier to clean. More and more houses in the Hills are getting windows with panes and they add an extra touch of warmth to the look of the house.

The original windows on PH homes 50 years ago were the metal casement windows and amazingly, you still see houses with these originals. However, my contractor Rich Ellis said windows have advanced a LONG way since the 1950s and you can save significant energy on your fuel bill plus make your house cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter if you have new windows installed. He said the original windows had no insulation plus they don't look so great.

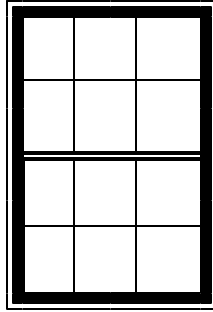
If your windows are old, it's easy to have them replaced. Rich advised the price can range from \$170 to \$450 per window depending on the type of window and the quality of the contractor. While wood lasts longer, it is more expensive and since our homes are sided with vinyl or aluminum, easy to

maintain vinyl windows are very good and recommended.

The old metal casement windows were a certain size, and most houses replaced them with the same size window. But that doesn't mean you have to be stuck with that size. Consider getting windows that are slightly taller with panes that will give your house a great, updated look. Finish it off with new siding and a new roof and your house will look brand new. Our homes aren't that big so the cost of siding and roofing isn't as much as if we lived in a McMansion.

Believe it or not, you have money to do this — you're living in it. One good thing about our houses being worth more (as seen in our ever-increasing tax assessments) is more equity. Getting an equity loan from a bank would easily cover windows, siding and roof and probably a lot left over to have other projects done or pay off credit cards.

With my remodel and with most other remodels, I've found that the initial budget will increase as different things come up. Some are necessary fixes that are revealed during the work, others are in the category "it's better-to-add-that-now-than-wait-until-later." It's actually cheaper and easier to get everything done at one time than wait until later. ■



Tips for a Homeowner to Stay on Top of a Home-Improvement Project

By the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI)

The first step to take is pre-planning, which can be started by making two lists about the room that you want to remodel: Things that you like and things that you dislike. Then, write out:

- Features you wish you could have
- Features you want
- Features you need for the new room
- Who will be using the room?
- What it will be used for when the project is complete?

NARI suggests that homeowners start planning now. "Finding the right design, choosing a professional remodeler, and securing the necessary financing for a home improvement project can sometimes take months," says Julius Lowenberg, president of NARI. Also, your remodeler may not be able to begin work immediately if he or she is currently working on another project.

After pre-planning, you will want to meet with your remodeler. He or she will take a walk through your house to get a feel for the traffic flow in the home and find out where the mechanical systems of the house are located. Tell them everything that you want from the lists that you made during your pre-planning, and be prepared to tell your remodeler what your budget is for the project.

From this preliminary meeting, the remodeler will take some time to draw up the plans. Some remodelers have architects or designers in the industry on staff, which is called "design/build." When the plans are ready, you will be asked to review and make revisions to the plans and make a deposit to begin the work. The final plans will include an outline of the job including the materials

products, remodeler's notes, finish details, and pre-priced options and upgrades.

Your remodeler may give you a timeline that outlines the steps in the remodeling project. Don't rely solely on this timeline because several variables can have an impact on the length of the project, such as availability of special-order items or materials. It is important to maintain constant communication with the remodeler so you can understand any changes that may take place in the schedule.

Once you sign the contract to begin the job, you have three days to change your mind. This is called your legal "right of rescision." After the three days, your remodeler will organize schedules, order materials, and apply for the needed permits. Arrange another meeting with your contractor just to go over the details so that both of you are clear on what is about to happen.

Right before the remodeling project begins, remove hangings from the walls in and around the work area. Prepare yourself for a roller coaster of emotions; your initial excitement will dip once the construction begins. At different stages in the process, it's normal for your feelings to go up and down. Just remind yourself that your original enthusiasm will return when the room is finished.

When the final days start to come around, do a walkthrough of the area and make a list of any adjustments that you want made. This will be your remodeler's guide to last minute fix-ups. Once everything is complete, it's time to enjoy your new room. ■



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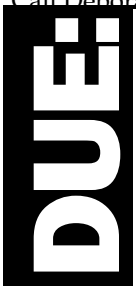
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