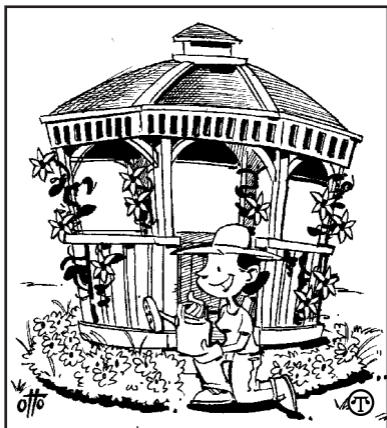

YOUR GARDEN

How To Create A Low Maintenance Garden

(NAPSA)—While gardening definitely has its rewards, it requires lots of time and effort. To help simplify matters, consider these low-maintenance tips.



- Select plantings hardy to your region and use perennials and shrubs that need relatively little care. Use annuals to introduce new color each season.

- Flowering vines add color, fragrance and texture while providing privacy and shade. Generally all they need is the help of VELCRO® brand Plant Ties and water to reach the top of an arbor or trellis.

- Give new shrubs room to grow. Fill in empty spaces around them with potted, shade-tolerant plants and flowers that can be moved as needed.

- Foliage shrubs with leaves in shades other than green provide months of color and usually need little upkeep. Some, like bougainvilleas and viburnums with colorful blossoms and berries can even be trained to grow into trees. Starting when plants are young, secure main stems with VELCRO Tree Ties, guiding them in the desired directions.

- Keep plenty of adjustable Plant Ties on hand for staking everything from tomatoes to sunflowers.

- Protect the base of flowering and shade trees from insects, lawnmowers and rakes with self-gripping VELCRO® brand Tree Wrap.