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Gardener Jason Evers, 32 (Cancer), does astrological pots. For a Cancerian, he might plant *Cineraria maritima*, convolvulus, senecio, laurel; for a Leo, sunflower, scented red pelargonium, African marigolds, heliotropium. From £50 (hand-thrown pot), delivered not too far from Horribleville. 0171-582 2430

IN SCOTLAND, LAST REDOUBT OF DRESSING for dinner, 'informal' means jacket and tie, not jeans and T-shirt, as the local MP eyebrow-raisingly thought. (That's *causal*)



Gallé, Lalique (above), Loetz, and Tiffany are in 'Glass from Art Nouveau to Art Deco', Sunderland Museum, 17 July to 27 October

NEW YORK WOMEN RESEMBLE drug addicts, says a Euro visitor. 'All in black or drab grey. I wore a Saint Laurent suit that was red and green and one muttered, "Looks like a Christmas tree"'

Some L*****ers go to Devizes for a haircut. Stuart of By Appointment is top-notch: from £17 for a cut, wash and set, 01380 727002

Travellers are confused by luggage-makers all thinking pine-green. So many take the wrong green case off the carousel, it's worrying Heathrow



Hilton Herbs at Downclose Farm near Crewkerne, Somerset, is a herbalist for horses and dogs (it has been consulted about ostriches). It prescribes remedies (raw materials from China etc) for aches, arthritis, lungs, temperament. Humans have been known to make tea with their pets' herbs. 01460 78300

PORTABLE TELEPHONES ARE STILL swanky in the East. When a bizman in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) laid his on the board table, his colleagues spent half an hour calling the world on it. Sev himh rait

The saps that car dealers used to call punters they now call 'victims'

What is small and hums and can kill you? The low-powered voitures sans permis that French law allows sans licence for OAPs, the mentally handicapped, and banned drivers (though not on autoroutes, thank God)

When catching lobsters, throw back huge ones to preserve the population - the opposite of fish



A DRUNK FRIEND OF Barometer's, bent on reform, attended two different groups of AA. At the first, he empathised with the anguish of two particular speakers, a man and a woman. But then he witnessed the same sinners repenting the same sins for the next group. Are they Attention-seekers Anonymous? In league? AA plants? Time to clean up your ACL AA

To be young is very Dodgem - that's what the 'skate' shoes (worn by in-line types) with bi rubber bumpers look like. Of th various makes, Nose (Italian) wins by a tongue (right): squeeze the tongue and smell peaches. From £59.99, Shellys

