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FOUNTAINS! SPOUTIN'

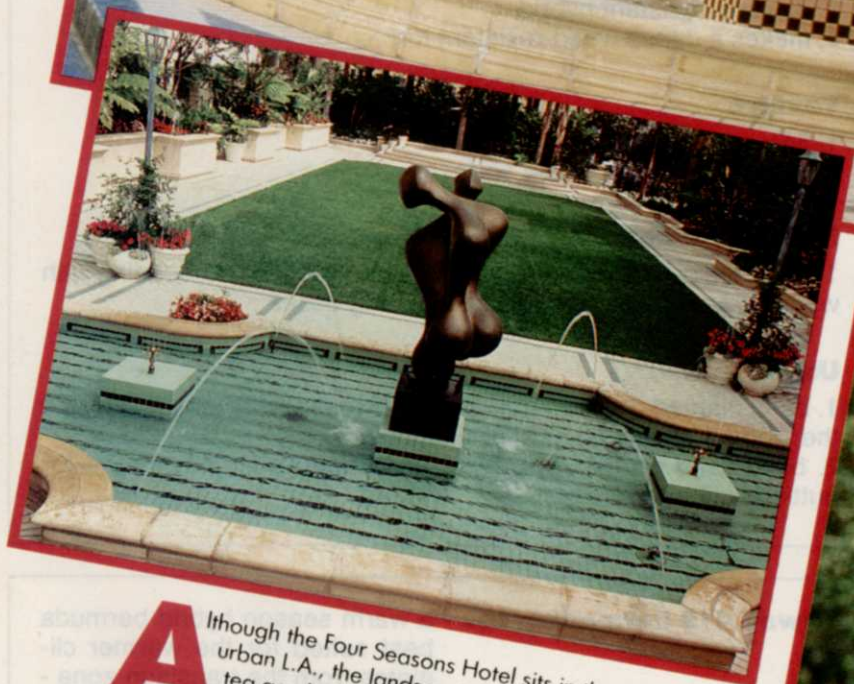
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Looking northeast from this fountain in Lake Oswego, Ore., you can see Mt. Hood (left). The fountain highlights the recreation center at One Jefferson Place, an 168-unit apartment complex. Architect Tom Hamann of OTAK designed the fountain which was manufactured by Cascade Pools. The fountain uses 15 hp pumps which circulate the water from the top reservoir to the bottom. The 13 steps between the top and bottom pools go 1½ feet out and 1 foot down, creating the "white water" effect.

Rainbow Irrigation and Landscaping developed the 10 acres surrounding the complex. Another 10 acres is set for future development. Rainbow sodded the area around the fountain with a fescue, ryegrass and bluegrass mix from Oregon Turf Farms. It's mowed once a week at about two inches and irrigated as needed. The irrigation unit is Rainbow's new remote-controlled Rainmaster, which allows the landscape manager to turn on sprinklers while walking through the property. Flowers next to the fountain include red celosia, blue ageratums and white alyssum. Sergeant cherry trees line the sidewalks beside the fountain (left), while maples grow near the rec building (above). Completed in July 1987, the fountain cost about \$34,000.

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Although the Four Seasons Hotel sits in the midst of urban L.A., the landscaping reflects a proper English tea garden. This garden ambiance was the vision of hotel developers Robert and Joseph Cohen. Lifescapes, Inc. of Newport Beach, worked with a \$2.1 million budget to create the landscape. Lifescapes also developed the hardscaping, including the 400 square foot central fountain in the Wetherly gardens (above). The sculpture (right) in the fountain, designed by Irv Binder, adds a modern twist to the traditional gardens. Custom designed lamps and paving go with the gardens' classic flavor.

Lifescapes faced a challenge in choosing plant materials for the area. A parking garage runs under the entire site, reducing soil depth in gardens and making it difficult to use mature trees. To deal with these limitations, the company used raised planters where soil depth wasn't available. Trees adjacent to the fountain area is Marathon tall fescue. Trees in the Wetherly garden include Mediterranean fan palms, queen palms, saucer magnolias and weeping Chinese banyan. Pink seasonal plants, including impatiens, begonias and roses, color the base of the trees.

The hotel's porte cochere (top), or entranceway, displays a garden of queen palms, parlour palms and lilies. Lifescapes designed this smaller fountain following the same garden theme. The Four Seasons Hotel cost \$110 million to complete and opened on April 16, 1987.

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