

Let's talk about

HORSES

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Question: Two months ago I bought a thin horse, nice quiet chestnut. He's a good horse but is still thin even though he is eating lots of lush grass on about eight acres. How can I get him fatter?

Answer: Does he have abundant fresh water? Does he have access to a salt and mineral block? Does he have some protection from the flies? Has he been wormed recently?

If you have answered yes to all these questions, I suggest having him thoroughly vetted. His teeth may be causing him trouble. He may have a digestive disorder. Whatever, your vet will be able to help you.

In the meantime, feed him extra grain - a good horse mix can be obtained from your local feed mill. A gallon a day (about five pounds) should help. Some horses just don't do well on pasture and are better if they spend the hot hours in a stable with some hard food - hay and grain.

If he's an older horse the thin Thoroughbred type, it might take a while to put meat on him. Don't give up, if he suits you, a little extra care is worth it.

Told you last week I'd get lots of letters when I remarked that horses weren't too intelligent. Got comment, both verbal and written, some quite vehement. Guess that's one way to stir up the neighborhood.

Any real horse lover would never accuse a horse of being intelligent. They have fantastic retentive memories but little reasoning power - ask any horse psychologist (look in the yellow pages). It's the memory that helps us train them. Training is the process by which a horse learns to act in a positive way to positive stimuli and reward. It's just as easy for him to learn negative behavior which accounts for the rapidity with which a horse learns bad habits.

If you whip a horse, or pull his mouth, for shying at a bird etc., the horse cannot reason that you punished him for leaping in the air in fear. He only knows the bird made him hurt.

Could a 150 lb. man (or woman) master a 1,000 lb. animal if that animal were intelligent?

A donkey is more intelligent than a large horse, so is a pony. Their very stubbornness denotes brain - they figure "I don't really have to do it because you aren't strong enough to make me." Right?

Work to start on Eight Line

Halton Hills council changed its mind Tuesday night and voted to go ahead with the \$92,371 construction of the Eighth Line, between Lots four and five.

Council had previously turned down the proposed reconstruction, after having tendered the job with Armbr Materials and Construction submitting the lowest bid.

Councillor Harry Levy claimed it was morally wrong to proceed before the capital road program had been established. He said the statement that the cost would rise by approximately \$15,000 after July 17, was not valid since increased costs applied to all work contemplated.

Councillor Ric Morrow supported Levy's argument. He pointed out the tender was advertised at a time council assumed the budget would be set. He said it was unfair to proceed with the roadwork before the budget was established.

By a one vote margin council voted to accept the \$92,371 tender and go ahead with the job.

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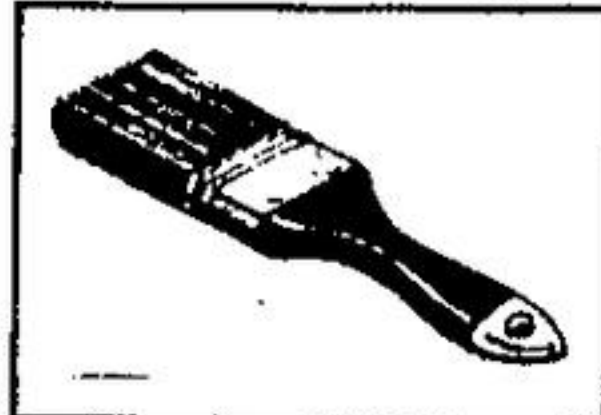
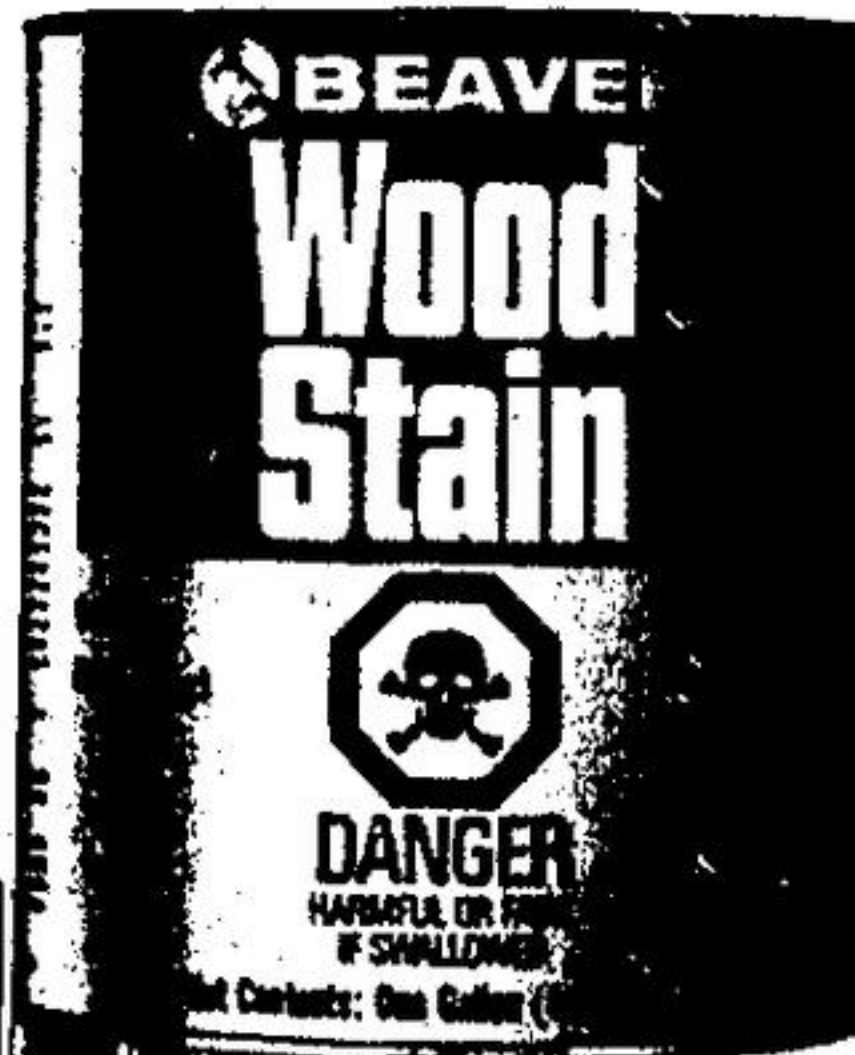
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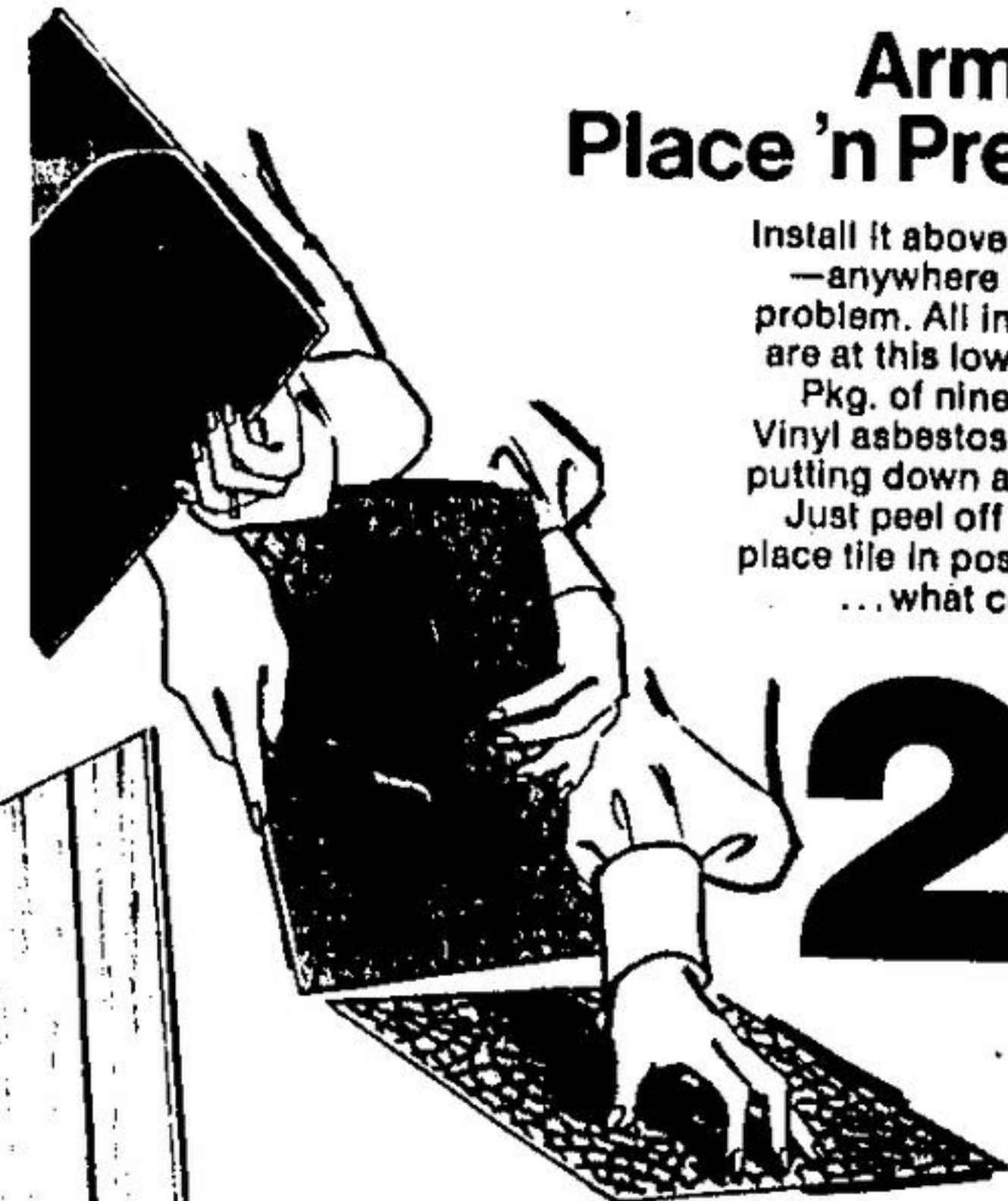
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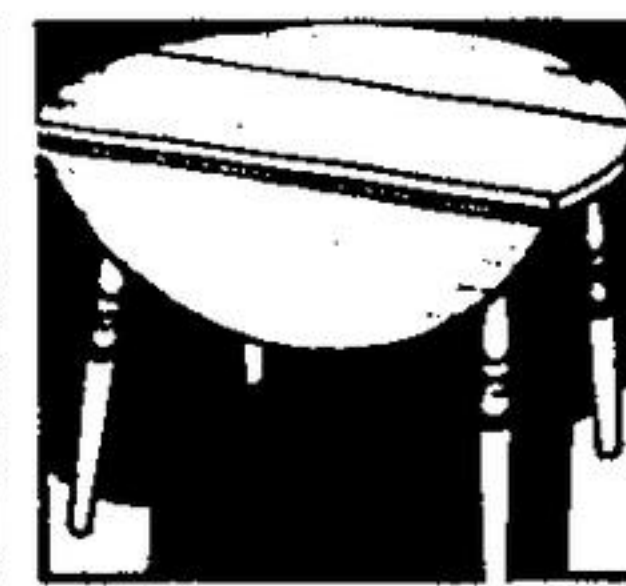
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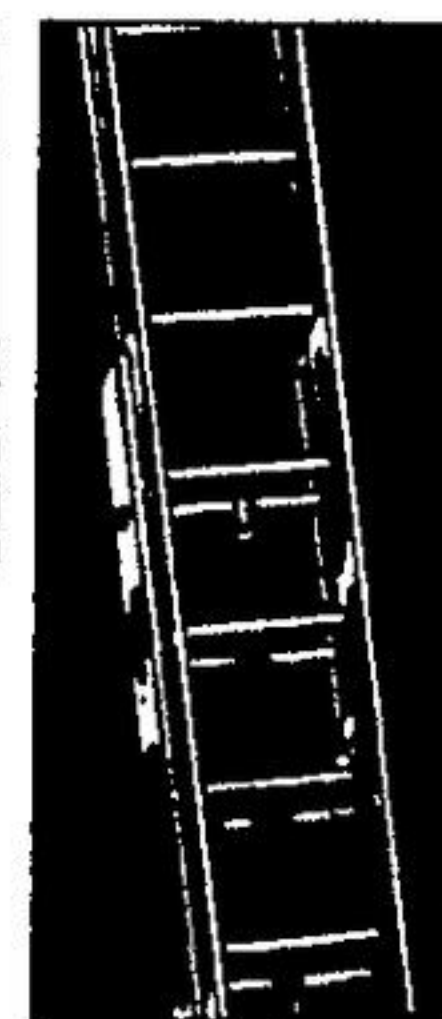
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