

Entertainment



It's a 10: Edward Scissorhands is a cut above

It must be hard being Tim Burton. The visionary director has brought to the screen the most inventive and dazzling films in recent history: *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*, *Beetlejuice*, *Batman* and now *Edward Scissorhands*. The surreal framework and eccentric characters of his films are unprecedented and show a true

artist who paints a canvas whirling with the flipside of cultural images.

And people automatically expect that level of magic whenever he's attached to a project. So how can he consistently top himself? How ingenious can you be before you lose that touch? Well it's an unbelievable feat, but Bur-

Hollywood Beat

By DAVID GIAMMARCO

ton has proven himself as wunderkind once again with *Edward Scissorhands*. It's sheer brilliance.

The story, an updated fairytale of extraordinarily bizarre proportions, juxtaposes a time-warp suburbia with a gothic monstrosity and the result is one of the best films of the year. Johnny Depp plays the title character of Edward, the synthesized creation of a scholarly inventor, played by Vincent Price. However the untimely death of the inventor leaves Edward unfinished and stuck with sharp shears of metal for hands. Unable to fit into society, Edward remains trapped in his own little world high atop a

hill. When an inquisitive Avon Lady, played by Dianne Wiest, discovers Edward's mansion hideout, she brings him home and introduces him to civilization and the resulting tidal wave of culture shock. Winona Ryder (Depp's real-life girlfriend) plays Kim, Wiest's daughter, who falls in love with Scissorboy and becomes his only ally.

I haven't been so moved by a film in such a long time, as much as I was by *Edward Scissorhands*. It's so utterly charming, unassuming and completely original. The sincerity of the film combined with the fantastic wizardry make it the most compelling and engrossing film to come our way in a long time. And the performance by Depp is truly mesmerizing. Limited by the character's awkward physical movements, Depp's face and eyes do the talk-

ing and it's a brilliant piece of expression. He's like an old silent movie actor.

Edward Scissorhands is a wonder to behold. Definitely the future of visionary filmmaking rests in Tim Burton's hands.

Out of ten, *Edward Scissorhands* rates a ten.

News in brief

Chocolate bar bonanza

Students at McKenzie-Smith School in Acton sold 5,500 chocolate bars and raised \$5,700 for the school. The money will be used for school projects.

Moonlight skiing

Moonlight guided skiing will begin at 7 p.m. at Hilton Falls Conservation Area on Friday, Jan. 11. The cost is \$5 per car. For more information, call Ron Kindt at 854-0262.

Elderly care

St. Joseph's Hospital and the Community Mental Health Clinic will co-host a conference on medication and the elderly on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at the Italian-Cadian Club in Guelph. The conference will focus on the psychotropic drug and its use as a medical intervention. For more information, call Tim McClelland 767-3426.

Family fun race

In celebration of national ski week, Glen Eden Ski Area will be hosting a slalom family fun race which will include prizes. Fun for the whole family runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20. For more information, call Bob Falle at 878-5011.

Torchlight parade

The torchlight parade is a colorful event performed by members of the Glen Eden ski school and pro patrol. It will begin at 6 p.m. on Jan. 25. For more information, call Bob Falle at 878-5011.

Christmas Trees

Tuitman's Garden Centre will donate \$1 from each Christmas tree to the Acton Food Bank. This could bring over \$250 to the food bank. Tuitman's is 3 kms south of Acton on Hwy. 25.

Cancer group

The Living With Cancer group meets every second Thursday, 7:30 to 9 p.m. The next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 27. Meetings are held at 751 Main St. E., Milton. For more information, call the Cancer Society at 878-1875.

Cabaret show

The Halton branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is sponsoring a performance of "The Fantasticks" on April 25, 1991, with proceeds going to the association. A cabaret-style production which will provide entertainment for the whole family, tickets are \$17.50 each and suggested as a Christmas present. For more information or tickets, call 845-5044.

Moose Jaw Reunion

All former students and staff of Moose Jaw Technical High School, Tech Oxford Collegiate, Canadian Vocational Training School and A. E. Peacock Technical Collegiate will celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of their school on Aug. 1 to 4, 1991. Send your name and address and those of other alumni for details of the event to A. E. Peacock Collegiate, 145 Ross St. E., Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, S6H 0S3.

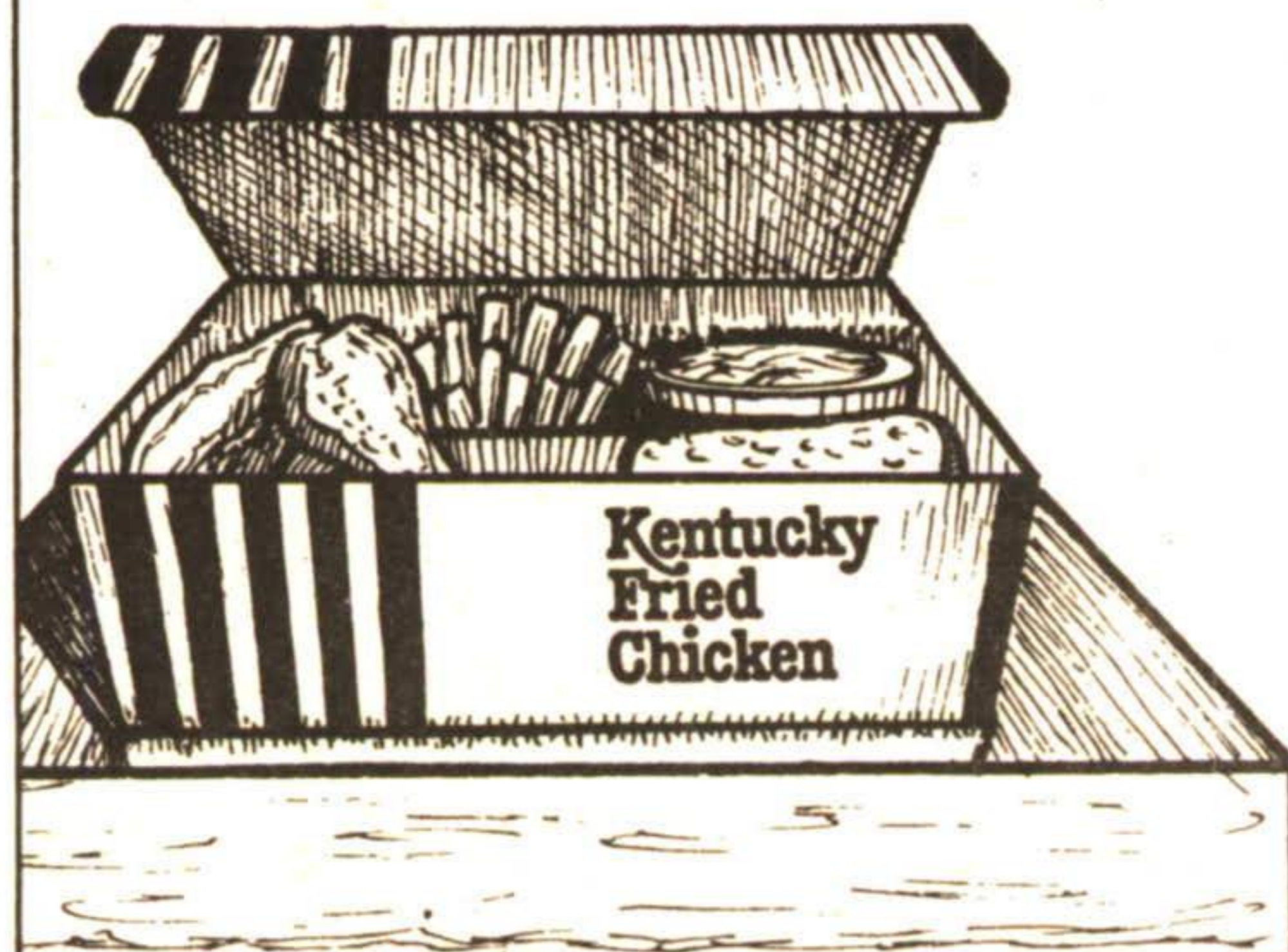
Open house

The Alzheimer Society for Halton-Wentworth will hold an open house at the resource centre on Thursday, Jan. 3 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. This marks the beginning of Alzheimer Awareness Month in January. The resource centre is at 875 Main St. W., Lower Mall, Unit 6, Hamilton. For information call 529-7030.

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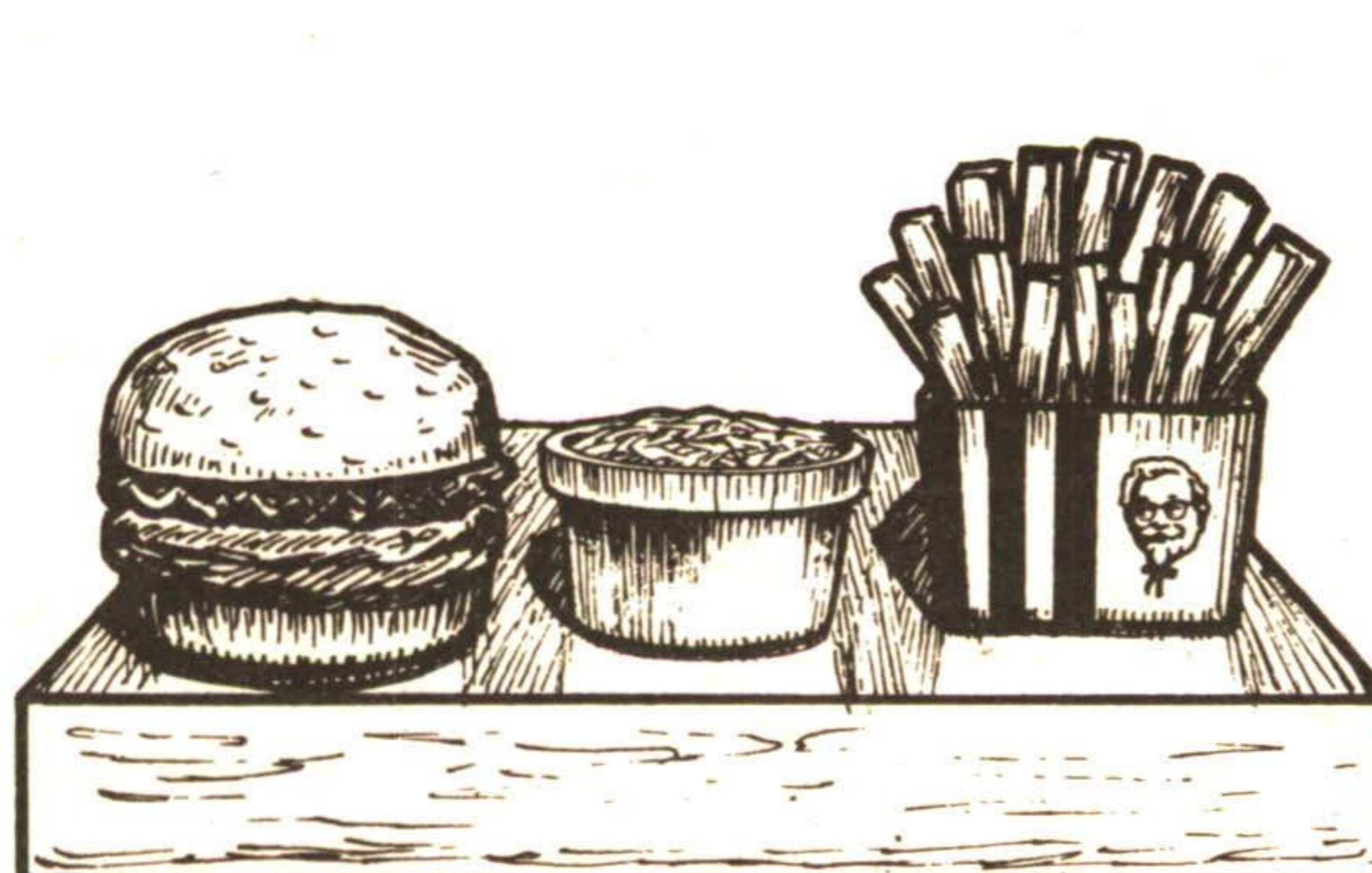
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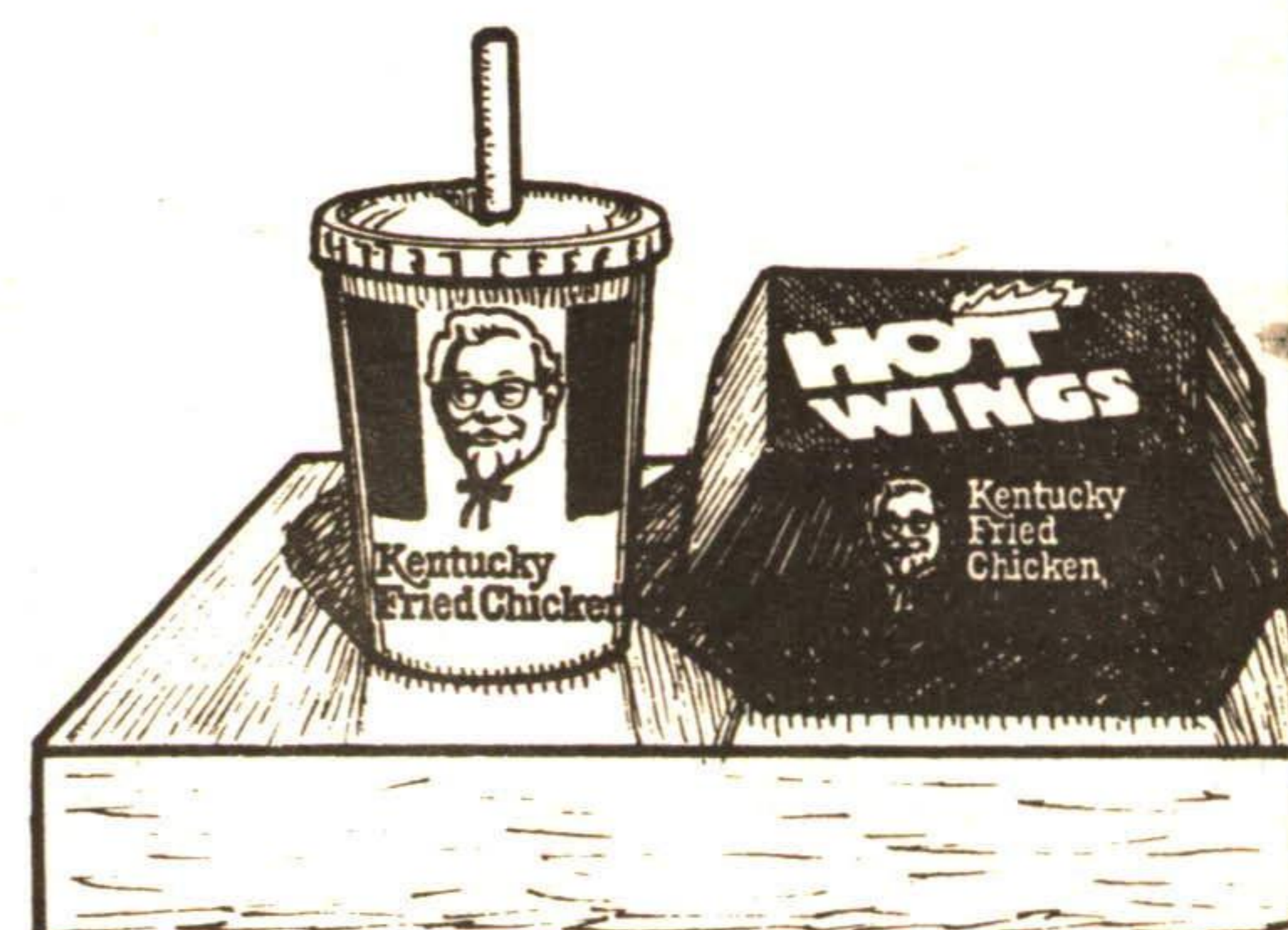
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