

MP cheers property rights inclusion

Proposals to change the Canadian constitution, tabled Tuesday in the House of Commons, could have a dramatic impact on homeowners facing expropriation by municipalities, conservation authorities, public utilities or governments at any level.

Since 1982, Canadians have not had the right to own property, or to be fairly compensated when it is taken from them.

"This situation was clearly wrong," says Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner, a long-time property-rights advocate who last

December hosted an Ottawa conference on restoring these rights.

"Owning private property should be a basic right in any democracy," Turner says, "and it was just incredible that Canadians lost that right in 1982 when the last round of Constitutional changes took place."

Property rights had been guaranteed under the former Canadian Bill of Rights, but removed for political purposes nine years ago when the current Charter of Rights came into effect.

Turner says that with the right restored, homeowners could go to the courts and battle any attempt by a government or agency to take that land away for public use. "With the right to own property entrenched in the Constitution, any government is going to think twice before trying to remove somebody from their own land."

"This is a victory for democracy and for Canadians who have struggled to win homeownership. This is for every person in Canada who owns something."

Info 'not relevant' to case:CVCA

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"Some of the information in them are not related to this issue," she added. "There is quite a bit of

confidential correspondence that the residents had got a hold of, but that really isn't it. Some of the issues really aren't relevant to the issue at

hand, and we didn't want it to be considered...There was just a disagreement about what was relevant, that's all, (but) the judge didn't see it our way."

Barron noted one of the "irrelevant issues" was regarding flooding.

"The (residents) are arguing that flooding is not a problem, but we believe we have already gone past that point before," she said. "We just didn't want to go through that again at a hearing."

She added there are two issues to be dealt with — one is the question of eviction, and the other is over whether the residents had received fair compensation from the CVCA at the time of expropriation.

An Ontario Municipal Board hearing is scheduled to review the compensation question in February.

"There are two different cases, and we wanted to separate the two for this hearing," Barron added.

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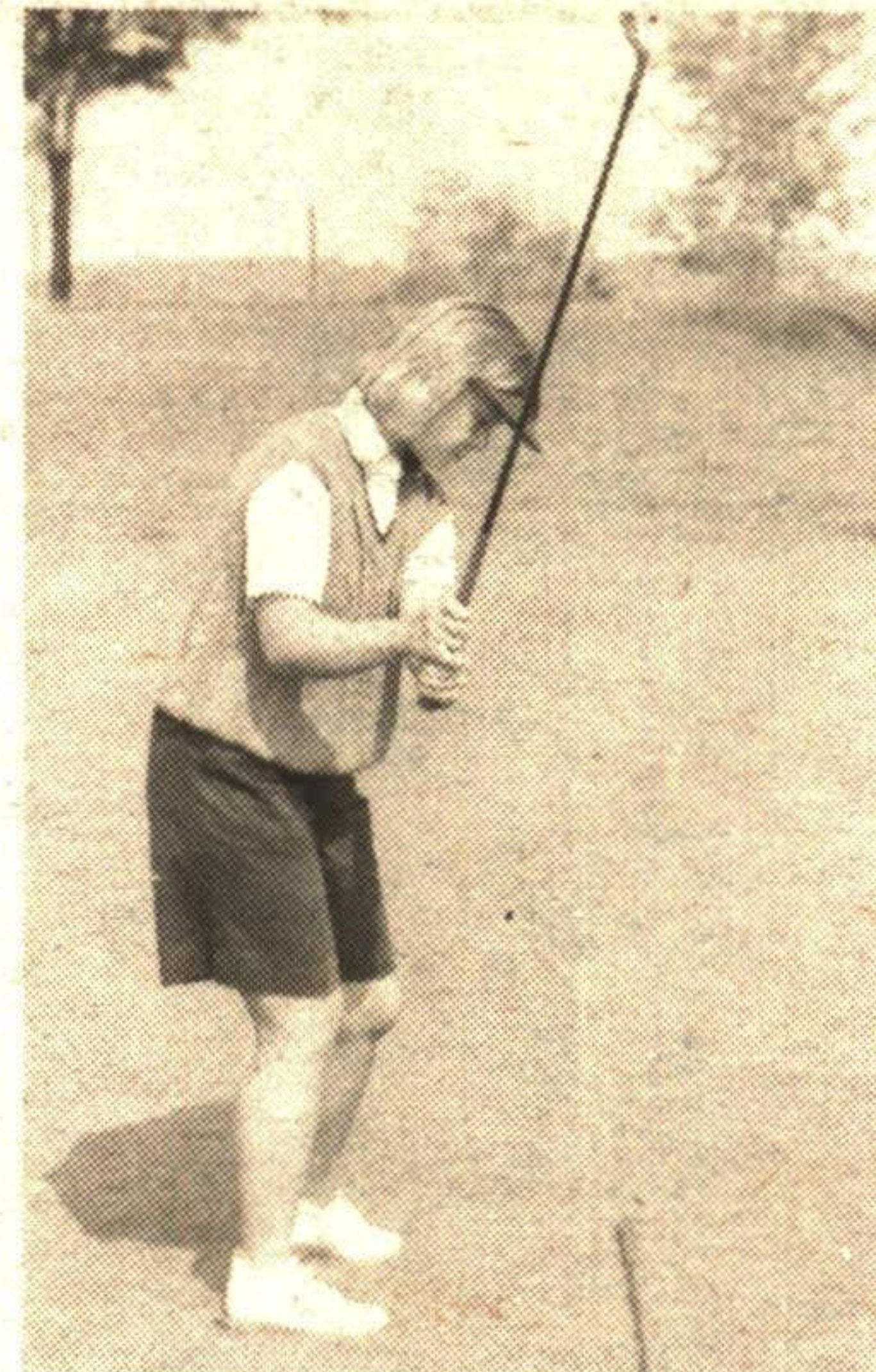


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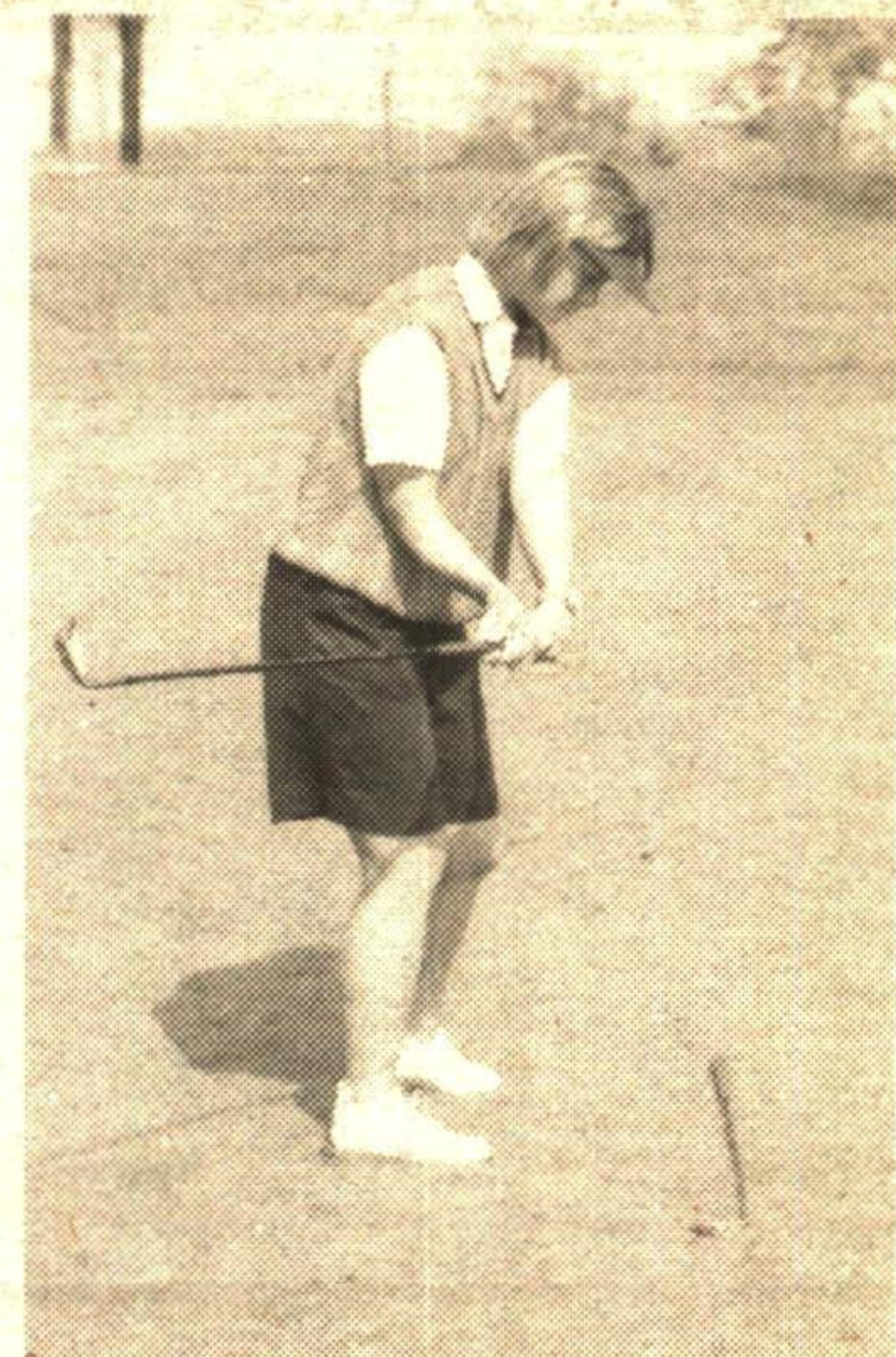


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Remember the last couple of weeks? Hopefully both your half and full swings are now "on plane." However, if you are still experiencing some inconsistency with direction, maybe it's time to demonstrate a few of the incorrect swing planes.

Studying the following photos may help you identify the incorrect swing that is causing you trouble.

Photo 1 shows a swing plane that is both outside your target line and the shaft is too upright. If you came down the same way you went up, you would most likely slice the ball because of an outside to inside swing path. Photo 2 demonstrates a flat or "laid off" swing plane where the club is too far behind me, the face is wide open and the handle is point-

ing extremely right of the target. This sort of "take away" normally results in "topping" the ball and hitting shots to the right. Both photos show how easily the club shaft can find its way outside the forearms. Neither are good - beware!

Photos 3 and 4 show the incorrect followthroughs. Obviously, the first one is again too upright. Golfers often refer to this as a "blocked motion." You definitely missed the flag to the right with this swing. The second swing is too flat and has probably resulted in hitting the top of the ball and possibly hook it as well.

If you are not sure of your plane... see a swing doctor... or a friend with a good eye! After all, seeking the shortest way to the hole means finding the correct swing plane!



PHOTO #3



PHOTO #4

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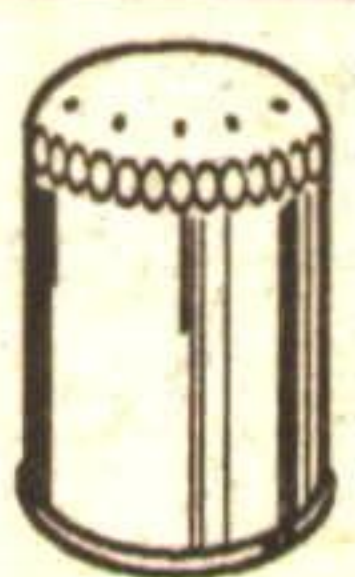
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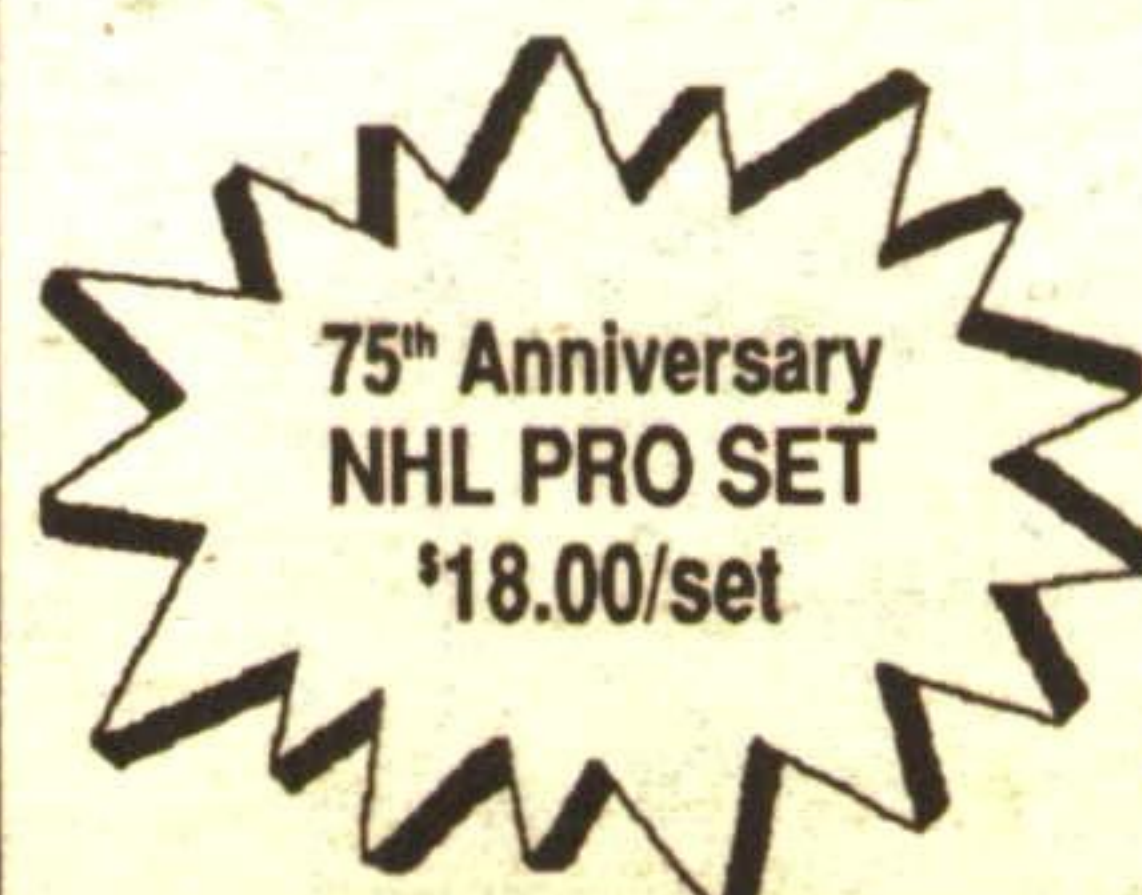
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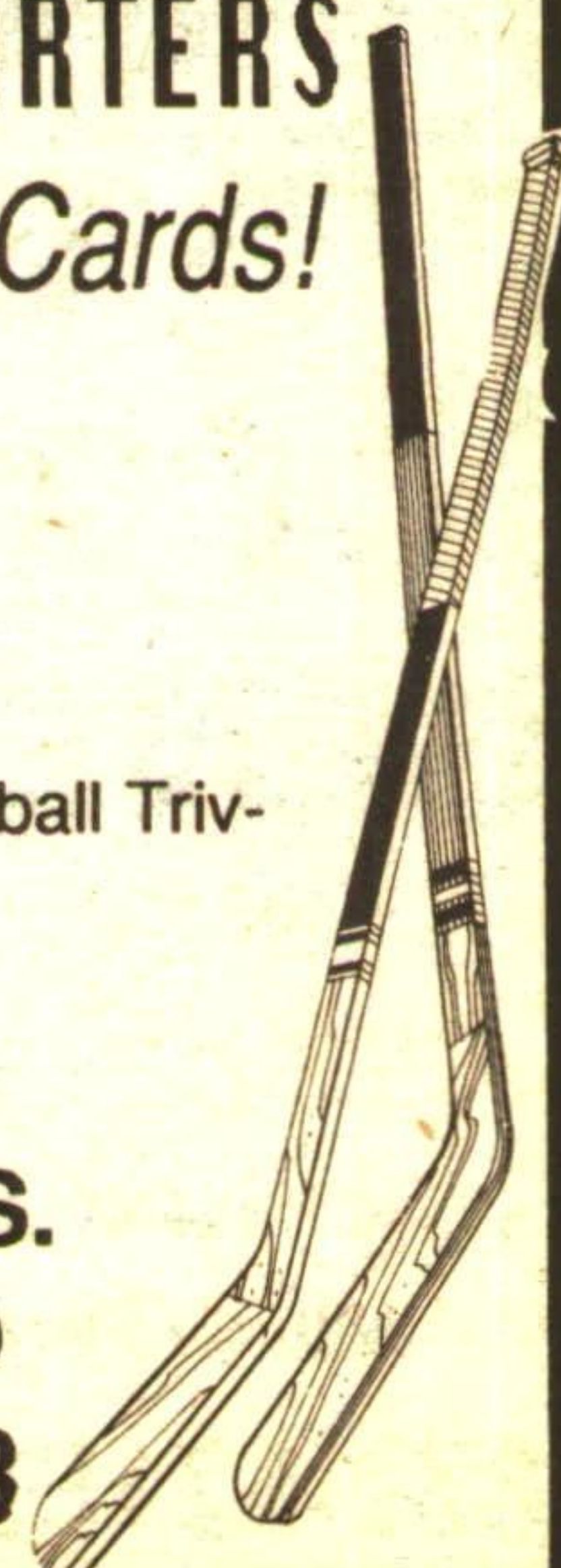


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