

Erin councillor compares salaries

Hello neighbours!

It was with some interest I read about the Town of Halton Hills Councillors' salary increase (to \$18,200) for I was a former resident of Glen Williams. My parents still reside in the Glen and I visit the Halton Hills area on a regular basis. Presently I live in the community of Hillsburgh within the Town of Erin. I am also a Town of Erin Councillor. It was interesting to review



the justification report ADMIN-01-06 (available at the Town of Halton Hills clerk's dept.) in that only municipalities with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) were used as a basis for the salary review. The Town of Erin was not included in the analysis

event though we are one of your immediate neighbouring municipalities. For your information my base salary as a Town of Erin Councillor is \$7,430 and the Town of Erin's Mayor's base salary is \$12,735.

In the first six months of 2001, we have had approxi-

mately 50 meetings as the Town of Erin Council. I should also note in 1998 we reduced the number of Councillors to four as compared to 10 Councillors presently on Halton Hills Council.

We are a smaller municipality in population, but I note from the report that a City Councillor from the City of Guelph makes less than the new Town of Halton Hills' Councillor rate. Guelph has about twice as many residents at 100,000, than does Halton Hills.

With the Town of Erin we may look at a small increase in the future for our Councillors or more importantly, I feel an increase in the Mayor's salary. But this would not take effect until after the next election, whereby the residents will know that we did not vote ourselves, the present Council, a raise and they can pass judgement via the ballot box.

Regards,
Jeff Duncan,
Town of Erin Councillor

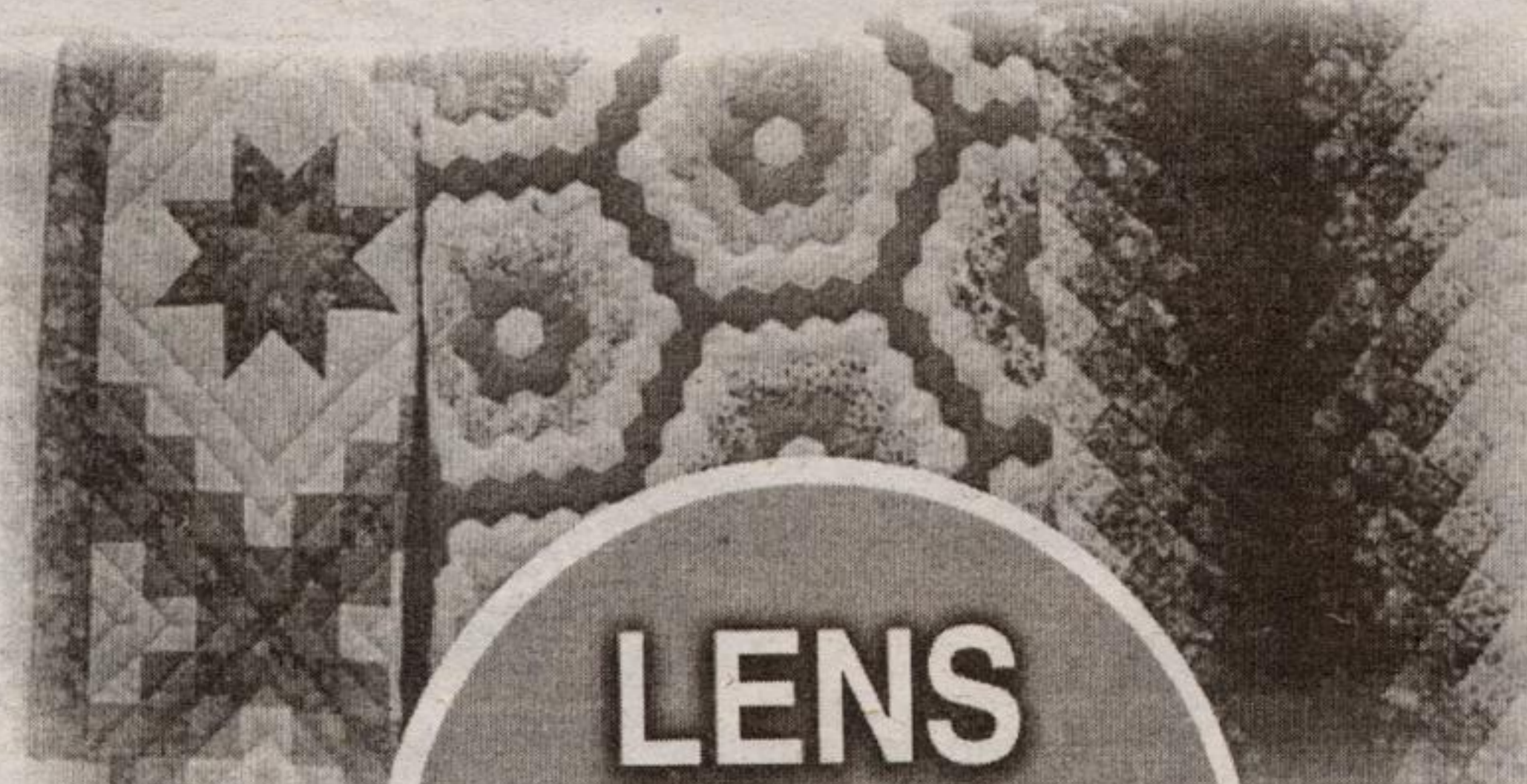
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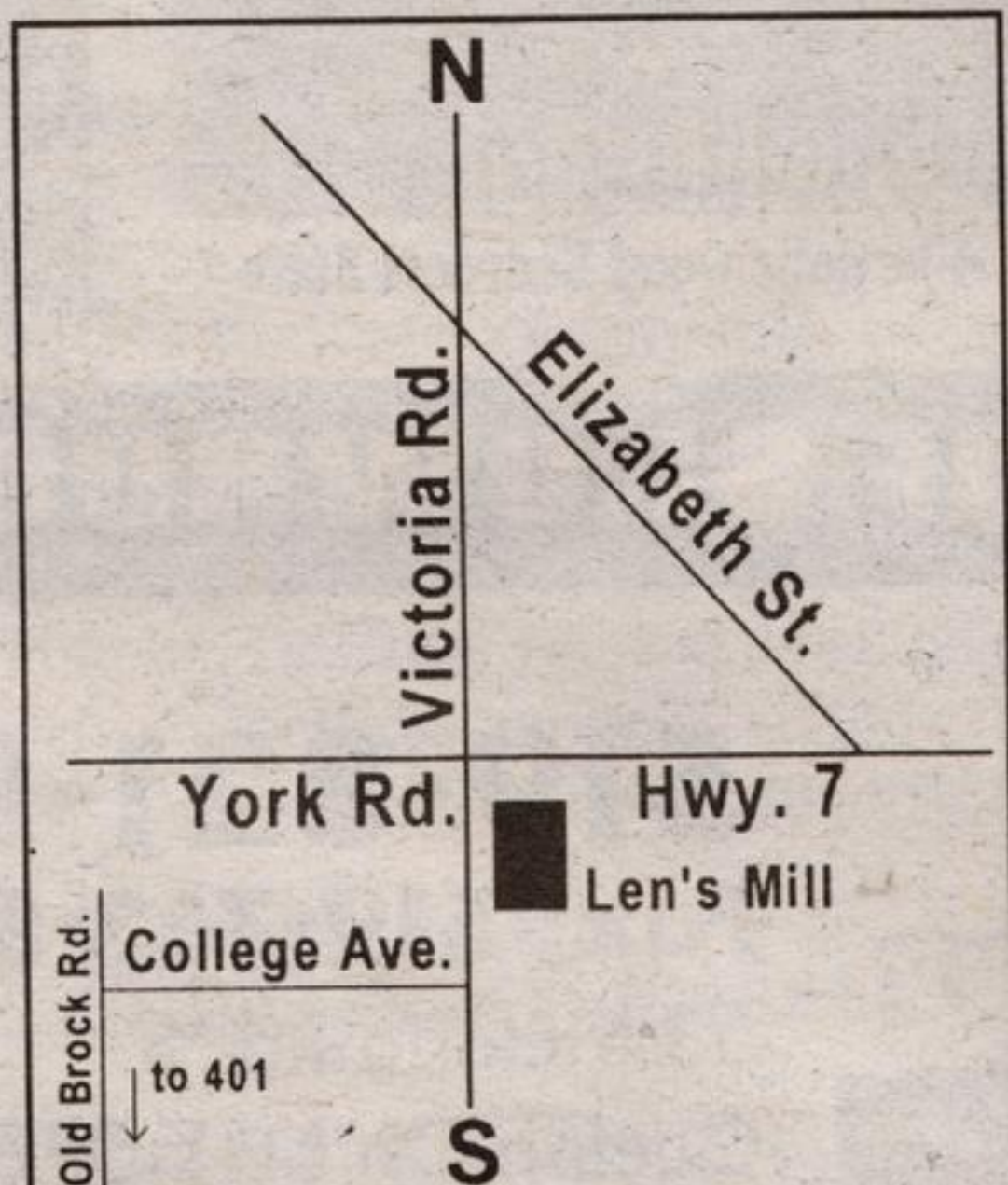


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No place for firehall

Dear editor,

I am writing to you regarding two articles that appeared in The New Tanner recently. One on August 9 indicated that the committee appointed to examine ways to meet the needs of our community with respect to firefighting has determined that renovating the existing Rockwood fire hall is not an option.

This is indeed unfortunate. It initially appeared that the most economical solution to the dilemma would have been an upgrade.

I have written to the papers on this subject previously, primarily due to my concern that there was a real plan in place to annex a part of the Rockwood Conservation Area to build a new fire hall.

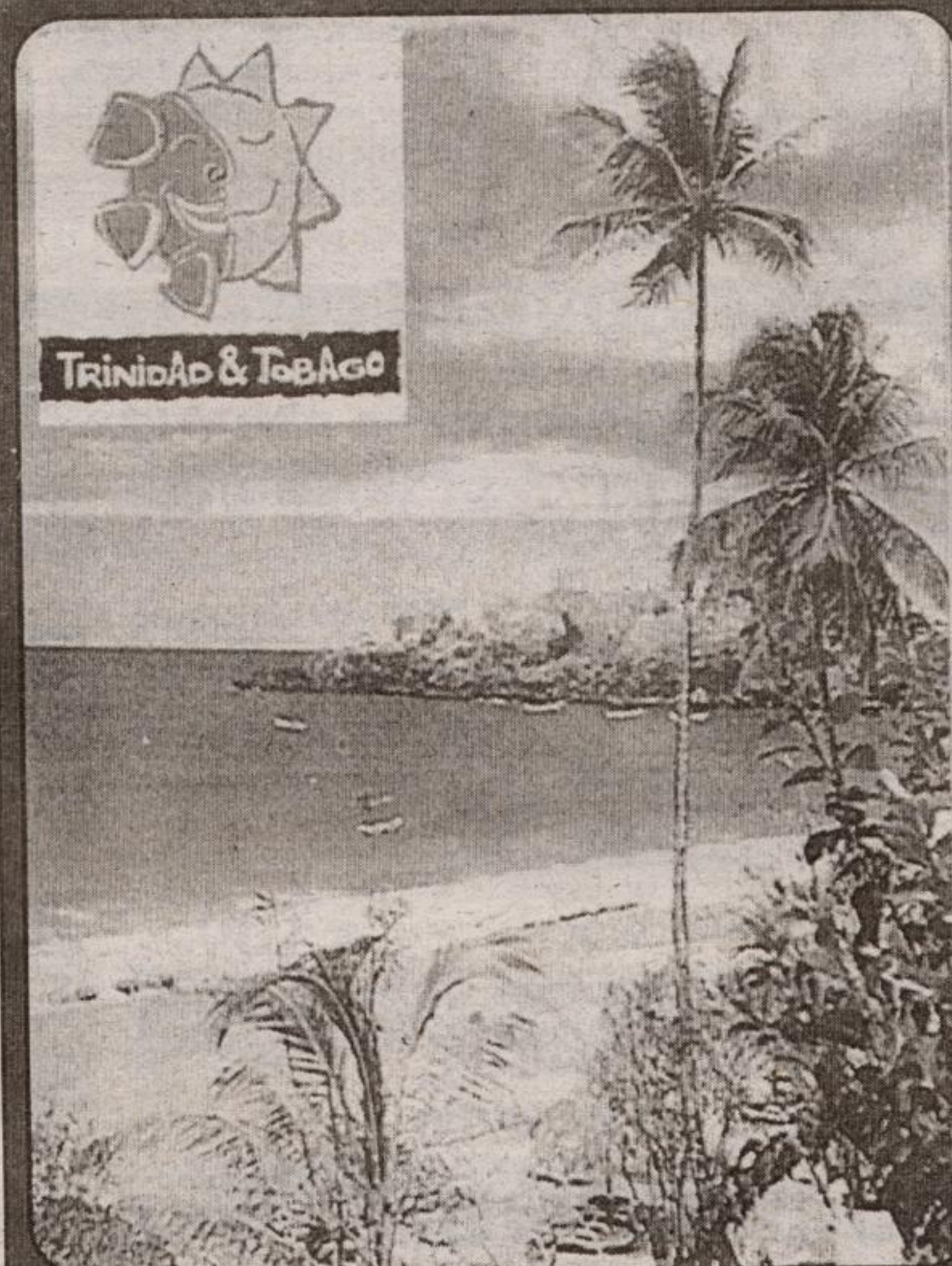
It is my sincere hope that the decision *not* to use the old fire hall site does not bring back the spectre of building a new fire hall in our Conservation Area. I am sure that the capable people appointed to the Fire Hall Committee can find a vacant piece of land locally without encroaching on Conservation land. The piece at the corner of Hwy. 7 and the road to Everton is still available and has been for some time. My view is that it should be seriously considered for a new fire hall location.

Another reason for finding a new home for the fire hall other than in the Conservation Area is that, according to The New Tanner, August 9, the Province of Ontario has this year purchased 242.5 hectares of land across the Province to increase its holding of ecologically significant properties. It is part of the Living Legacy Program which was launched in 1999.

Three of the parcels purchased were local, part of the Terra Cotta forest being added to the Terra Cotta Conservation Area, a 40 hectare addition to the Bruce Trail and another 800 metre section of the

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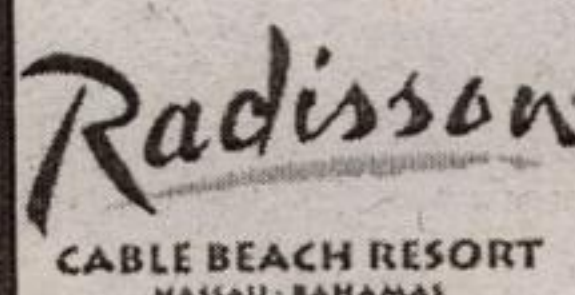
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