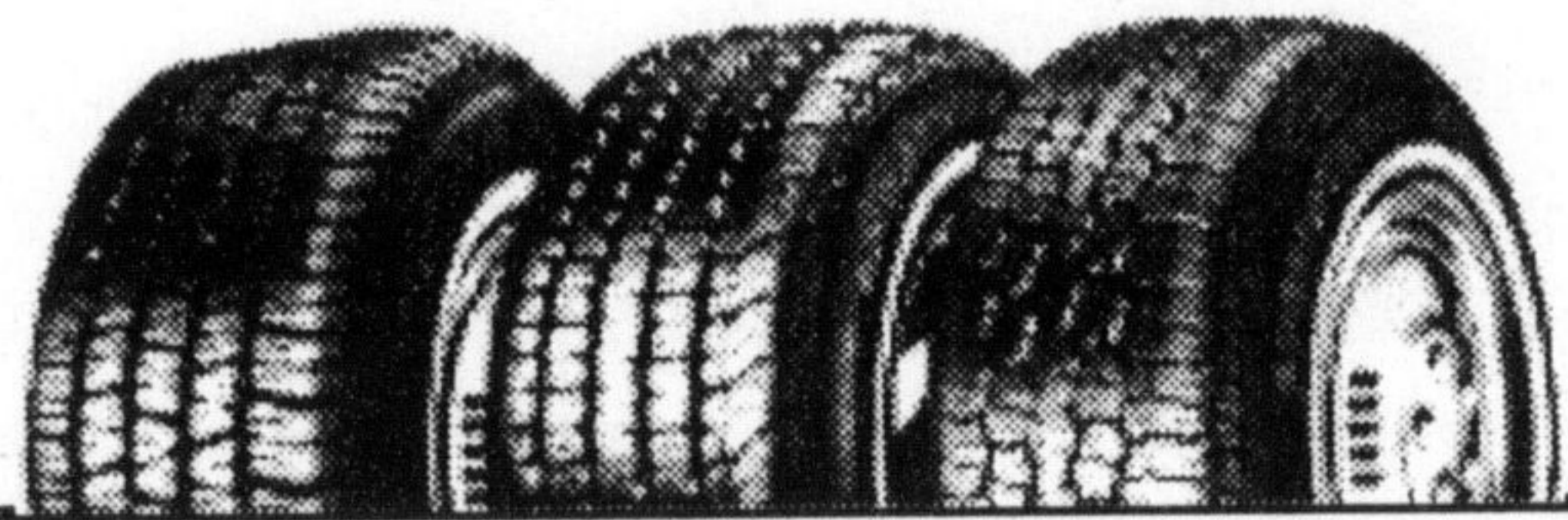


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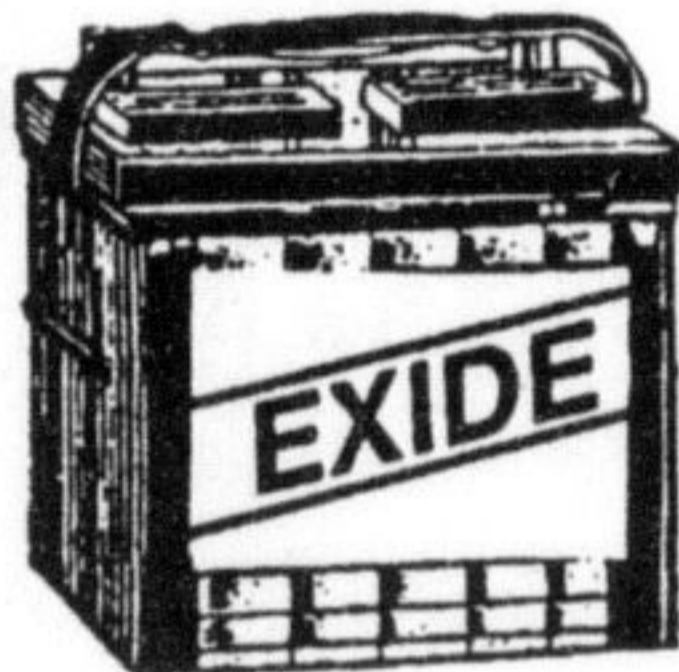
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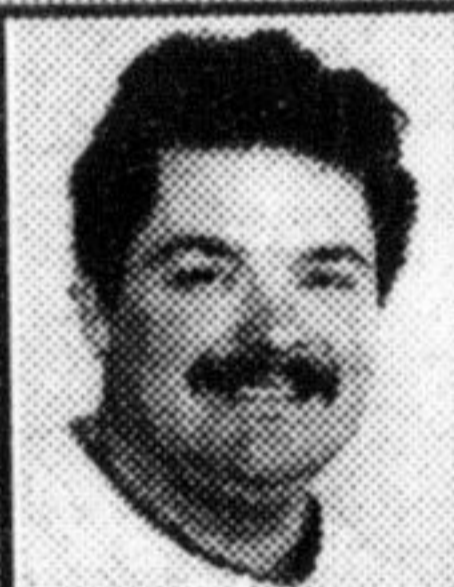


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An artisan at the Ontario Renaissance Festival displays medieval crafts including helmets and necklaces. The Milton-area theme park opens for another season this weekend.

Renaissance Festival season is set to begin this Saturday

By IRENE GENTLE

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There's something to be said about a place that glorifies the romance of knights in shining armor right alongside the man credited with yanking marriage out of the churches and into divorce courts.

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Now in its third year, the festival is one of 60 similar events across North America.

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