

Town expected to ban pick-up of grass clippings

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Grass clippings should be banned from curbside garbage collection, says the Town's community services committee.

The committee decided to move ahead with the ban after a telephone survey — conducted by Halton Region — showed the majority of respondents are supportive of the action.

Town council is expected to ratify the decision at its October 29 meeting. If approved, the ban will come into affect February 1, 2002.

"I felt quite strongly that when it comes to this service, we need to hear from the public. That was the agreement we

had with the public when we went to a region-wide collection program," said Councillor John Challinor, who requested a Milton-specific survey after a region-wide survey was presented to the committee last month.

Of 150 Miltonians contacted, 98 said they currently leave grass clippings on their lawns after mowing.

Eighty-four people said they're supportive of the ban. Regional estimates show grass clippings currently account for 40 per cent of the yard waste collected in Milton. In addition to reducing the amount of waste going into landfills, the ban should save taxpayers about \$28,000 annually.

While supportive of the motion, Mayor Gord Krantz expressed some concern about

what people will do with their clippings. "I'm all in favour of saving money and the environ-

ment as long as we don't get to the point of garbage police. You will have to monitor it

fairly closely to see if we're finding more in the ditches and if it's really saving money."



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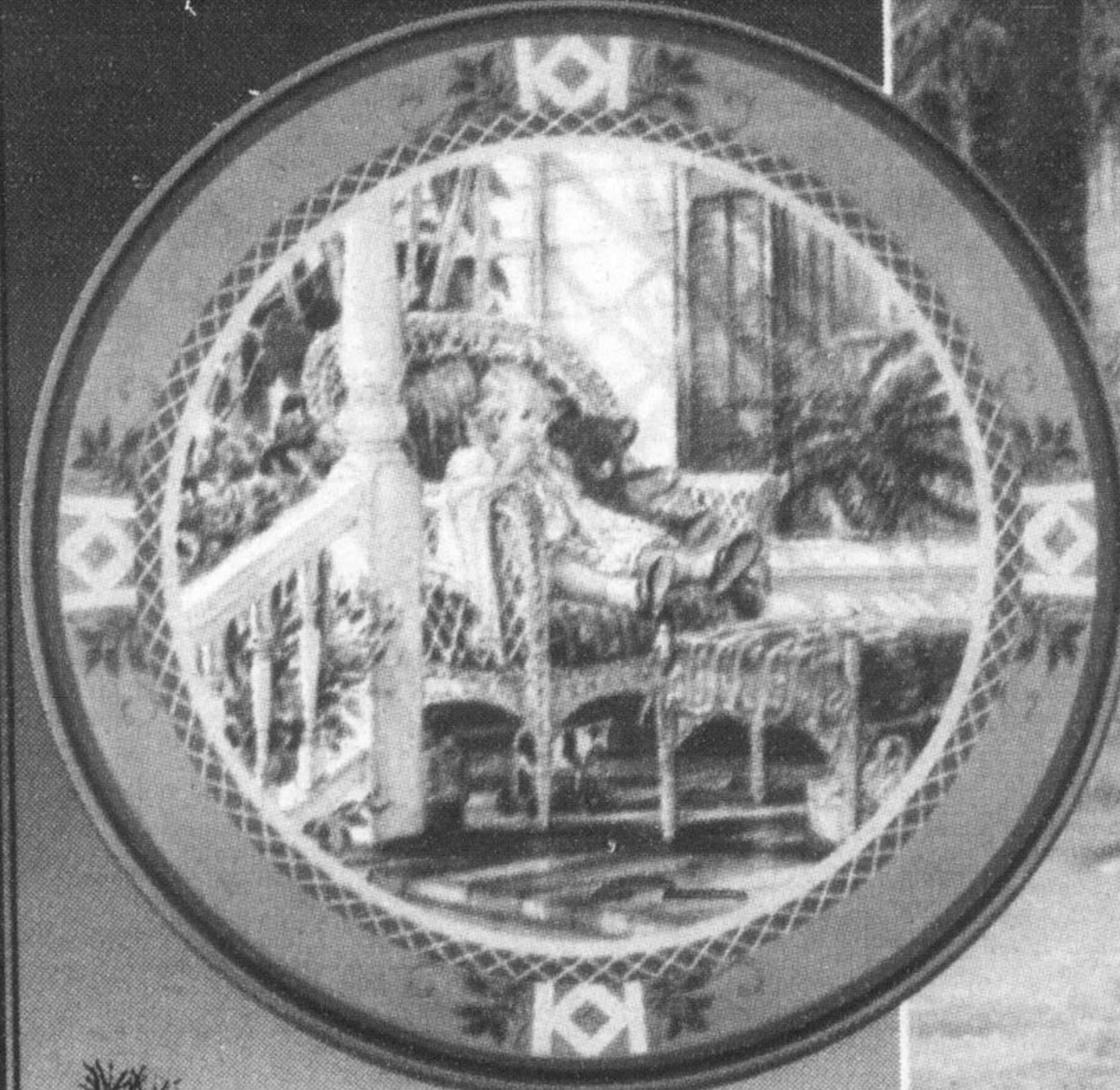
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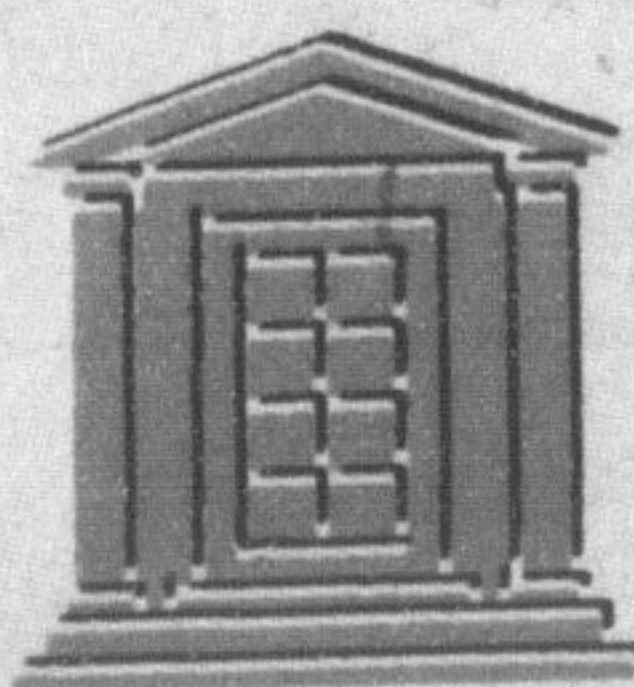
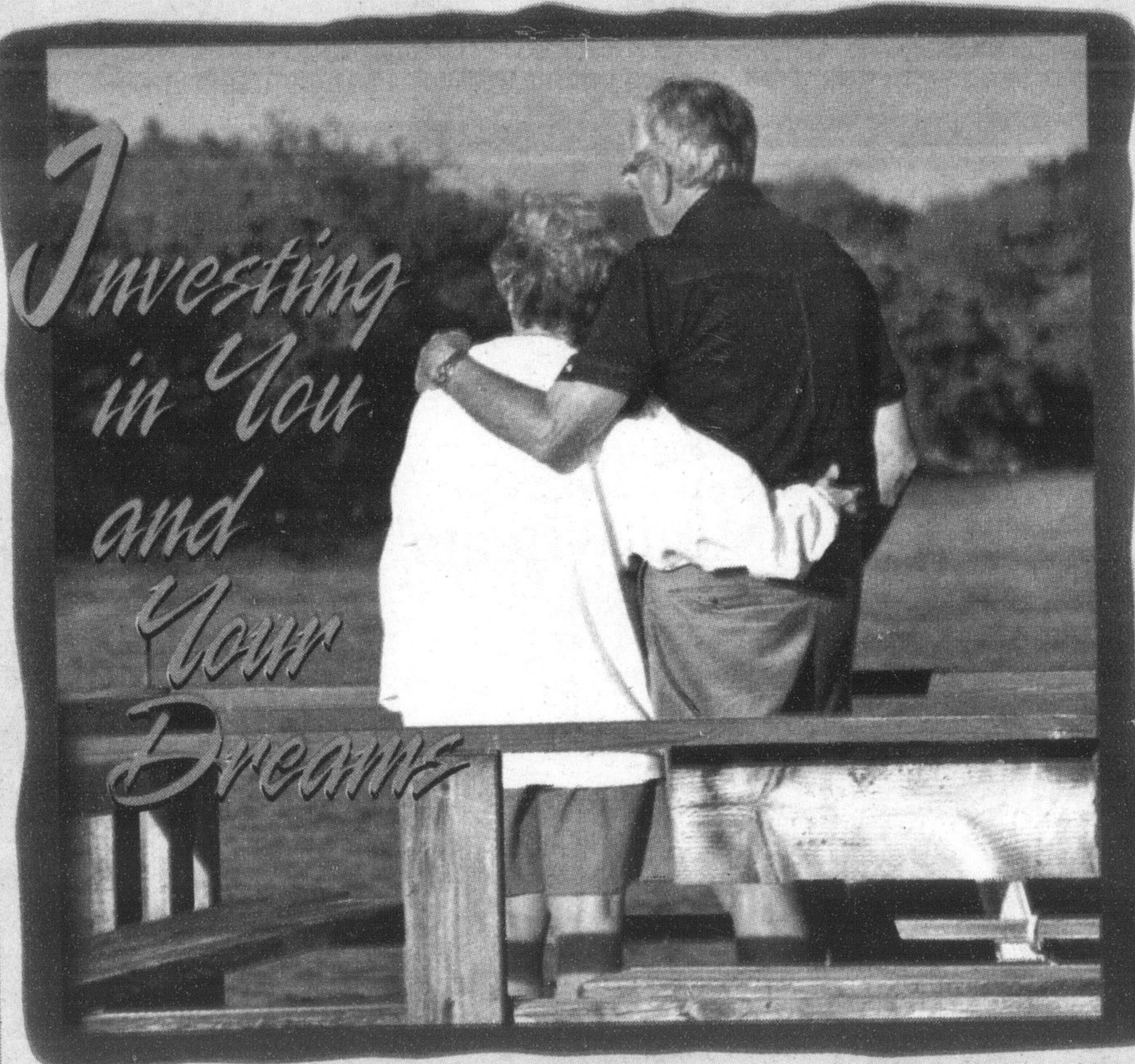
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