

Final Gold Series Elimination at Mohawk tomorrow

Ontario's exciting three-year-old pacing colts head to Mohawk Racetrack tomorrow night for the final Gold Series Elimination of their careers.

Among the talented group of 10 lined up to compete for \$116,225 are all four Gold Final winners and all but one of the division's top-10 point earners.

Leading the colts into the event is reigning Gold Final winner Dreamfair Vogel, who sits atop the division standings with 187 points.

The Village Jiffy son rides into tomorrow's duel on a three-race win streak, which started when he lowered the Mohawk track record with a 1:49.4 triumph on September 14 and continued through two consecutive Ontario Sires Stakes record performances at Windsor Racetrack in the September 29 Gold Elimination and October 6 Gold Final.

The track record performance at Mohawk was the colt's first start for top conditioner Bill Robinson of Hagersville and owners John and Mary Lamers have been delighted with the results the long considered move to Robinson's barn has wrought on their colt.

"Bill Robinson is probably the best trainer in North America, and in my estimation I had to make a business decision. Sometimes when you get set in your ways you're reluctant to change, but the first thing Bill did was go with no ear plugs, no shadow roll, no stud support, no quarter boots, no run down boots and he put a Blackjack bike on him," said John Lamers. "Bill knows how to make those changes and he runs an awesome training centre."

The Ingersoll resident was pleased with the job his regular trainer Jason Libby did

handling Dreamfair Vogel, but felt a radical change was necessary to help the colt break the speed barrier he seemed to be bumping up against.

He had explored the possibility of moving the colt into Robinson's care last fall, but decided against it at the time, so when the subject arose again this season Robinson's name was already at the top of the list.

"I thought about making the change when Jason broke his wrist last year. I spoke to Bill at the time and he said 'Sure, I'll take the horse', but I decided not to and we finished out the year here," Mr. Lamers recalled.

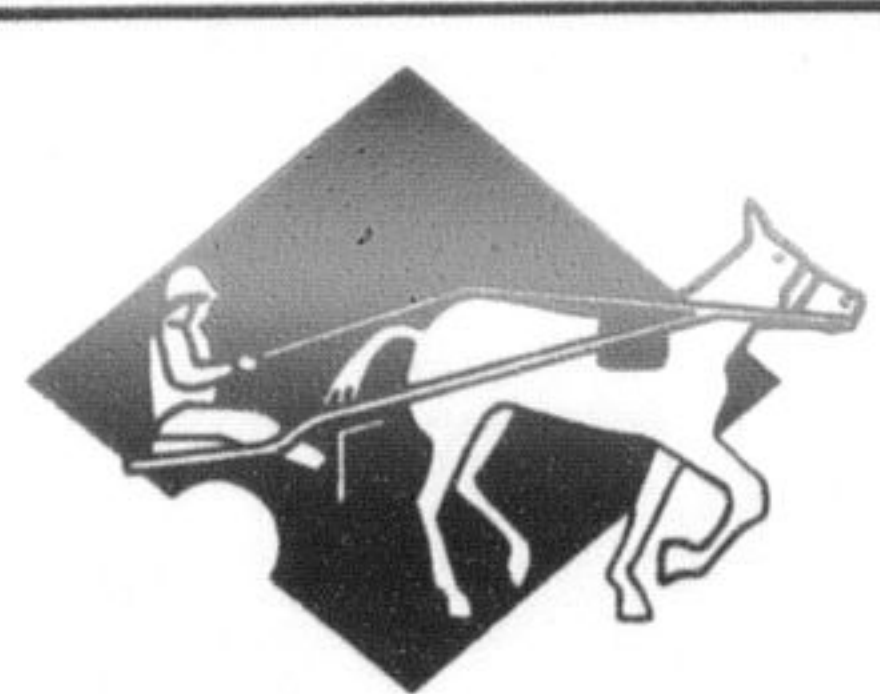
"Who knows how things would have worked out if I had done it then."

As things stand, Lamers is confident Dreamfair Vogel will be a major player in the final Gold Series and the November 16 Super Final and is hoping the colt can maintain his momentum through the Canadian Breeders Championship in late November and the Provincial Cup at Windsor Raceway in early December.

"He's very fresh. He's had just the nice number of starts to be fresh enough for the long run he has ahead of him now," said Lamers, who also bred the winner of \$431,143. "I don't think the horse has really peaked yet. I think there is more in the tank."

Dreamfair Vogel will attempt to extend his win streak from post six in the fifth race tomorrow and Lamers wasn't sure which driver would be at the lines for the Gold Elimination. Robinson's regular driver, Randy Waples, was listed on both Dreamfair Vogel and Pacific Titan.

"I expressed an interest in having Randy



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drive Vogel but Bill said he gives the drivers a choice.

He just puts them down and doesn't influence them either way. We'd like to have Randy, he knows the horse and gets along with him so well, but if he choose Pacific Titan we'll deal with that," said Lamers.

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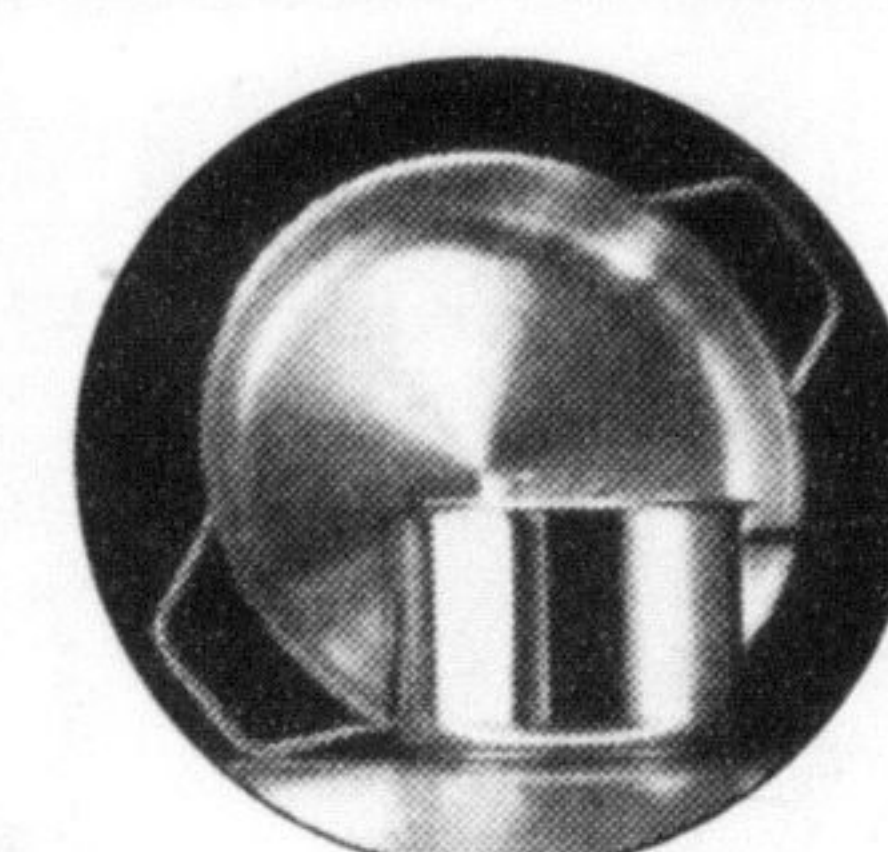
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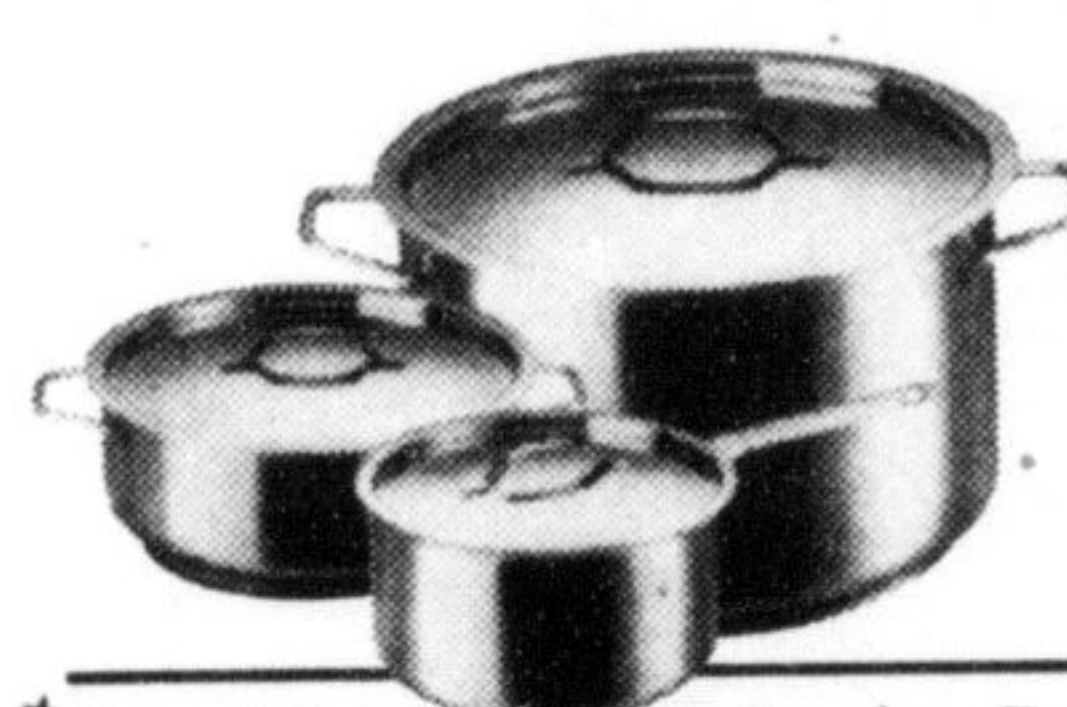
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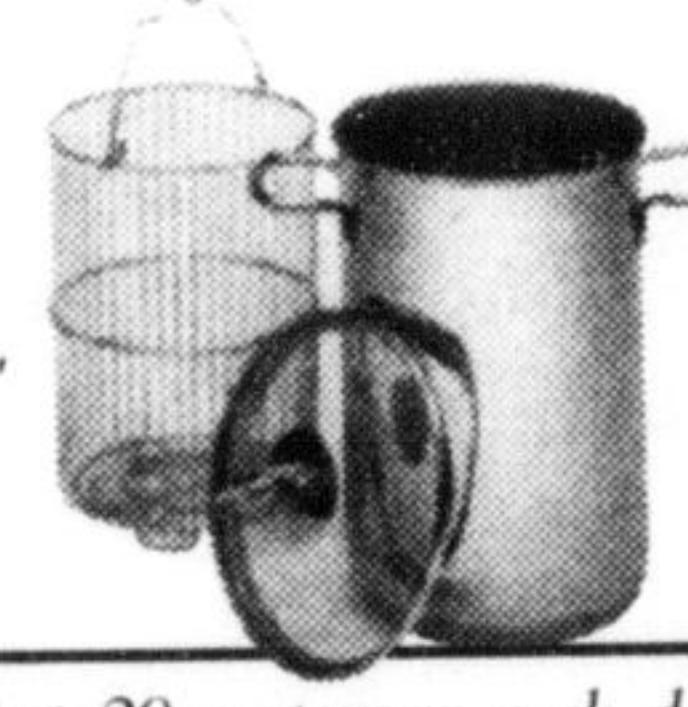


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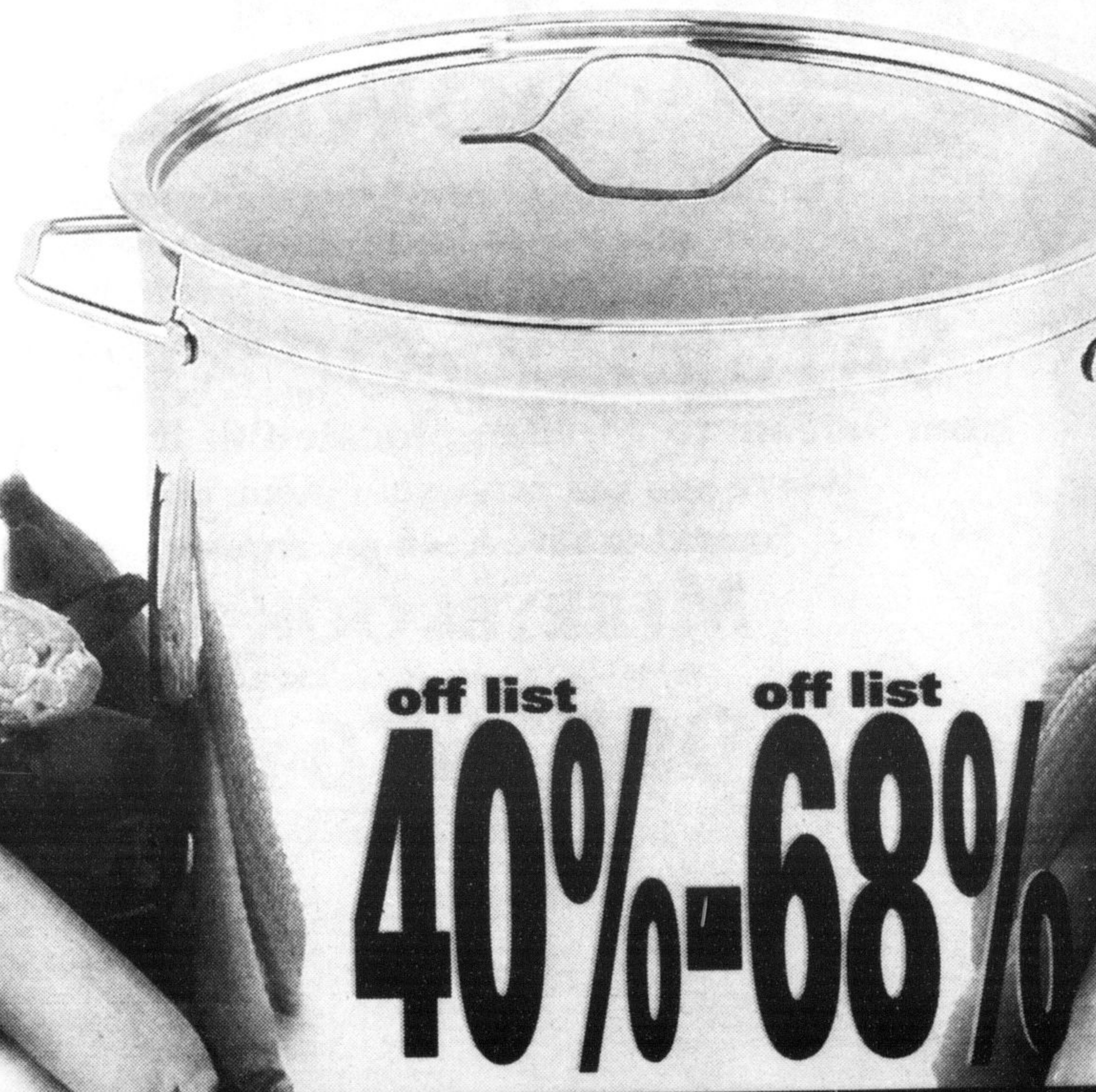


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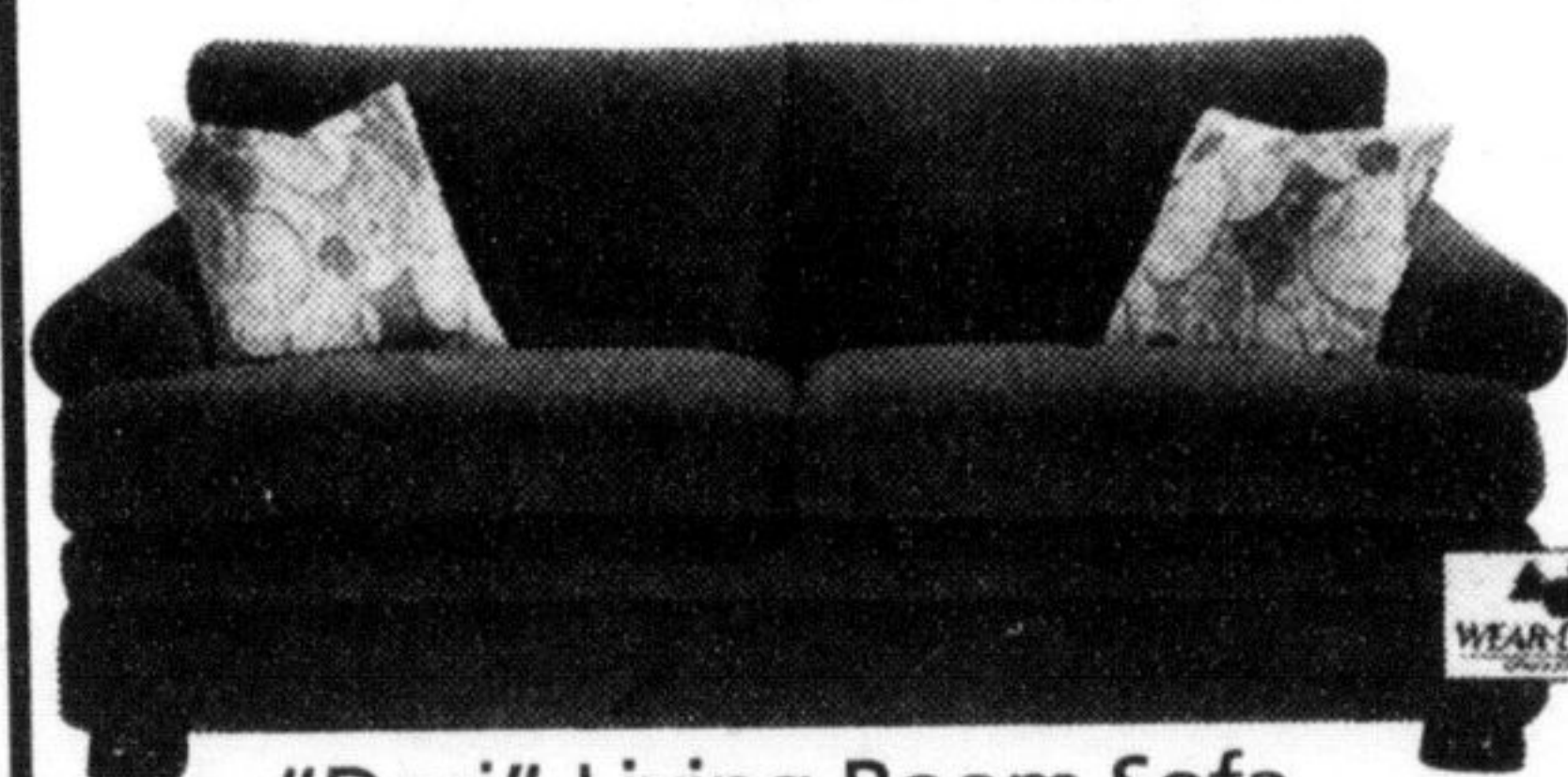
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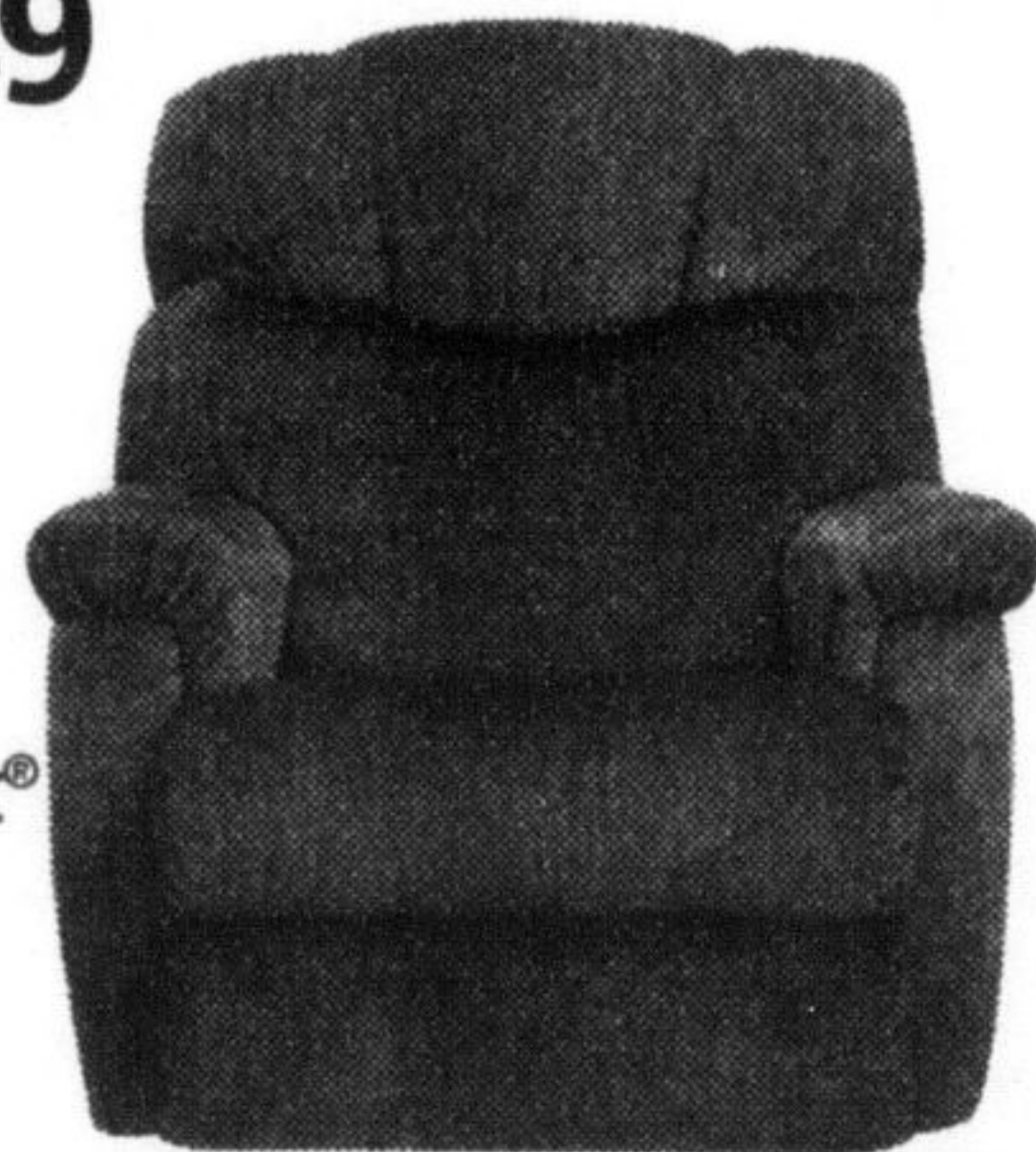
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