

# HOME, LAWN & GARDEN

## Kitchen renovation tips:

# New countertops provide quick kitchen transformation

(NC)— If your current kitchen dÉcor inspires visions of disco balls and bell bottom pants maybe it's time for a much needed update. But do you need a complete kitchen makeover, or just a facelift?

The answer depends on your budget. The bad news is that a total renovation project can be very costly. The good news is that you can replace your countertops and feel as though you have a brand new kitchen.

That's because your countertop is the most visible source of colour in the kitchen. If your cabinets are white or wood, then what immediately catches your eye is the surface you use the most - your countertop.

Kitchen countertops are the most important work surface and key element in the design and luxury of your home. Today's latest designs in countertops can take a moderate looking kitchen and turn it to a kitchen out of a dÉcor magazine or interior design show.

If you look at what's available you will be amazed at the selection not only of colours but textures and finishes as well. The primary goal is to find a durable, stain-resistant and easy to clean surface that will also bring style, elegance and beauty to your kitchen.

The two most popular countertop materials which meet this current demand for both practicality and elegance are the new solid and quartz surfaces.

"We offer the two hottest products in the market today but taste has a lot to do with your choice," said Mark Hanna, President of Montreal-based Leeza Distribution Inc., one of North America's leading distributors of Samsung's Staron Solid Surfaces and HanStone Fine Quartz Surfaces. "If you have an affinity for stone which provides visual impact and dominance in a kitchen, than HanStone is for you. Whereas if you don't want all the attention to be on your countertop and true functionality is your goal, than Staron would be the ideal choice."

Both surface materials meet the



highest standards for hygiene and cleanliness in the industry (certified NSF-51) thanks to their nonporous properties. Also of great importance, both are accredited with Greenguard environmental certification for low

emitting products.

Samsung Staron is recognized as one of the top lines of acrylic solid surfaces in the market today because of its unlimited flexibility in design. "Unlike stone, which is a hard flat

surface with design limitations, solid surfaces allow any design style and application you can imagine to blend with your kitchen design," added Hanna.

With countertops it's still all about colour and with Staron's over 70 colour choices you can find the perfect colour to complement your kitchen decor.

Meanwhile, Quartz countertops, such as the industry's top rated HanStone surfaces, offer a sophisti-

cated elegance and timeless beauty in virtually any surfacing application. As the fastest growing category of premium countertops, quartz surfaces are stronger than granite and because they're nonporous, they require no sealing, are highly resistant to scratches, stains, and bacteria growth and come in a wide range of dramatic colours and patterns. More information on solid and quartz surfaces is available at leezadistribution.com.

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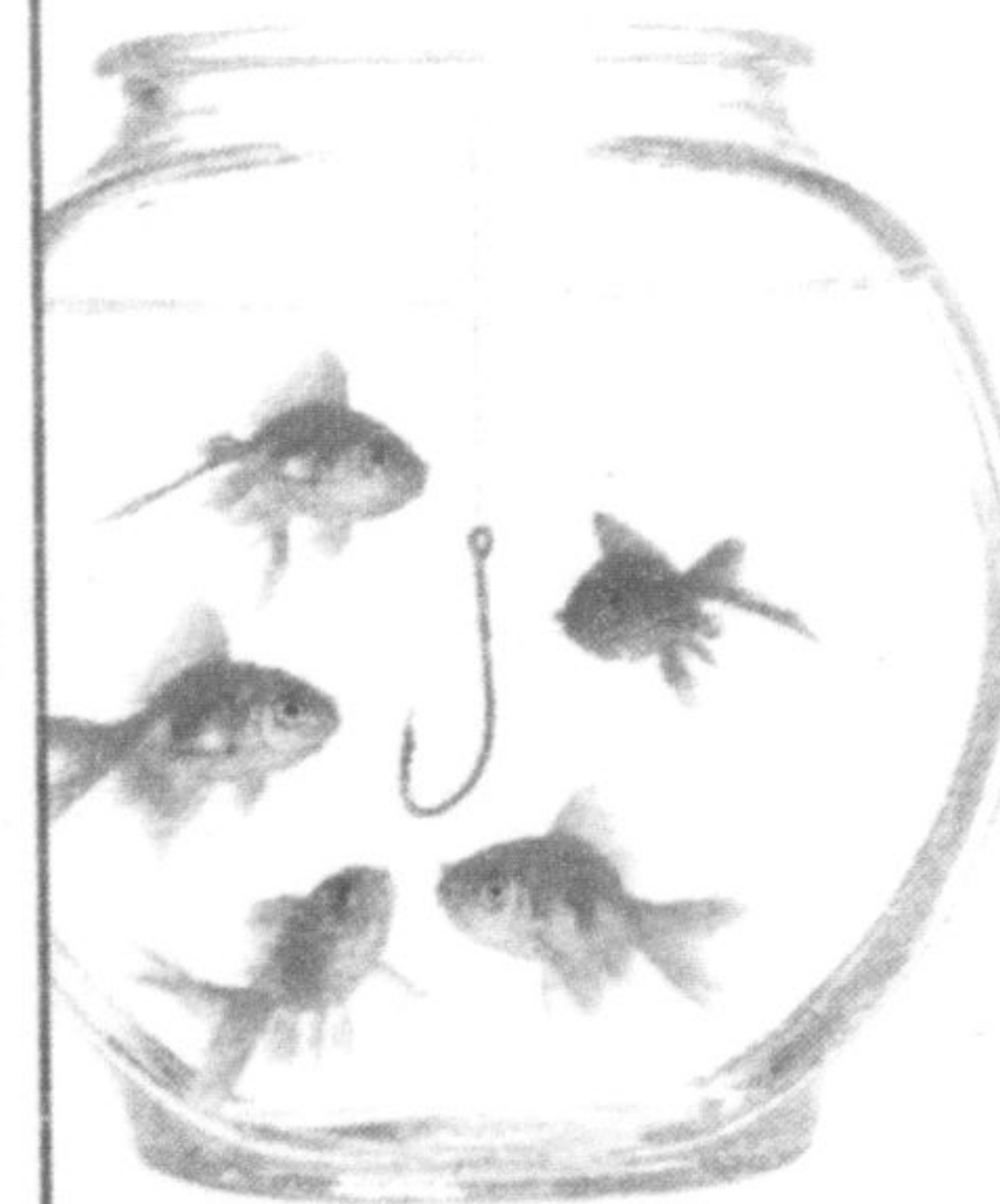
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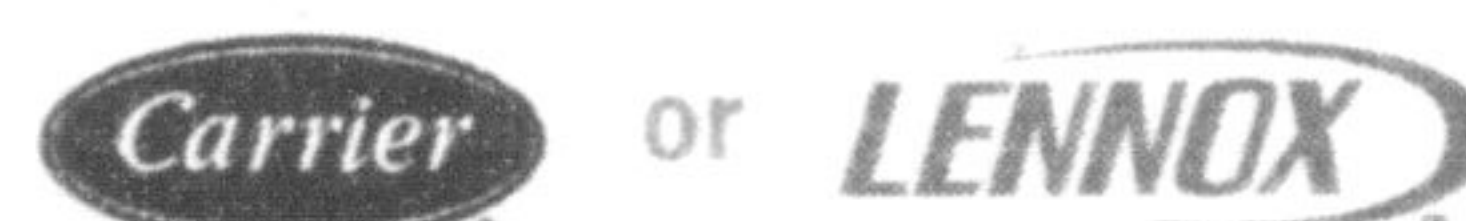
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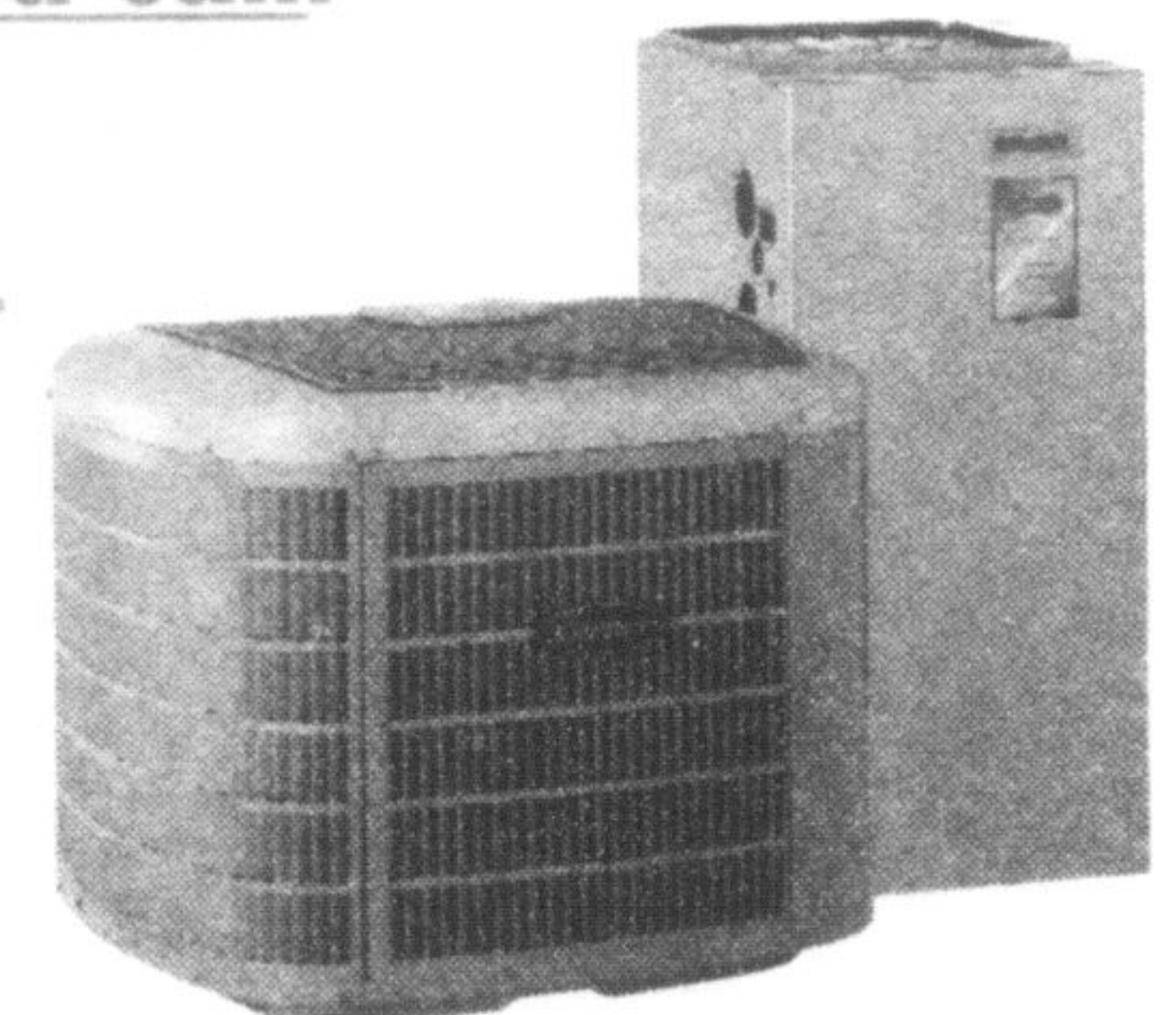
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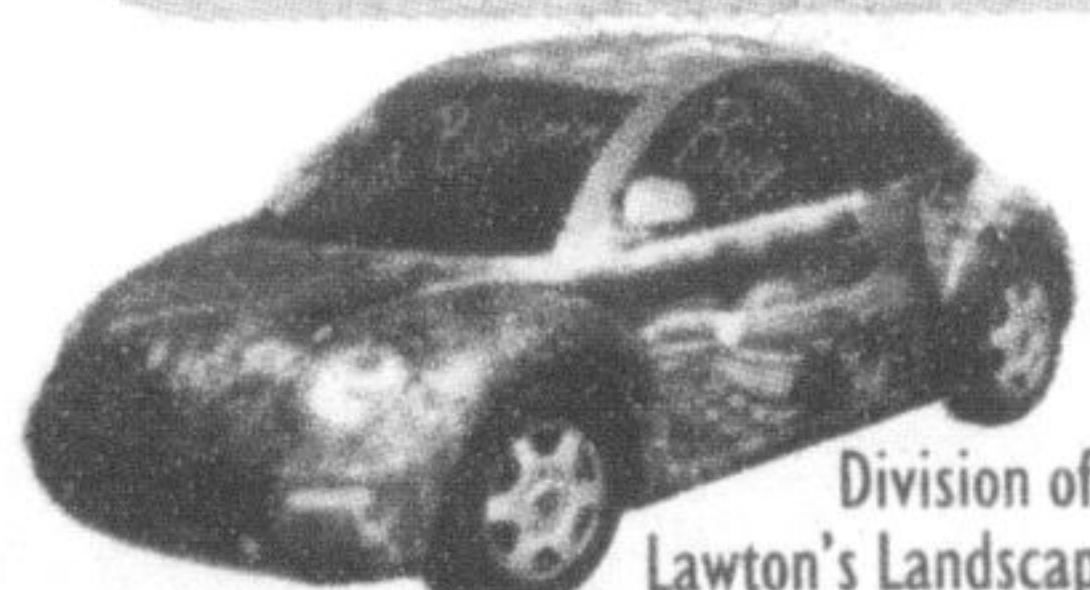
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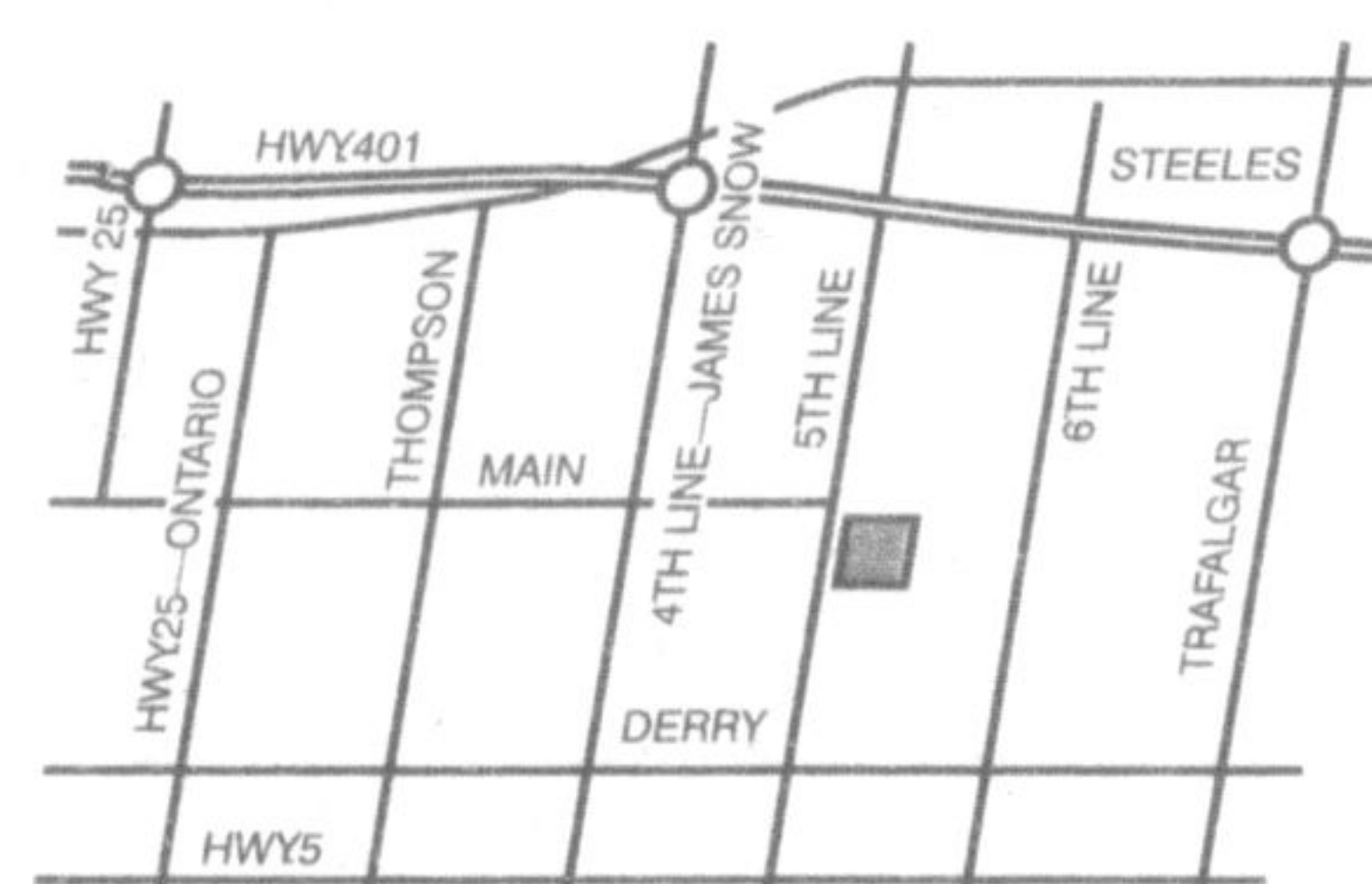
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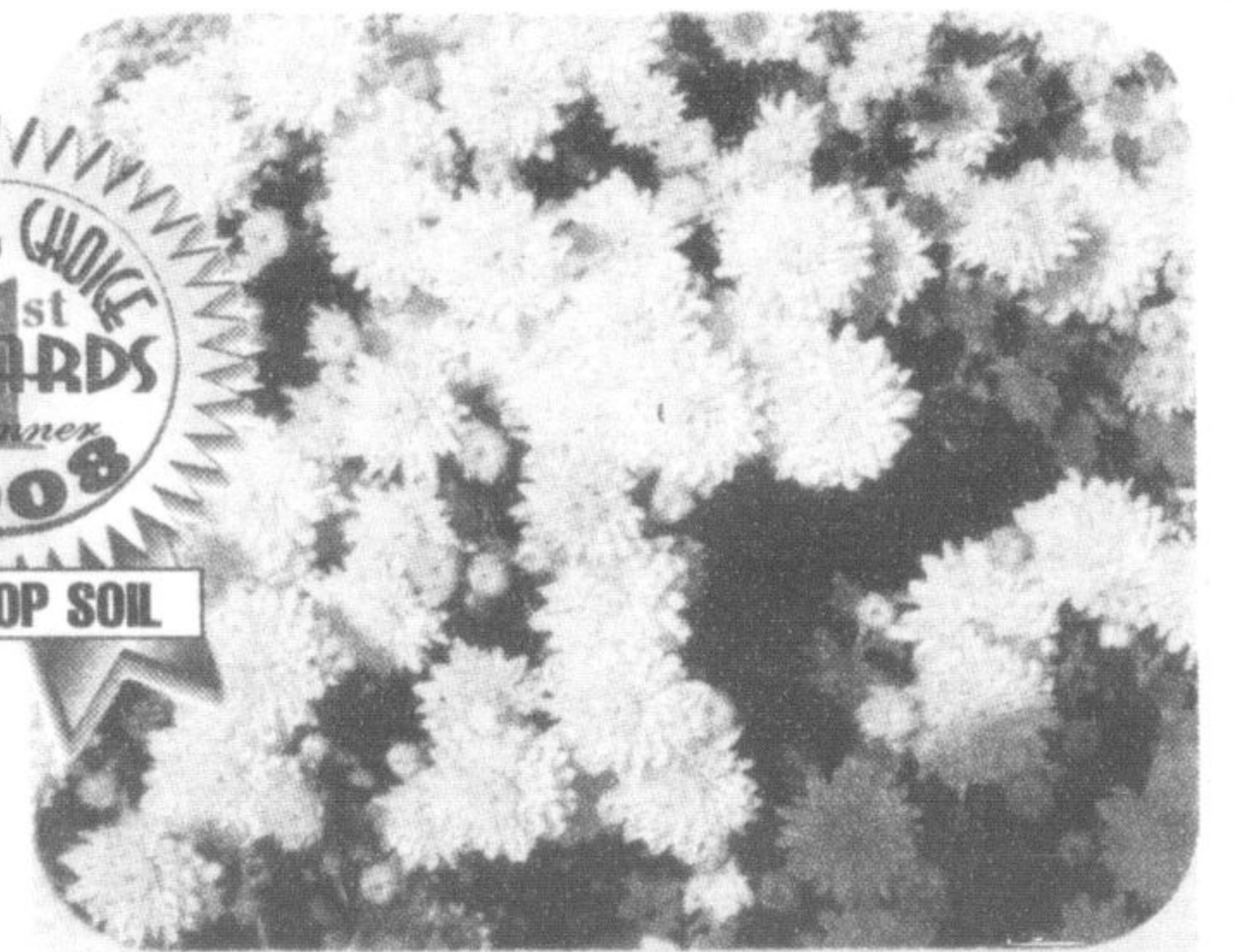
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