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Jim Thomas

Ballantrae Lions Club Whirlpool gift to paraplegic

By Jim Thomas
BALLANTRAE — Dec. 12 was a day of thanksgiving for Eugenia Columbus of Ballantrae. Mrs. Columbus was the recipient of a home-operated whirlpool, courtesy of the Ballantrae and District Lions Club. It will serve as a form of therapy for son Ted, a paraplegic, since age 29 when he was involved in a tragic single-car accident.
It was on that fateful night that Ted and another man, went for a test drive in a Z-28 Camaro on Hwy. 401. At a point between Leslie Street and Bayview Avenue, the vehicle went out of control. Ted suffered a fractured vertebrae at the base of the brain rendering him almost totally paralyzed.
After weeks spent in two hospitals, Ted is now being cared for by his mother, with the help of a sister. Mr. Columbus passed away in 1976.

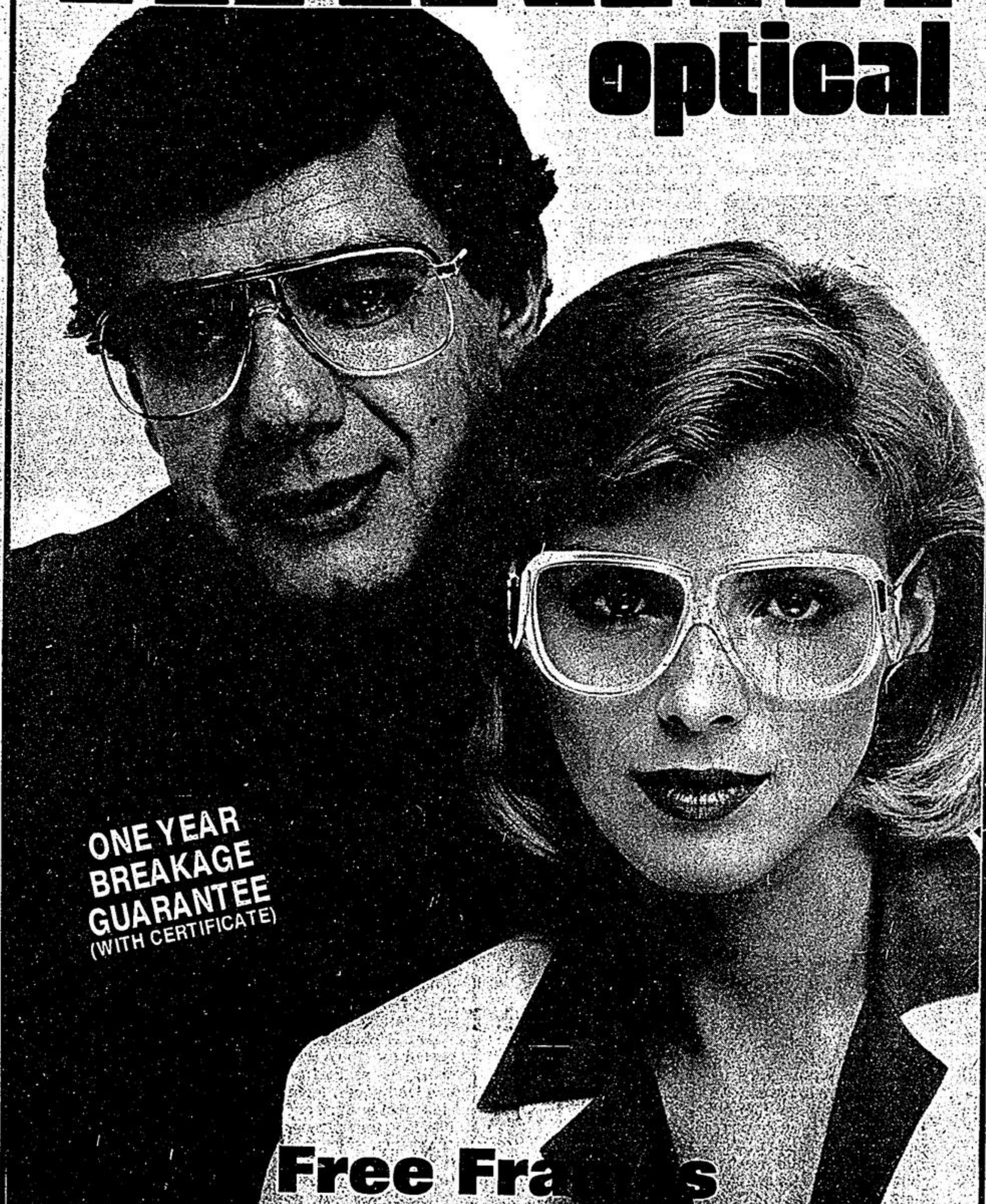
things happen," she continues somewhat optimistically.
Although Ted can't speak, Mrs. Columbus thinks he understands. His eyesight's also affected. "He can't tell me anything, I have to judge on my own," she says.
Ted weighed only 75 pounds when released from hospital. He's put on considerable weight since, thanks to his mother's constant care.
The whirlpool, Mrs. Columbus says, is just what's needed. The Lions Club gift is much appreciated.
While the therapy won't return Ted to the active young he once was, it will help. And 'help' is what Lionism is all about.

Mrs. Columbus is grateful to the Ballantrae Lions for their help. "They're wonderful people," she said, "very warm, hard-working men." Because Ted requires constant therapy, the whirlpool will be put to good use. Without some form of exercise, Ted's arms, hands and legs tend to become rigid.
While resigned to the fact her son requires constant care and attention, Mrs. Columbus can't forget that split-second event, two years ago, that altered Ted's life and hers.
Ted was a car salesman at the time and doing extremely well, Mrs. Columbus said. "He was very ambitious," she explained. He was also very generous, saving his money so his mother could take a trip out West.
What really happened Nov. 13, 1982, no one really knows. Ted was found crumpled under the instrument panel and covered with blood.
He spent five months in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto and more time in York County Hospital, Newmarket. Mrs. Columbus visited him every day.
She describes the past two years as "heartbreaking." "It seems like only yesterday he was fine, but then, these



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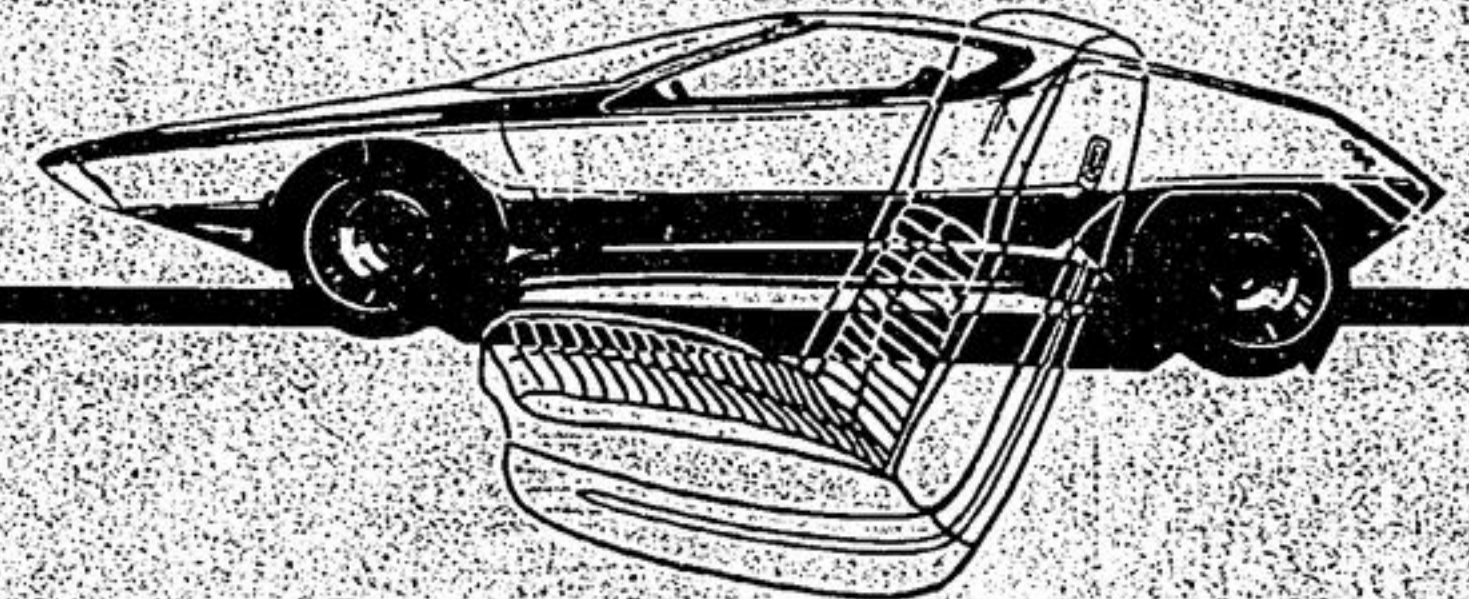
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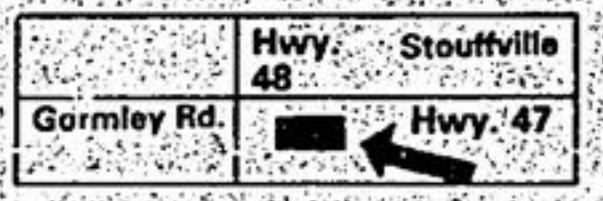
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