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## SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM OF EVENTS

### Thursday, August 24, 1995

6:30 - 7:00 p.m. Parade  
 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Speeches and Opening Ceremonies  
 8:30 p.m. Preview of Movie Captiva (Starring George Blair)

### Friday, August 25th

#### Preliminary Competition begins

9:00 - 9:55 a.m.	Group C	Male Tricks
10:00 - 10:45 a.m.	Group B	Male Slalom
10:50 - 11:30 a.m.	Group B	Female Slalom
11:35 - 12:20 p.m.	Group C	Male Slalom
12:25 - 1:20 p.m.	Group B	Male Tricks
1:25 - 2:15 p.m.	Group B	Female Tricks
2:20 - 3:35 p.m.	Group C	Male Jump
3:40 - 4:30 p.m.	Group A	Female Slalom

### Saturday, August 26th

#### Preliminary Competition continues

9:00 - 9:45 a.m.	Group A	Male Slalom
9:50 - 10:45 a.m.	Group B	Female Jump
10:50 - 11:55 a.m.	Group B	Male Jump

### Saturday, August 26th

#### Preliminary Competition continues

12:00 - 12:50 p.m.	Group A	Female Tricks
12:55 - 1:55 p.m.	Group A	Male Tricks
2:00 - 2:55 p.m.	Group A	Female Jump
3:00 - 4:05 p.m.	Group A	Male Jump
4:05 - 4:15 p.m.	Boat Parade	Female Slalom
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Finals	Female Slalom

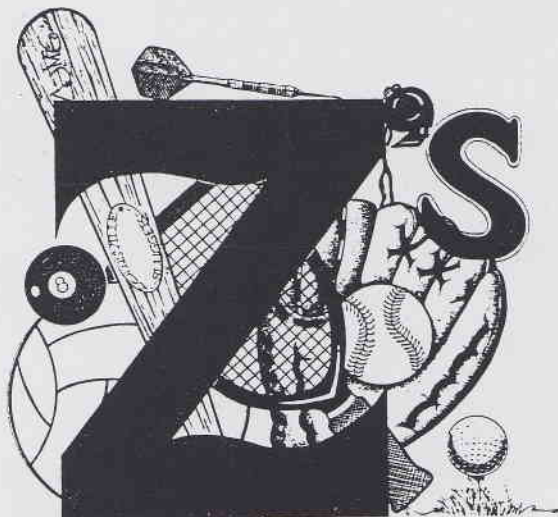
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Country Concert on site by B.J. Brown

### Sunday, August 27th

#### Finals

9:00 - 9:10 a.m.	Boat Parade	Male Slalom
9:15 - 10:35 a.m.	Finals	Male Slalom
10:35 - 10:45 a.m.	Boat Parade	Female Tricks
10:50 - 11:45 a.m.	Finals	Female Tricks
11:45 - 11:55 a.m.	Boat Parade	Male Tricks
12:00 - 1:25 p.m.	Finals	Male Tricks
1:24 - 1:35 p.m.	Boat Parade	Female Jump
1:40 - 2:45 p.m.	Finals	Female Jump
2:45 - 2:55 p.m.	Boat Parade	Male Jump
3:00 - 4:45 p.m.	Finals	Male Jump
4:45 - 5:15 p.m.	Medal Presentation on site	



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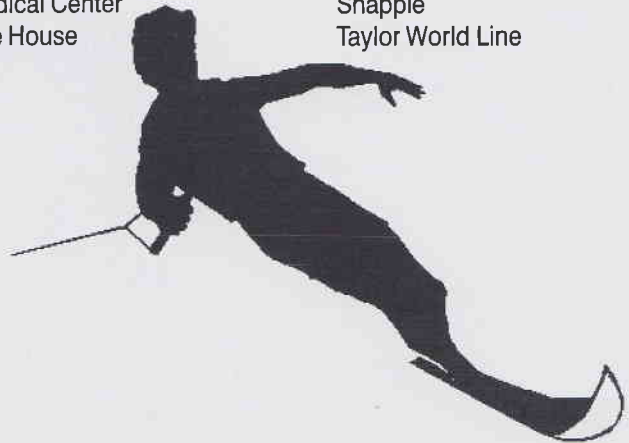
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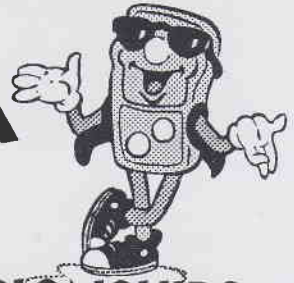
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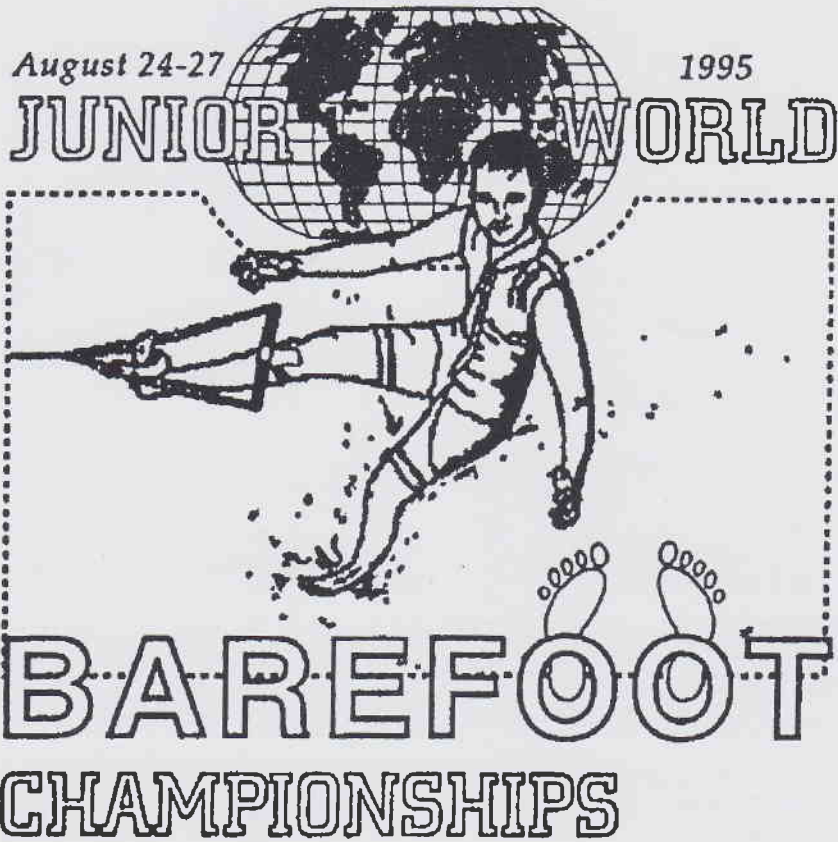


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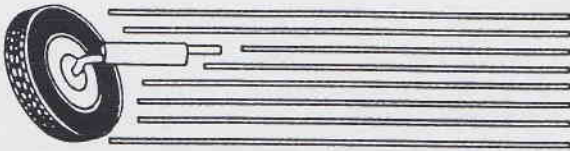
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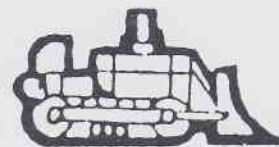
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# TOURNAMENT PREPARATION

by Jenifer Calleri

Whether you are entering your first tournament or are a seasoned veteran, tournament preparation will determine your level of success.

Everyone needs to develop their own routine, but I'll let you in on mine. At the beginning of the season, simply go back to the basics. Ride in a proper barefoot position with little or no spray, gliding across the water. It is important to get comfortable on your feet again, especially if you live in a region where you are forced to take the entire winter off.

Once you are comfortable on your feet both forward and backward, you are ready to move onto some two foot wake crossings. Building your confidence back up will not only help your mental state, but it will also help you to move on to bigger tricks without the hard falls that tend to send one back.

Light tricks should be focused on first. Take time to get reverse one foots as strong as your basics both in the front and back position. This will ensure proper positioning as you move on to the more difficult tricks. The tumble turn is a trick that often gets overlooked as you enhance your bag of tricks. Don't let a day go by without a pass of tumbleturns, you never know when a tournament site may be blown out and you need to pull them back out. Then move on to toe holds. If you took the time to ride your one foots, you'll be in great shape to move onto this.

Your first few sets out on the water should be NFP, No Fall Practices! As tournament season approaches, focus in on one trick at a time. There is no reason to rush into doing tournament passes and run into hard falls. If you break down your runs into two or three segments, you will still be doing your run in order but won't have to worry about beating the clock.

As tournaments approach, you may want to hold mini-tournaments with your training partners. This will mentally put you into a tournament state. See how you hold up when you put some pressure on yourself. You may find out that your trick run does not flow smoothly or you're not as prepared as you once thought! Remember there are no re-rides during this mini-tournament. A fall is always a learning experience. If you do fall, proceed with your second pass. After all of your competitors (training partners) have skied their passes, go back and focus on your downfalls.

If you don't have the opportunity to hold a mini-tournament, you can still hold one just for yourself. Do two trick passes, two slalom passes and three jumps. As you get closer to a tournament, you may find that this is a good way to train. Nothing is better than tournament experience whether it is at home or for the judges.

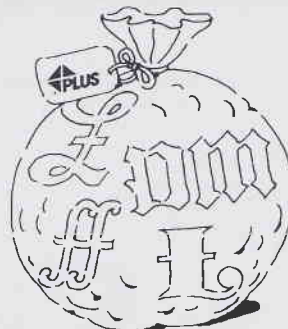
If you train as if you are skiing a tournament, you will be prepared when tournament season approaches. You will find that you will already be physically and mentally prepared, leaving those tournament jitters behind. Don't forget to focus on your downfalls. Visualize yourself in the proper position with the aspects you are having trouble with. When I am preparing for a big tournament, I write down in a journal how my training sets are going. I always have something that isn't going perfect and writing it down not only helps me to focus on that area, but it also allows me to figure out a remedy. This way I will feel confident on the starting dock that I know exactly what I need to concentrate

on during my run.

I know when I get into a tournament it seems as if my body knows exactly what to do without me even thinking about it. Just remember to be conservative because nine times out of ten when we rush our runs we end up watching the tow boat finish out the course without us.

The success level of a tournament isn't whether you win or lose, it is if you have skied your personal best, skied consistent and having the handle at the end of both passes. The best quote to live by is, "no one puts pressure on you, you put pressure on them!" If you focus on your abilities and fulfill your goals, you truly are a champion!

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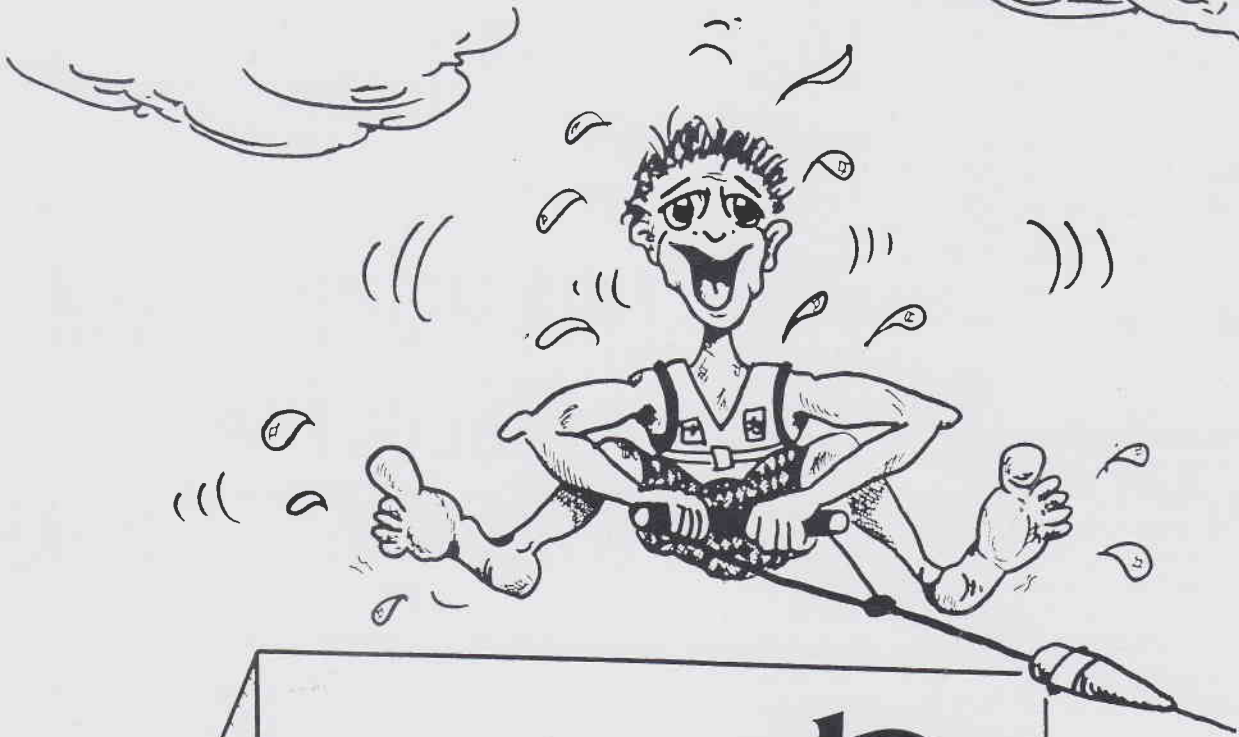


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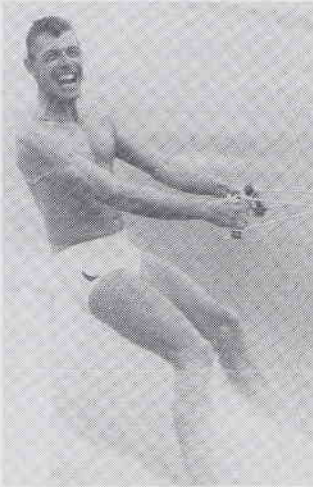
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# How It All Began

In the late forties, with the advent of outboard motors and more affordable boats, the sport of water skiing grew by leaps and bounds. Water ski tournaments increased and various clubs began producing water shows similar to that of Cypress Gardens. New tricks and stunts were being developed on a daily basis, for both competition and show skiing. One such stunt was the shoe skis, usually made from broken jump skis. The act was splashy, fast, and somewhat incredible because of the small size of the "skis". In 1947, on Lake Howard in Winter Haven, Florida, Chuck

Sligh, a founder of AWSA, persuaded a local, A.G. Hancock, to try to ski without shoe skis. Hancock became the first person to ski on his bare feet. This initial success led to the convening of the world's first barefoot competition in 1949, at the Dixie tournament held in Cypress Gardens. Only two of the contestants had any experience with barefoot skiing before the event. That same summer, as part of the '49 & '50 Railroad Fair, many of the Cyprus skiers were recruited for a major ski show in Chicago, to be held on Lake Michigan. The ski show lasted 100 days the first year and 73 days the second year.



Stew McDonald

The daring barefoot act was the feature of every show.

In the 50's, the barefoot act continued in most water ski shows. Barefoot endurance contests were promoted to determine who could stay on his bare feet the longest. One to three minutes without falling could win. Word of this daredevil discipline was spreading in other parts of the world, but particular notice was taken by the Australian skiing community. The Australian Barefoot Club was formed. They presented their first formal barefoot tournament in 1962. It was a far cry from the simple endurance contests the US had invented. The Australians created disciplines parallel to regular water skiing competitions. These included tricks, slalom (crossing back and forth over the wake instead of around the hard-to-see buoys), jumping, and the addition of barefoot starts.

Meanwhile, back in the US, AWSA created the original American Barefoot Club in 1961. Membership cost a dollar and required

certification that you had done a barefoot run lasting one minute or more. Additional "ratings" could be achieved through demonstration of higher level "footin", such as tricks and starts.

In the summer of 1973, some ten years after the Australian's first meet, the "nationals" were held in Cypress Gardens. The Australian team demonstrated starts and tricks the American's had never seen nor even heard of before. The resulting defeat led the American team to rewrite the rules. It wasn't until 1977 that the AWSA created the present day American Barefoot Club with the first US National to be held in Waco, Texas. The following November, 1978, the first World Barefoot Championships were held in Canberra, Australia. The Australian and New Zealand teams dominated the sport until 1986, when the US won it's first titles by a scant 400 points.



Dick Pope

Recent years have seen the American's and Australian's splitting the World titles evenly. Outstanding performances have recently been seen by teams from England and South Africa as the sport continues to grow.

So here we are with great hopes and expectations for the fine sport of barefooting, as we enter still another new era with our first World meet just for the juniors skiers (16 years or younger). In them lies our future, and the teams from eleven countries, along with a number of outstanding "independents" selected from the top of the World Standings List, promises that future to be bright. GOOD LUCK JUNIORS!

Stew McDonald has been barefooting for forty-six years. He is a past member of the World Barefoot Council, president of the American Barefoot Club for two years, and was inducted in 1993 into the U.S. Waterski Hall of Fame. In 1994 he was the first recipient of ABC's annual Lifetime Achievement Award.



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# LEARNING TO BAREFOOT

by Ron Scarpa

Today there are many ways to teach youngsters to barefoot. Selecting a safe method and laying a proper foundation will enable your child to get on their feet for the first time. Selecting the correct method and taking a little extra time will make their first footing experience a positive one.

Although water skiing is not a pre-requisite for barefooting, I recommend spending some time teaching your child some of the basics on skis. This will allow them to get comfortable with the equipment involved and develop balance, strength and agility. All of these lessons will be useful tools in your child's barefoot future. The psychology factor should be step one in teaching your child to barefoot. Don't force them to foot, nor should you bribe them. Barefooting should be considered a privilege. If they do their chores, get good grades or eat their veggies, then as a reward they could be allowed to go water skiing or barefooting.

Step one is dry land practice. Dry land practice is taking a handle in your home and practicing the various techniques of barefooting. Lay down on the floor to practice a deep water start or a three point stance, or stand to practice a one foot or toe hold. This is the best place for a child to learn the proper technique. With these pre-requisites completed, your child should learn to barefoot with relative ease.

Let's start with shoe skis, but first there are a few items you will definitely need: a boat with a barefoot training bar, a pair of soft-bottom shoe skis, floatation and a pair of snug-fitting wetsuit shorts.

I prefer a barefoot suit, but shorts and a vest will suffice if a suit is not available. With the training bar (boom) at shoulder level, have your child lie flat on their back with their legs extended. Shoes should be flat on the water. This will make it easier for them to plane off. As you accelerate, the skier should lean their upper body back and keep the shoes planing. Once on plane, your child should sit up, relax their arms and bend their knees. It is quite common for shoe skis to slide forward, so be sure to bring your feet towards your bum and relax your arms as you stand. Once up, boat speed should be between 15 and 20 miles per hour.

First work form. The feet should be shoulders width apart, knees flexed slightly forward with a 90 degree bend and upper body perpendicular to the water. Arms should be relaxed and eyes focused forward. Once starts become consistent, begin working one foot and a three point stance. Be sure to emphasize proper knee bend and "glide".

And one last thing, on shoe skis be sure to teach your child the proper method to fall. When releasing the boom, they should tuck and roll. This will reduce the chance of an injury to their back or the classic "face plant". Many times these falls can scare your child into not wanting to pursue the sport.

Remember to be patient and not force or push your child. It should be a fun learning experience. If you have questions, seek the advice and expertise of a barefoot professional.

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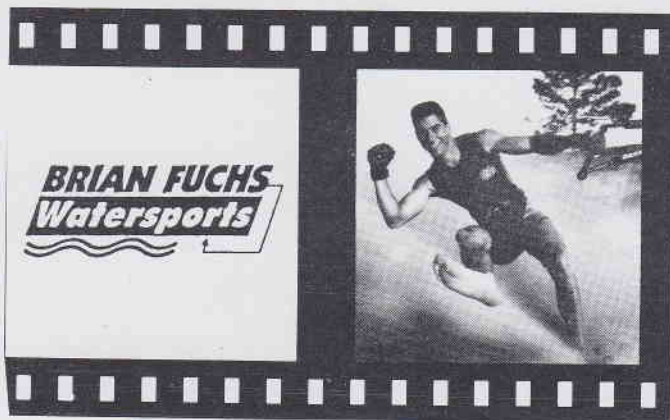
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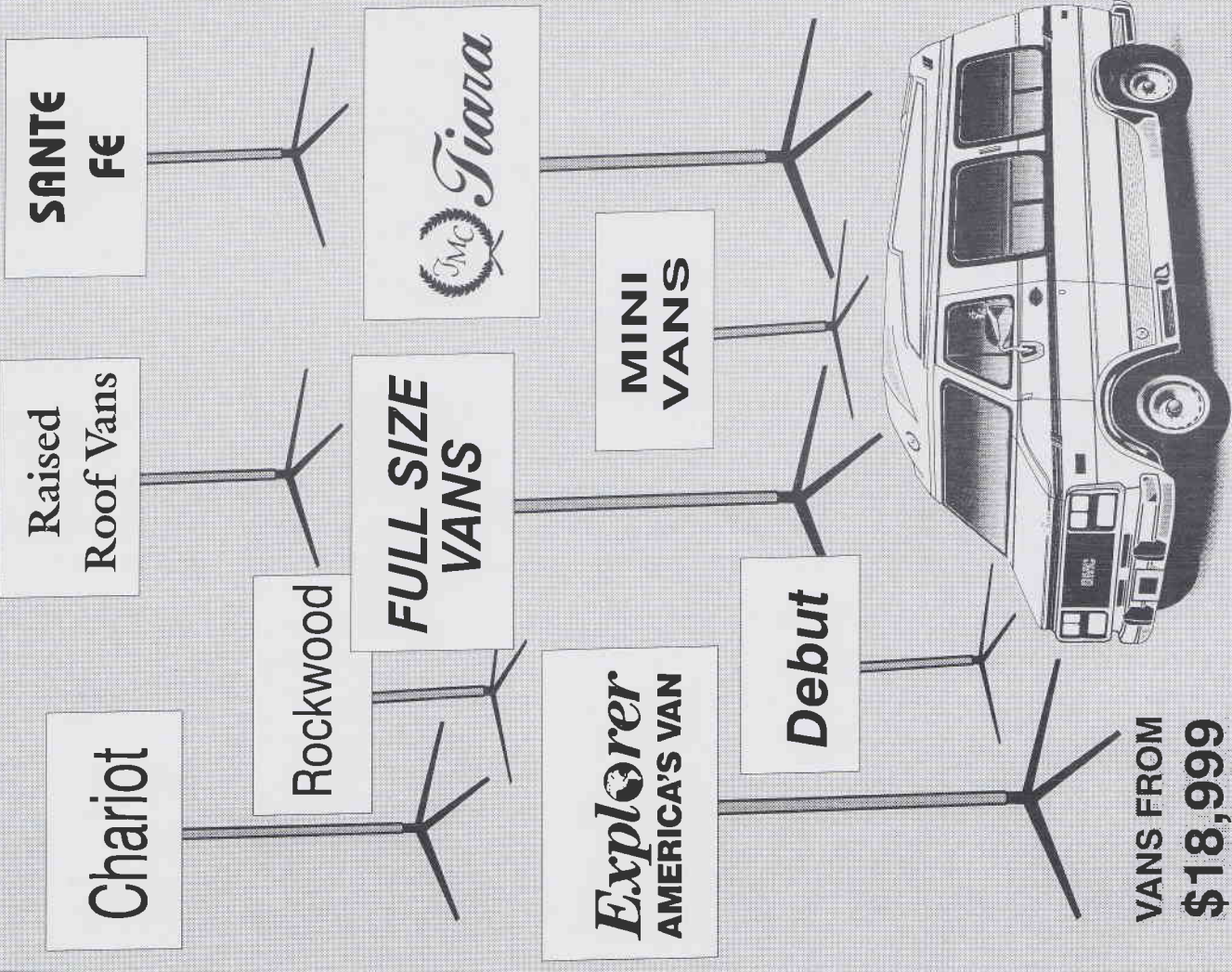


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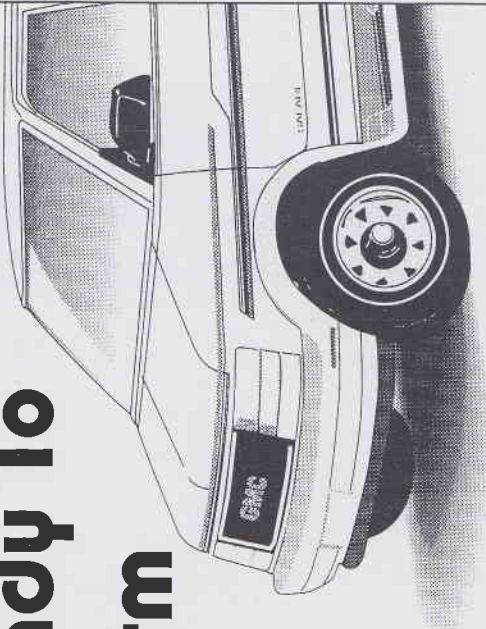
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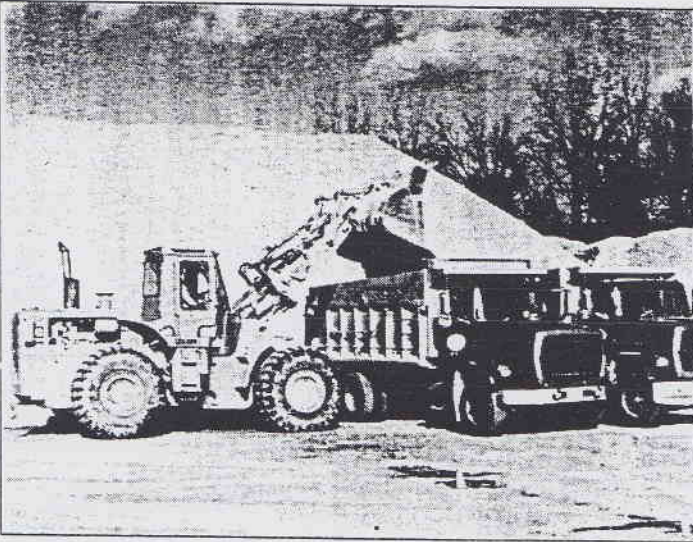
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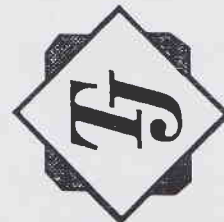
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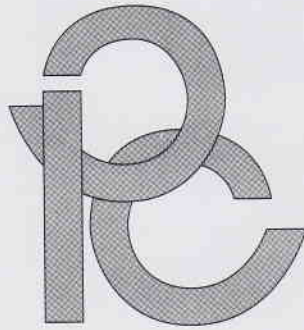
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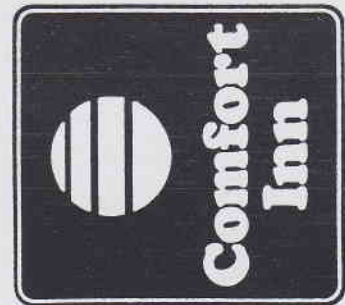
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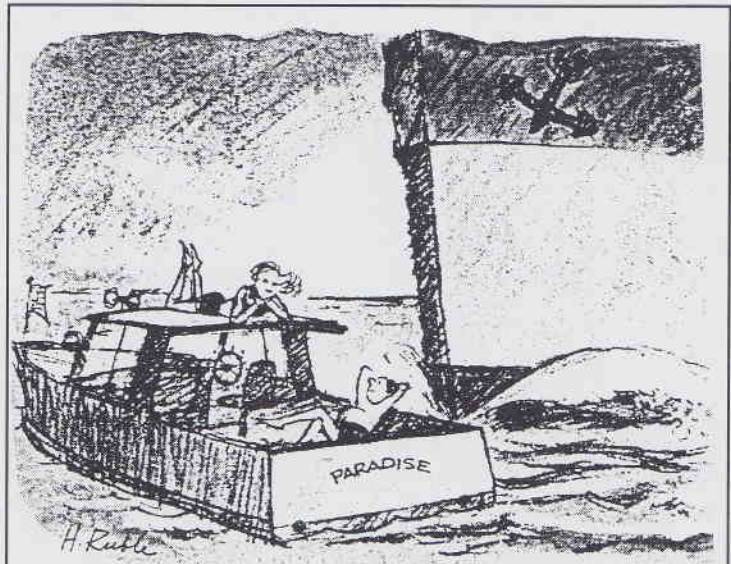
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	"Schmidt, Donna"	"Sydney, New South Wales"	
	"Williams, David"	"Sydney, New South Wales"	15
Belgium	"Dahmen, Bjorn"	Maaseik	15
Canada	"Andrew, Ryan"	"Duncan, British Columbia"	15
France	"Celine, Perrin"	Charenton Le Pont	16
	"Philippe, Renoux"	Peigney	15
	"Pigeat, Florent"	Montchanin	16
	"Vigoureux, Alexandra"	Yerres	16
Germany	"Bruckschlegel, Sven"		15
	"Kuhn, Tony"		14
	"Kurz, Christian"		14
	"Kurz, Yvonne"		12
Great Britian	"Jay, Anthony"	"Cranham, Essex"	17
	"Scopes, Lucy"	"Romford, Essex"	10
	"Seyfang, Rachel"	"Chelmsford, Essex"	16
Italy			
New Zealand	"Dingle, Logan"	Tauranga	16
	"MacArthur, Jason"	"Temarua, Wellington"	16
	"Pascoe, Shelley"	Havelock North	15
	"Reed, Nathan"	Matamata	15
South Africa	"DeVilliers, Nadine"	"Wonderboom Poort, Pretoria"	12
	"Hampson, Gareth"	"Scottburgh, Natal"	16
	"Van Wyk, Maryne"	Sundra	13
United States	"Bramlitt, Wade"	"Green Cove Springs, Florida"	14
	"Caruso, Mikey"	"Delray Beach, Florida"	9
	"Erickson, Joseph"	"Dellwood, Minnesota"	15
	"George, Rachel"	"Malvern, Ohio"	16
	"George, Toby"	"Malvern, Ohio"	14
	"Glynn, Jason"	"Fergus Falls, Minnesota"	17
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	"Harris, Jennifer"	"Middleburg, Florida"	15
	"Laughlin, Joseph"	"Malvern, Ohio"	13
	"Lee, Jason"	"Starke, Florida"	14
	"Merriman, Charity Hope"	"Royal Palm Beach, Florida"	11
	"Nassar, Patrick Joel"	"Kenner, Louisiana"	17
	"Pye, Brandon"	"Delray Beach, Florida"	11
	"Winslow, Christine"	"Fairfield, California"	16
"Wright, Matt"	"Green Cove Springs, Florida"	13	

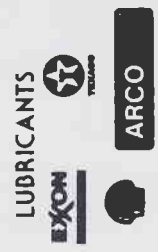
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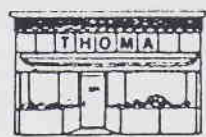
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