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Legion to celebrate 80 years of service



Royal Canadian Legion Branch #5 building as it now stands

This year the Legion will celebrate 80 years of service to the community of Chapleau.

The Legion was founded in November, 1925 in Winnipeg, Manitoba as the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Services League (BESL) and was incorporated by special Act of Parliament, Charter issued in July 1926.

Mr. Harry Searle of Chapleau was present and Chapleau received its

Charter in 1926 as Branch No. 5 and was later named in his honour and is now known as Harry Searle (Ont. No. 5) Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The principal objectives of the Legion were to provide a strong voice for World War I veterans and advise the government on veterans' issues. These goals were maintained in the years leading up to 1939.

During World War II, the Legion increased efforts to

help veterans and returned service members, provided education support and in-theatre comfort for serving personnel at home and abroad.

On October 14, 1949, The Great War Veterans' Association of Newfoundland amalgamated with the Canadian Legion.

During the Korean War, the Legion again offered support and comfort to troops while continuing efforts at home to improve assistance for veterans. Following the Korean

War, the Legion became increasingly involved in community service. The athletics program for youth, established in the early 1950s, has been one of the Legion's most successful programs. It has produced many top Canadian international track and field contenders and other prominent athletes. Over the years, the Chapleau Legion Branch has assisted the community in such things as veteran's

assistance, local and national charities, hospital, youth and education, poster and public speaking contests, sports and musical instruction.

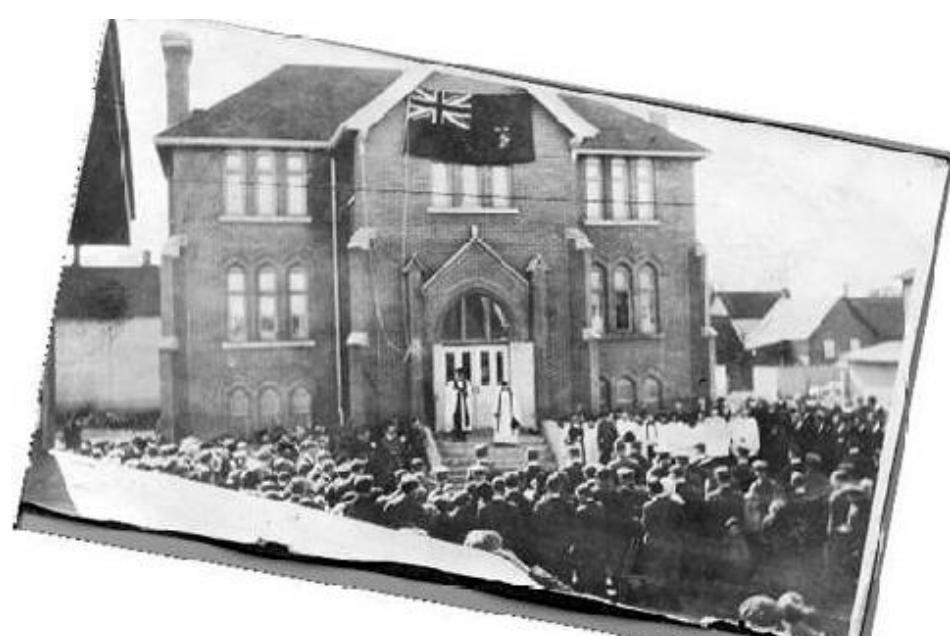
The Legion also launched many other community programs, including the National Unity and Seniors Programs and medical fellowships to promote geriatric and gerontology specialties across the country.

In 1960, the Queen gave consent to

attach the word "Royal" to the Legion's name.

As a charter member, Harry Searle (Ont. No. 5) Branch in Chapleau will join the rest of the Royal Canadian Legion in celebrating its 80th Anniversary with activities planned for the weekend of August 18-20, 2006.

Please watch for more articles and information in the coming weeks and months.



The unveiling of the dedication plaque over the entrance during the original opening of the St. Johns Parish Hall in 1919. (Photo from the George Collins Collection)



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THANK YOU

Thank you to Luc, Bunny, Orville, Debbie, several teenagers, the Hospital Staff, Joanna and Dr. Shapiro and to Howard for taking such good care of me afterwards

Shirley

IN LOVING MEMORY

of Lynda Joly

Who passed away May 8, 2002

Not a day goes by that we do not think of you in some way or another. Today especially we remember just how much we miss your laughter, our chats, your shoulder to lean on and just being "you".

*If tears could build a stairway.
and memories a lane.
I'd walk right up to Heaven
and bring you home again.*

Till we meet again, forever in our hearts.
André, Shelley, Marilyn, Christine & Families

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Wednesday May 3rd, I fell face first on Main Street. Several teenagers were at the Post Office bench. One young man came over and suggested he help me over to the bench where a few of his friends had rushed to get napkins and paper towels to assist in stopping the bleeding.

As I did not know any of them and this happened after 3

p.m., I owe them a big thank you and I would like their parents to know what kind, considerate young men they raised. A special thanks to Luc Servent, Bunny Swanson, Orville Robinson and Debbie Pellow for their assistance.

It's at times like this that a person can be proud of the Chapleau citizens.

Shirley Goheen

Bridgework and penny pinching... an uneasy balancing act for the Township



Engineering work was undertaken on the Chapleau overpass this week in order to assess the structural quality of the cement underlay of the bridge. Depending on the results, the Township of Chapleau will determine if a resurfacing of the bridge can take place this year, in consideration of the project costs and the availability of funds.

This year's municipal budget is expected shortly. Although last year's closure of the Domtar mill had little impact on the municipality's finances in 2005, it is anticipated that the effects will be felt this year.

The changes in property assessments

may be seen as the main issue for this year, but the increase in operating costs will more likely be the primary cause for concern with the municipal budget. The annual increase in administrative costs, paired with the rise in prices for essential items such as oil and electricity are most certainly forcing our elected officials to be more creative in their budgeting exercise.

The Township of Chapleau budget is slow to come this year (already 5 months into the year), but the Township Council's verdict on this year's tax bill and user fees will likely be released in the next week or two.

Workers assessing structural quality of cement underlay of the bridge



Natural spaces protected through three-way cooperation

Land Trusts, Province And Landowners Conserve Private Lands And Waters

TORONTO — A partnership between the Ontario government and members of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA) has protected more than 1,200 hectares (3,000

acres) of environmentally sensitive lands across Ontario worth more than \$4.5 million, Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay and Christopher Baines,

"I'm proud the province has helped Ontario's land trusts protect important natural areas through

Chairperson of the Ontario Land Trust Alliance, announced today.

"I'm proud the province has helped Ontario's land trusts protect important natural areas through

the Ontario Land Trust Assistance Program, and that we will continue to assist them in the future," said Ramsay. "Land trusts, and the landowners who secure their lands, are playing a vital role

in conserving the province's biodiversity, ensuring significant natural features and wildlife habitats are protected for future generations."

The Ontario

Land Trust Alliance represents 34 non-profit, charitable organizations that work with conservation-minded landowners to acquire land in Ontario or

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Sports dress up day at C.H.S.



Friday, May 05, 2006 was Sports Dress Day. Students, staff dressed in sweaters, jerseys, hats of their favourite sport or team. Participants received treats at the end of the day. Prize winners were, Justin Saunders who was dressed in an Ottawa Senators uniform complete with a hat and flag and Elianne Belair who carried a mini basketball to match her jersey.

Local man receives award



The Algoma District Elementary Teachers presented Mr. Wayne Black, Head of Carestaff, at Chapleau Public School with a Special Award for his dedication and hard work. Kim Russell, ETFO steward presented the certificate to Mr. Black.

Character Education at Chapleau Public School



The students and staff of Chapleau Public School held its monthly Character Education Assembly on Friday, May 6. Entertainment was provided by Ms. O'Hearn's Grade One Class.

March Ballot Box Winners:

Raven Agawa, Maggie St. Amand, Mariah Clement, Ulric Larocque, Mike Paquette, Evan Morrison, Tim

Leishman, Sabrina Kanala, Emma Morrison, Sarah Lasante.

April Ballot Box Winners:

Lance Frazer, Megan MacGillivray, Melodie Levesque, Ulric Larocque, Kealan Tremblay, Jaime Fortin, Jesse McLaughlin, Cameron Kent, Bryanen Law, Alexis Doyle-Evans. Thank you to our sponsors:

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Paquette's Camps, Superior Machine and Hydraulics, New Horizon Rebekah Lodge #341, Chapleau Village Shop, Model Drugstore, Chapleau Public School Council, Canada Brokerlink, Aux Trois Moulins, Chapleau News Depot.

Parents Next Character Education Assembly: Friday, June 23. All parents, guardians and friends are invited to attend.

Le CSCNO offre une solution aux factures d'électricité exorbitantes

Le Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario offre une solution aux taux d'électricité grimpants : Action Conservation!

Avec l'augmentation de 12.5 % annoncée cette semaine, le CSCNO passe à l'action, l'Action Conservation bien sûr! Une trentaine d'enseignantes et d'enseignants ainsi que des parents de la région est du Conseil scolaire et environ 60 élèves ont participé à des ateliers d'Action Conservation les 1er et 2 mai derniers.

Le CSCNO, en partenariat avec Union Gas, est le premier conseil scolaire de langue française en Ontario à participer au programme « Destination Conservation ».

« Action Conservation » est un programme éducatif et pratique qui propose des activités qui font la

promotion de la conservation de l'environnement dans les écoles. Le programme permet non seulement d'associer apprentissage pratique et conservation des ressources, mais il permet aussi au Conseil de réaliser des économies! Le programme vise les directrices et directeurs d'école, les enseignantes et enseignants, le personnel d'entretien, les parents et les élèves.

La conscientisation et la sensibilisation constituent la première étape d'Action Conservation, après quoi viennent les actes tangibles destinés à diminuer la consommation d'eau et d'énergie et la production de déchets. Voici quelques exemples concrets : éteindre les lumières,

fermer les ordinateurs le soir, promouvoir les goûters qui n'entraînent pas la production de déchets ou encore montrer aux élèves comment lire un compteur d'électricité et analyser la consommation quotidienne d'énergie de leur foyer.

Une école type qui met en œuvre le programme « Destination Conservation » peut s'attendre à réduire ses dépenses annuelles en services publics d'au plus 30 p. 100, soit environ 2 000\$.

Un atelier d'Action Conservation, un programme de conservation d'énergie de notre conseil scolaire, sera offert à Chapleau à des élèves des écoles Sacré-Coeur et Trillium, le vendredi 12 mai, de 9h à 12h. L'atelier aura lieu à l'école Sacré-Coeur.

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SVP rejoindre Pierrette Ouellette au 864-1898 pour renseignements

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interests in land for the purpose of conservation. The areas protected include wilderness, agricultural, water and wetlands, and areas of ecological significance. Properties or

conservation easements are donated or willed by landowners, or are purchased by the land trusts, which hold the lands or easements in trust.

"The Ontario government has

provided critical support to the growing land conservation movement in Ontario," said Barnes.

"This working partnership helps land trusts work with landowners to ensure there is a lasting legacy for future generations. Land trusts are the front-line delivery system that secures the land initially, trains the volunteers and monitors these properties in perpetuity. It's a big task, and the Ministry of Natural Resources has provided big help."

The Ministry of Natural Resources provides funding to the Ontario Land Trust Assistance Program, which gives grants to land trusts for the legal and other costs of

securing donations or purchases of ecologically significant lands or conservation easements. Since 2004, the ministry has contributed \$150,000 to the program, as well as providing funding for the development of best practices for land trusts. The ministry is contributing an additional \$150,000 to the program for the 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 fiscal years.

The ministry also worked with OLTA when the province proposed changes to the Conservation Land Act and the Planning Act to simplify and clarify the use of conservation easements for land protection.

Legion Donation



Gilbert Roy and Percy Encil, members of the Royal Canadian Legion (Harry Searle Branch #5), presented Gail Bignucolo, CEO, Chapleau Health Services with a generous donation of \$500 toward the Courtyard Project Campaign

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Scierie de Chapleau

"Félicitations à tous nos employés"

Le rendement se poursuit avec le système de trois quarts horaire

La division des produits forestiers de Tembec Chapleau tient à féliciter tous ses employés et ses contractants de leur rendement exceptionnel qui ont permis à la scierie de franchir "un nouveau record de production" journalier.

Scierie Quarts "A-B-C"
Lundi le 8 mai 2006

Le département de la scierie a établi un nouveau record pour "la meilleure production" pour trois quart horaire. Ceci représente la meilleure moyenne de production pour 24 heures d'opération consécutive.

631,404 pieds-planche / jour
ou
26,309 pieds-planche / hr (nets)

Durant cette même période d'exploitation, la scierie a affiché 41 jours sans signalement d'incident.

"Le système de trois quart horaire est en place depuis plus de treize mois. C'est très encourageant de voir que la scierie continue de produire et de dépasser les attentes budgétaire sois de 120%."

Tembec tient donc à reconnaître et remercier tous ses employé-e-s de leurs efforts et de leur apport, permettant ainsi à la scierie de franchir des nouveaux seuils de production.

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Chapleau Mill

"Congratulations all Employees"

Three-Shift operation continues to be *successful*

Tembec Forest Products group takes this opportunity to congratulate all Chapleau employees and yard contractors for their outstanding performance and contributions that has now resulted in a new "Daily" production record.

Sawmill Shifts "A-B-C"
Monday May 8, 2006

The Sawmill department achieved a new daily record production volume for a three-shift operating period. This new production record has now been recorded as our "Best" sawing average for a 24-hour consecutive sawing period.

631,404 FBM/day (net)
or
26,309 FBM/hr (net)

During this same operating period the entire mill achieved a safety performance level of 41 days without a recordable incident.

"Our three-shift operation has now been in place for over a thirteen month period, it is very encouraging to see that the mill continues to achieve and set new performance levels that are 120% of our budgeted target".

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TORONTO —

Ontario's provincial parks are about to open for another exciting season, Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay announced today.

"With more than 100 operating parks, there are all kinds of ways to experience nature at its best," said Ramsay. "Whether you visit a park to enjoy the scenery, get away from it all or get together with family and friends, you'll be making memories that will last a lifetime."

Most provincial parks in southern Ontario open on May 12, and the majority of parks in the north open on May 19.

Seeing the teaching rocks at Petroglyphs, taking in the lighthouse at Presqu'ile or retracing voyageur canoe routes at Quetico are great ways to learn about Ontario's history. For opportunities to "get wild", take part in the wolf howls at Algonquin or prowl for owls at Rondeau.

"A number of our provincial parks offer excellent bird watching, including Port Burwell and Long Point, and Wheatley will feature a bird-

banding demonstration later this month," Ramsay said.

"Ontario's provincial parks are great places for people of all ages to get active," said Minister of Health Promotion Jim Watson. "They let you explore the beauty and diversity of our natural landscape while enjoying favourite outdoor physical activities."

Campsites reservations are available up to five months in advance for a non-refundable reservation fee of \$12. Reservations can be made by calling 1-888-ONT-PARK (1-888-668-7275) or booking online at the Ontario Parks website at www.OntarioParks.com

Details of an alcohol ban, in place from May 12 to 22 at 41 parks, are available on the Ontario Parks website.

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School's Cool pour les personnes qui sont enregistré
-lundi, mercredi et vendredi après-midi
Heures d'ouverture aux publiques
lundi 9h30-11h30
mardi 9h30-11h30 13h00-15h30 18h30-20h00
mercredi 9h30-11h30
jeudi 9h30-11h30 13h00-15h30 18h30-20h00
vendredi 9h30-11h30
samedi 9h30-11h30 13h00-15h00
Les après-midi de poupons sont les jeudi après-midi de 13h00-15h30, c'est aussi pour les mamans prénatal

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Changes to Hours For May and June

at the Chapleau Toy Library/Ontario Early Years Program Schools Cool for those registered - Mon, Wed & Fri afternoons Open to the Public:
Monday 9:30-11:30a.m.
Tuesday 9:30-11:30a.m. 1:00- 3:30p.m. 6:30-8:00p.m.
Wednesday 9:30-11:30a.m.
Thursday 9:30-11:30a.m. 1:00- 3:30p.m. 6:30-8:00p.m.
Friday 9:30-11:30a.m.
Saturday 9:30-11:30a.m. 1:00-3:00p.m.
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N'allez pas croire qu'ailleurs
l'herbe soit plus verte... - Murielle Levraud
Dans le pli des collines - Martine Noël-Maw
Les dames de Beauchêne Tome II - Mylène Gilbert-Dumas
Les dames de Beauchêne Tome III - Mylène Gilbert-Dumas
Le Musée des introuvables - Fabien Ménar
Des violettes en août - Jacques P. Ouellet
L'homme qui n'avait pas de table - Pierre Fortin
Femmes Libres (Biographie) - Aurine Cremieu
Terre des Autres - Sylvie Bédard
Obsessions - Aurélie Resch
L'homme au yeux de loup - Gilles Dubois
La vie, sens unique - Jean-François Somain
L'agonie des Dieux - Jean Hohsen Fahmy

INFORMATION NOTICE FROM DR. SHAPIRO'S OFFICE

Please note that the schedule for the Chapleau General Hospital emergency department posted in last week's newspaper does not apply to Dr. Stanley Shapiro's office. The office remains open as usual. To schedule an appointment call 864-1131

AVIS DU BUREAU DU DR. STANLEY SHAPIRO

L'horaire d'urgence de l'hôpital Général de Chapleau publié dans le journal de la semaine dernière ne concerne pas le bureau du Dr. Stanley Shapiro. Les heures de bureau demeurent les mêmes. Veillez appeler 864-1131 pour prendre rendez-vous

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Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Chapleau Soccer League annual registration

The Chapleau Soccer League will be holding its annual registration on May 13 & May 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Chapleau High School for all age groups. This includes the 14 and up age group for all students attending high school. Registration fees will remain the same as last season and a \$20.00 uniform deposit will be levied again this year. So come on out and participate in Canada's fastest growing sport.



Registration Fees:
Kinder kickers - \$30.00
7 to 9 - \$35.00
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14 & up - \$45.00

For further information contact: Margaret Kanala at 864-2710 or Rolf Fuchs at 864-1377

May20

BOTTLE DRIVE

CUEILLETTE DE BOUTEILLE

The grade 8 students at École Sacré-Coeur will be collecting empty beer bottles and cans from Chapleau residents on the evening of Tuesday May 23rd as a fundraiser for their class trip. If you would like to donate bottles, or cans, but will not be home that evening please place them outside your door.

Les élèves de la 8e année de l'École Sacré-Coeur ramasseront des bouteilles et cannettes de bières vides le mardi 23 mai dans le cadre d'une levée de fonds pour leur voyage en fin d'année. Si vous voulez donner des bouteilles ou cannettes, mais que vous ne serez pas là en soirée, veuillez les placer à l'extérieur de la porte.



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ALCOOLIQUES ANONYMES

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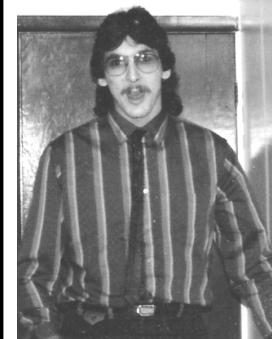
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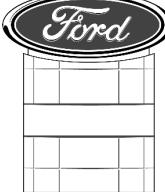
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Federal member of Parliament
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper has broken his election commitment to Canada's Aboriginal People by not including full funding for the Kelowna Accord in his first budget. There is no reason why Prime Minister Stephen Harper could not keep his promise to the First Nations of Canada given that his government has inherited the healthiest fiscal situation of any incoming government since Confederation, and the money was set aside by the previous Liberal government for this purpose.

While my colleagues and I have been fighting for the rights of First Nations people, the NDP is just waking up to the fact that Prime Minister Stephen Harper is killing the Kelowna Accord and other commitments such as Child Care and Kyoto. The partisan manoeuvring of the Bloc and NDP triggered a pre-mature election that left

Canada's families and children in limbo. Now, our Aboriginal peoples are all but forgotten, and our environment is in more danger than ever before.

Liberal Indian Affairs Critic Anita Neville has been urging the Conservative government to honour the commitment to Aboriginal Canadians by implementing the Kelowna Accord with its full funding value. My colleagues and I feel that the signing of the Kelowna Accord provided an opportunity to see the prosperity gap eliminated between Canada's Aboriginal people and other Canadians. This Accord was truly historic and a great

source of pride for all Canadians. By refusing to honour this Accord, the Conservatives are showing a great disrespect towards our First Nations peoples.

The accord was signed by the Government of Canada, all of the First Ministers, and the Aboriginal leadership. Thanks to 13 years of sound Liberal fiscal policies, the Conservative government has enough money to meet its commitments. Seeing how the government is in such a strong fiduciary position now is not the time to be ignoring the landmark accord that would see this prosperity gap eliminated. We owe it to the Aboriginal

people of this country to follow through on the accord. To do any less would put the honour of the crown in great peril. There is absolutely no reason for Prime Minister

Harper and the Conservative government to renege on this agreement. The landmark accord has the support of all 13 of the First Ministers, the Aboriginal leadership, and the Government of Canada.

The Kelowna Accord, signed in November by Aboriginal leaders, premiers and the previous Liberal government, dedicated \$1.8 billion over 5 years in funding for on- and off-reserve education. The Conservatives, in comparison,

announced \$150 million this year for "aboriginal investments," including education, water and communities, and did not define where this money would go or suggest any education strategy.

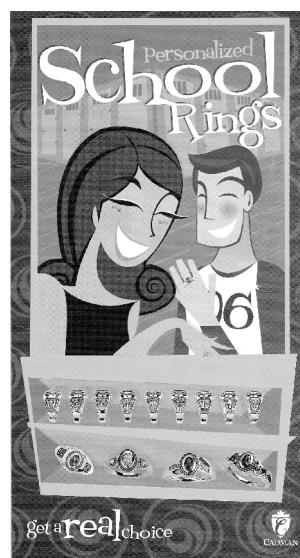
The Kelowna Accord also called for \$600 million in housing, \$1.3 billion in health funding and \$400 million committed for safe drinking water.

By not honouring the Accord - and by withholding these funds, the Prime Minister is ignoring First Nations, and confirming the worst fears that Aboriginal people, and many Canadians, had about him.

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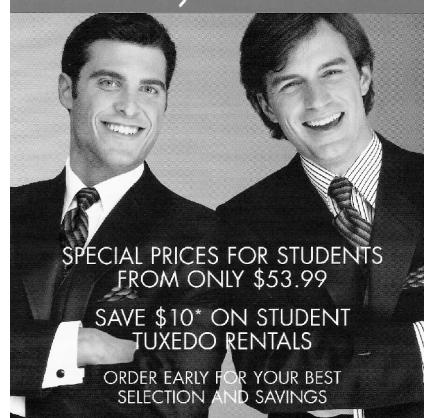
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