

National Night Out 2004

A PUBLICATION FOR THE RESIDENTS OF COLONY CREEK VILLAGE AND CHAMPION WOODS

Village Voice

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On Tuesday, August 3, Colony Creek and Champion Woods are invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the "21st Annual National Night Out" (NNO) crime and drug prevention event. National Night Out, which is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) and co-sponsored locally by Colony Creek Village Community Association, will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities and military bases around the world. In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate in 'America's Night Out Against Crime' on August 3rd.

NNO is designed to (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3)

Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

From 7 to 10 p.m. on August 3rd, residents in neighborhoods throughout Spring and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with your neighbors and police. Many neighbors throughout Spring will be hosting events such as block parties, cookouts, parades and visits from police.

Please make an effort to plan a cookout or just get together and meet your neighbors! Last year we saw an increased participation in our own neighborhood including some really big block parties! Continuing with a tradition we began a few years ago, members of the CCVCA Board of Directors will be

driving through the neighborhood, handing out watermelons and cold 2-liter of Coca Cola to large groups of residents who are celebrating NNO. The Klein Volunteer Fire Department and Sheriff Representatives from Precinct 4 will also be driving around handing out candy and information. Those streets that have the most participation will be recognized in the next issue of the Village Voice!



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Leadership is doing what is right when no one is watching.

--George Van Valkenburg

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From Your President...

On April 22, 2004, we held the annual meeting of the homeowners association. Attending were 20 homeowners, 4 board members, 2 representatives from CIA Services and the Association attorney and one of our deputies from the sheriff's Office. I want to thank all those that attended; who thought it might be a good idea to see what goes on in our subdivision. This year we held it in the club house at the pool and it was by far the best annual meeting I have ever been to. The atmosphere was very friendly and not "distant" like it is at the school with so much room that we seem to get lost in there. I want to take this time to mention that EVERYONE who lives in Colony Creek, Champion Woods and Colony Creek Estates is WELCOME and INVITED to attend this event.

Some of you have wondered what is going on at the end of Prairie Trails. There is another section with 33 homes going in there. We are meeting with the developer and builder in June during our monthly board meeting. Please pardon their mess and they have apologized for the high water during the recent storms. That should not happen again.

We hope to see you at the next Homeowner's Meeting on July 1!

Danny Woods



Our official website has a wealth of information! Check it often for updates at:

www.colonycreekvillage.org

The CCVCA Board of Directors would like the residents to consider the following two petitions to present to Harris County:

What:

- 1) Dropping the speed limit in the subdivision from 30 MPH to 20 MPH

(Need 51% of the residents)

- 2) Prohibit commercial vehicles over 1 ton from parking on the subdivision streets between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am.

(Need 25% of the residents)

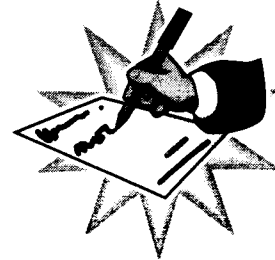
Why:

Speed has been a never ending battle in the subdivision. Through streets like Driftstone Drive, Bayou Bluff, Colony Creek Drive etc provide the opportunity to cruise on through at high rates of speed. We cannot install speed bumps and additional stop signs have been requested for years. We flat out need to slow the traffic down before there is an incident.

Parking of commercial trucks has gotten worse over the years. Residential streets are not designed for the parking of oversized vehicles.

When:

Members of the Board of Directors will be going door-to-door soon presenting these petitions. We would appreciate your cooperation and support in getting these two items passed. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the board.



Summer Pool Hours

June 1st - June 30th

Tuesday - Sunday 11am to 9pm

July 1st - August 15th

Tuesday and Wednesday 9am to 8pm

Thursday - Sunday 11am to 9pm

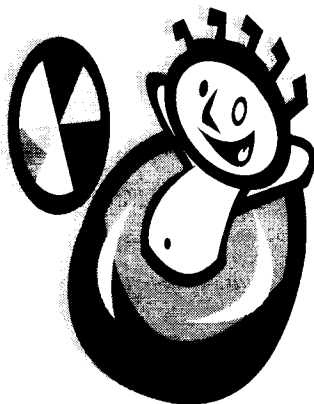
August 16th - September 3rd

Saturday and Sunday 11am to 9pm

Tuesday - Friday 4pm to 9pm

September 4th - September 26th

Saturday and Sunday 11am to 9pm



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Got something on your mind??? The Village Voice is a great place to voice your opinion! If you have something to share with your fellow Colony Creek/Champion Woods residents, feel free to submit it to Jeanette Hill, 9423 Bayou Bluff Drive, Spring, TX 77379 or via e-mail at missjeanette@houston.rr.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Homeowners Association Meetings are held at the clubhouse located behind the pool on the first Thursday of each month (except May and December) at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

Upcoming Meetings:

July 1

August 5

September 2



Frequently asked questions about Colony Creek's Clubhouse

Where is the clubhouse? The clubhouse is the building behind the pool.

Can I rent the clubhouse ? Yes. The clubhouse is available for use by civic groups, property owners and residents of Colony Creek. The rental fee is \$ 25.00 with a \$ 100.00 refundable deposit. If alcohol is served, the rental fee is \$ 50.00 with a refundable security deposit of \$ 300.00 and the property owner must hire two sheriffs. There is no fee for registered non-profit organizations. Residents must be current on their maintenance fees to rent the clubhouse.

What do I do if I want to rent the clubhouse ?

You need to contact CIA Services at 281-852-1700 to get the "Clubhouse Usage Agreement" and rental form and mail your payment with at least two weeks in advance. You must complete this agreement even if you are a non-profit organization. You would also need a "park" key, which is also available through CIA Services.

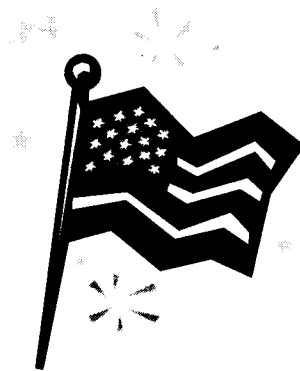
If I rent the clubhouse, do I have access to the pool? No, only if you're also renting the pool. There is a door that leads to the pool but it's remained locked for liability reasons.

Can I rent the pool ? Yes. Pool parties may be scheduled by contacting CIA Services. A rental fee, deposit and hiring of lifeguards is required. The rental fee depends on the number of people. You would also need to contact Greater Houston Pool Management at 713-771-7665. Residents must be current on their maintenance fees to rent the clubhouse.

Can I rent the clubhouse and the pool ? Yes. Both clubhouse and pool rental fees would be added.

What if I want to see the clubhouse before renting it ? Please contact Byron Brown at 281-370-2678 to make an appointment or check out www.colonycreekvillage.org for pictures!

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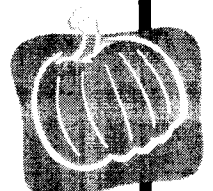
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Mail ads to: Jeanette Hill, 9423 Bayou Bluff Drive, Spring, TX, 77379 or e-mail them to

missjeanette@houston.rr.com.

All ads should be typed or neatly handwritten and submitted by the next deadline—August 1, 2004



Making Improvements to your Home?

If you are planning to make any improvements to your home, you will need to fill out a Home Improvement Form and mail it

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5616 F.M. 1960 East, Ste. 190

Humble, TX 77346

You may get a copy of the form by visiting www.colonycreekvillage.org. The form is located under the deed restrictions tab of the community documents and forms section. Otherwise, contact C.I.A. Services at (281) 296-2503 for a form.

Your request will be forwarded to the Architectural Control Committee for approval.



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Did you miss getting your pool pass ?????

All pool pass registrations AFTER May 1st will be administered by CIA Services.

By Mail: 5616 FM 1960 East, Suite 190, Humble, Texas 77346

In Person: Call 281-852-1700 for dates, times and directions

There is a \$20 Late Fee* to cover administrative costs.

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Calling Moms to Pray

Did you know that there are moms that meet weekly to pray for our schools? **Moms in Touch** is an International organization whose mission is:

- To intercede for our children through prayer and to pray that our schools may be guided by biblical values and high moral standards.
- For God to raise up mothers to intercede for every school around the world.
- To see every school in the U.S.A. covered with prayer by the end of 2003.



Moms in Touch is a non-denominational based group of Christian mothers who meet for 1 hour each week to pray for our children, their school and the teachers & staff at their school. We are not affiliated with the school in any way. Let us challenge you to see what God can do for your children and their schools when you are faithful to pray on a regular basis! For more information you may contact Wendy Wells at 281-251-4362. *Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20.*



Have a Ball @ Your Library at Krahn Elementary!

Krahn Elementary School Library will be open for a summer reading program on Wednesdays during June and July. We will be **open each Wednesday from 9:00-2:30, beginning June 2nd and ending July 21st.** Come join in the fun as we continue to celebrate reading at the Krahn Library. Information and consent forms will be sent home with Krahn students in May. Other members of the community are invited to participate and forms will be available in the library. If you have any questions, please call the Krahn library at 832-484-6466.

CCVCA's Sheriff Contract

Colony Creek Village & Champion Woods have a contract with the Sheriff's Department. Should you require police assistance, please contact the Sheriff's Department. This will allow our subdivision to receive a more accurate report of activities. Emergencies call 911, non-emergencies call (281) 376-0900 or (713) 221-6000.

Towing Enforced

Cars parked in the pool area parking lot after 10 pm will be towed at the owner's expense.

Leash Law

The CCV Deed Restriction states: No more than 2 of each type of household pet may be kept on any one lot. When outside of fence or home, pets MUST be on a leash. This is the LAW.

Don't forget to clean up after your pets!

Recycling

Don't forget to recycle. Place all recyclable goods in your recycling container ready for pickup at the curb on Monday mornings before 7 a.m. Heavy trash pickup day is Monday.

Trash Processing

Trash cans must be within 3 feet of the curb on trash day. TEW is not required to process garbage left beyond 3 feet.

GET CONNECTED!!

Our neighborhood e-mail circuit is growing by leaps and bounds! If you are not a part of this group, you are strongly encouraged to join! This is a free, low volume e-mail group in which you are sent updates and information pertinent to our community. No solicitation is allowed. Simply send an e-mail with "subscribe" in the subject line to ColonyCreek-subscribe@yahoo.com and you will be in the loop!!

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We are now offering **free web advertising** to Colony Creek and Champion Woods residents. The advertising may **ONLY** include business name, contact name, contact number and e-mail address or website. Any additional information (i.e. logo, graphics, etc.) may be added at an additional fee to be determined soon. In the meantime, you may submit your ad to Jeanette at

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2004 Annual Homeowners Association Meeting Review

Submitted by Jeanette Hill, Secretary

The 2004 Annual Homeowners Association Meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Colony Creek Clubhouse on Thursday, April 22. Members of the Board, representatives of CIA Services, the Board's attorney, representatives from the Sheriff's department, as well as many homeowners were in attendance.

President Danny Woods called the meeting to order, welcoming all homeowners and introducing the Board Members, Kim Easterling and Amanda Jensen of C.I.A. Services, attorney Michael O'Neal, and the deputies.

The 2003 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed by Director Hill who then turned the meeting over to President Woods for a review of the 2003 accomplishments.

President Woods outlined the changes and improvements made during 2003, including the newly created community website (www.colonycreekvillage.org). The meeting was then turned over to Director Hochstaetter who reviewed the plans for 2004-2005.

The plans include the now completed resurfacing of the wade pool, repairs to the pump room ventilation, electrical system and rectifying the drainage concerns of the back field of the park area. The newly completed resurfacing of the tennis courts was also discussed. Treasurer Brown then reviewed the 2003 Financial report. Questions were answered on various line items. Director Brown also reported that the clubhouse had seen over 200 rentals during the last 12 months.

After the financial report was read and discussed, the floor was opened for nominations. No candidates were nominated. With no other candidates running for the one open position, Jeanette Hill was reelected by acclamation to serve on the Board of Directors until 2007.

President Woods opened the floor for general discussion. Security services, drainage concerns, deed restriction enforcement, fire hydrants, speeding, commercial vehicle petitions, loose dogs and a community directory were among the topics discussed. Secretary Hill encouraged the homeowners to attend the monthly meetings, reviewed remaining pool pass registration dates, late pool pass fee and pool hours and also discussed the various community groups available to join.

Door prizes that were donated by various individuals in the community were drawn for. Special thanks to all the generous residents who donated: Sherri Bradley with Scented Wicks, Sonya Nelson with Partylite, Rolita Chan with Silk Impressions, Charis Taylor with BeautiControl, Fred and Renee Abalos, Julie Woods, Keener Air, and Jack Aquel with AG Edwards. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately twelve minutes after 8:00. The homeowners and board members then mingled while enjoying Subway sandwiches and other refreshments provided by Tamela Waltz, realtor.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the Homeowners in attendance and reiterate that there is a Homeowners meeting held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse which everyone is encouraged to attend. Please make plans to attend these meetings to become more involved and find out what is going on where you live.

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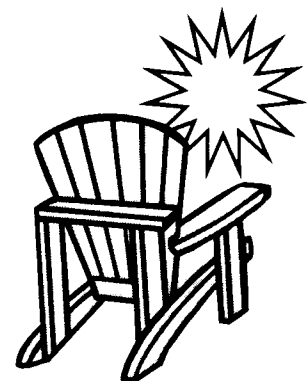
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Easter Eggstravaganza Highlights

Submitted by Kathleen Smith

Thanks to all who came out to enjoy the Colony Creek Easter Eggstravaganza. We had a great time again this year with beautiful weather, Easter Bunny, moonwalks, and egg hunt.

Our big basket winners were Seamus McCarthy, Nicholas Gant, Marissa Lohbeck, Christian Young, Paras-too Tiraieyari, Haily Charpentier, and Samantha Champion. Congratulations!

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers...

Elizabeth Green

Andrew Smith

Dana Leeds

Diane Berube

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Andrea Taylor

Todd Hill

Wendy Wells

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I have really enjoyed organizing this event for the past 4 years, but now it is time for someone new to take over. Please let me know if you are interested. You may contact me at 281-376-3505 or psmith840@houston.rr.com.



Land sale concerns residents

By KIM CANON-JACKSON

Cypress resident Lisa Marshall said she knew it was coming, but was devastated to hear news last week that Hewlett-Packard had sold a large chunk of wooded property north of Louetta Road.

"I am considering a petition drive or protest march against the sale, but it may be too late," said Marshall, who lives in Hunter's Valley subdivision about 3 miles from Hewlett-Packard's campus off Texas 249 and Louetta roads. "Even if it is a done deal, we still want to request that the developer save as many trees and ground cover as possible."

Brigida Bergkamp, a Hewlett-Packard spokeswoman, said the Palo Alto, Calif.-based computer and technology firm constantly evaluates under-utilized or unused property in its real estate portfolio in order to achieve cost and operational efficiency.

Bergkamp said the company recently sold the 168-acre site between Texas 249 and the Burlington Northern railroad tracks to V&W Partners, a joint venture between the Kickerillo Cos. and Mischer Investment.

"In selecting the buyer HP kept in mind our strong relationship with the community," Bergkamp said.

Development plans include at least two high-end retail developments, townhomes or an apartment community, and two residential developments, said Vincent Kickerillo, owner of Kickerillo Cos.

Kickerillo said the company would try to save as many trees as possible during the development process, which will start in the next 90 days.

"We will do select clearing and try to leave the trees around residential lots and in the street medians," Kickerillo said. "One of the restrictions Hewlett-Packard put on the property was to leave a greenbelt in its natural state 20 feet back from the roadway."

Also, Kickerillo said, Charterwood Municipal Utility District, which annexed the property, requires a 20-foot greenbelt between all commercial and residential sections.

Marshall said because the site is heavily wooded and Cypress Creek runs through the center, it -- and Hewlett-Packard's 1,000-acre campus south of Louetta Road -- is full of wildlife, including deer, raccoons, possums, rabbits, armadillos, endangered owls and woodpeckers.

"I hate that anyone bought the land for development," Marshall said. "We already have enough subdivisions around here and don't need anymore strip centers, storage facilities and apartments."

Marshall said she has a network of residents concerned with deforestation in northwest Harris County since learning that the Hewlett-Packard property was up for sale in late 2003. Several are disappointed by news of the sale, she said.

Susan Vaughan, a Prestonwood Forest resident, said she will boycott the proposed development.

"The deal benefits a few developers to the detriment of long-time area residents and the animals," Vaughan said. "For me this speaks badly of Hewlett-Packard -- they are selling off land people have prized for so long."

Helen Myers, member the 1960 Area Community Alliance's Trees Committee, said the land sale set off alarms in that group, which is also trying to con-

vince developers saving trees and greenery is a priority for area residents.

Myers said the Trees Committee would try to meet with Kickerillo and Charterwood MUD, to see if they could influence the Louetta Road commercial and residential projects before they start.

"We would like to ask a lot of questions and find out if it is too late to put restrictions on this project," Myers said. "We hope Mr. Kickerillo wants to put out a good image."

Kickerillo said he is willing to meet and work with any concerned residents and community groups.

"We are going to do what we can to be friendly with the community," Kickerillo said.

Marshall said residents are worried about the fate of a 500-acre undeveloped tract of land owned by Hewlett-Packard on the south side of Louetta. Kickerillo has expressed interest in buying that property.

"I wrote a letter to Hewlett-Packard and asked them to donate the land to Harris County or the Legacy Land Trust," Marshall said. "It is a huge piece of property that backs up to Cypress Creek and has all kinds of wildlife, and ponds and lakes."

Marshall said it would also be a good idea to develop the land into a park like Houston's Memorial Park, which has recreational facilities, but also nature trails and a wide expanse of forested area.

Legacy Land Trust has been trying for three years to get Hewlett-Packard to preserve the 500-acre site for wildlife in a conservation easement, said Jennifer Lorenz, the trust's executive director.

A conservation easement is a legally-binding recorded document between a land owner and a land trust that prevents any development on that property for all time, Lorenz said.

"A conservation easement is the only way to keep this property preserved," Lorenz said. "What a wonderful thing it would be to preserve a piece of property that means so much to the community. It could be called the Hewlett-Packard preserve."

Lorenz said the site is a good habitat area, has a functioning wetlands and even provides a flood buffer zone for the surrounding community.

"The animals on the land can't speak, but there are many using this habitat," Lorenz said. "If it is developed, there is

nowhere nearby for them to go."

From a business perspective, a conservation easement could lower HP's property taxes and the company could qualify for a tax break if it gave up development rights.

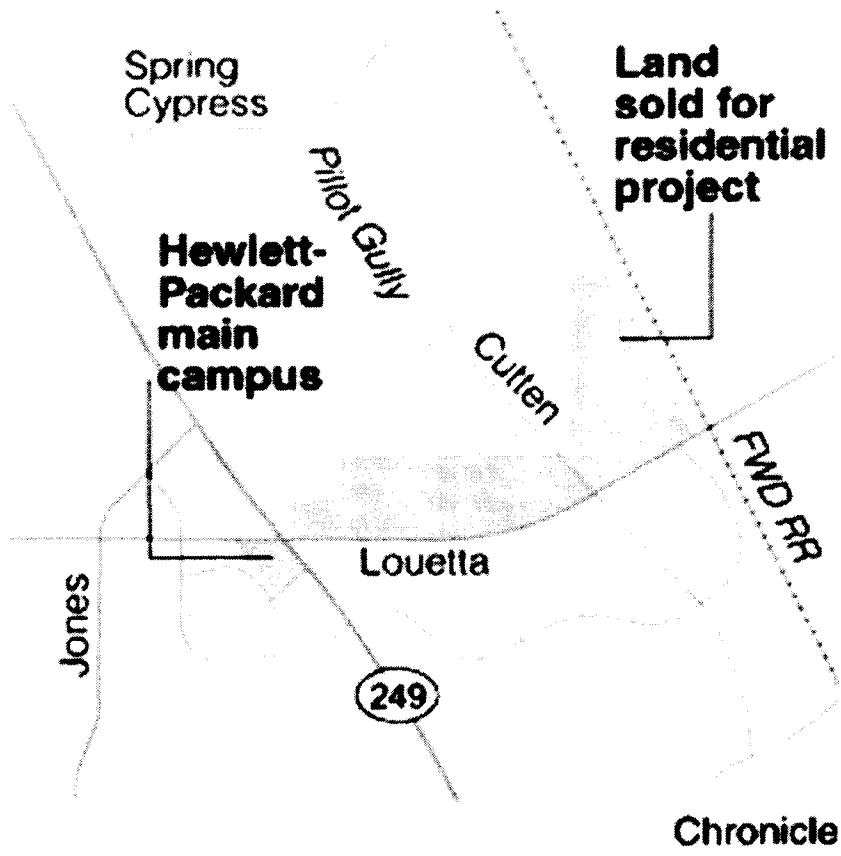
"We will pursue this," Lorenz said. "We need good, large areas for habitat, and this is one of the nicest areas in the Cypress area."

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Lisa Marshall, a Hunter's Valley resident, is trying to rally residents to see what can be done to influence development on a 172-acre tract recently sold to V&W Partners, and to get a conservation easement on the company's 500-acre tract south of Louetta.

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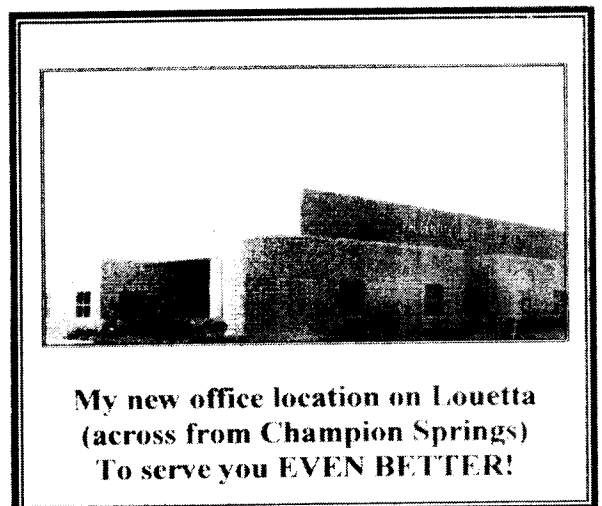
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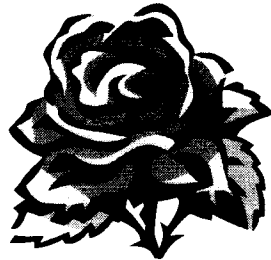
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