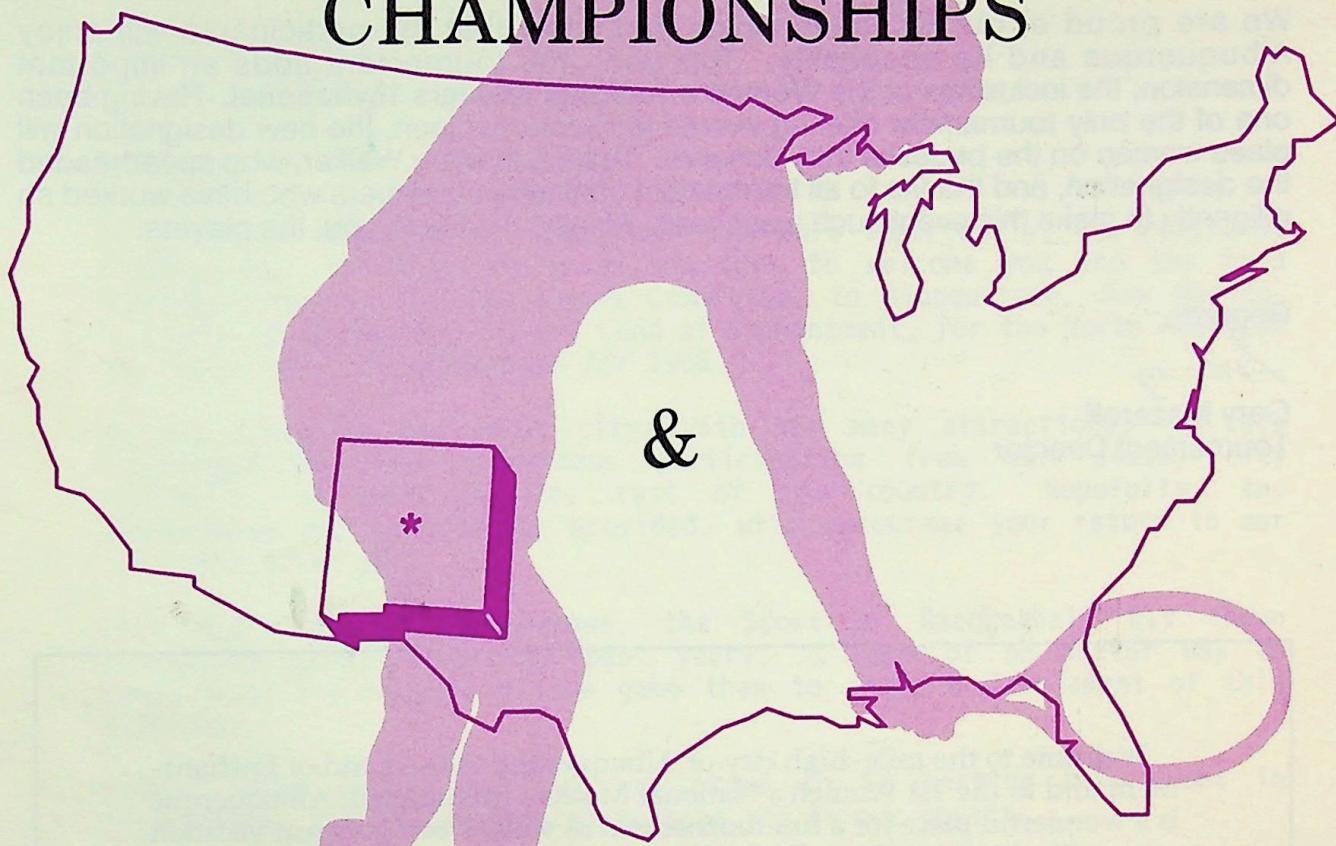


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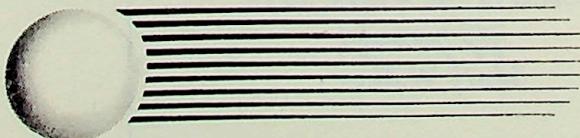
## NORTH AMERICAN 40+ RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



## WOMEN'S NATIONAL MASTERS INVITATIONAL

SEPTEMBER 8 - 10, 1988

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the 4th Annual North American 40+ Racquetball Championships and the 1st Women's National Masters Invitational.

We are proud of our Championships and know that the participants will enjoy Albuquerque and its hospitality. This year, the tournament adds an important dimension; the inclusions of the **Women's National Masters Invitational**. Having been one of the only tournament offering events for Senior women, the new designation will place women on the pedestal they deserve. Thanks to Mary Walker, who spearheaded the designation, and thanks to all tournament committee members who have worked so diligently to make this event such a success. Finally, thanks to you, the players.

Regards,

*Gary*

Gary Mazaroff  
Tournament Director

Welcome to the mile-high city of Albuquerque in the Land of Enchantment and to the 1st Women's National Masters Invitational. Albuquerque is a wonderful place for a fun tournament as well as being a great vacation spot, with charming Santa Fe and Taos nearby.

This is an historic weekend and you're all a part of what is to become, with your continued participation, an annual event. You are competitors in the forerunner of what will be many great tournaments for Senior women and an accompanying voice in the direction of amateur racquetball.

Many of us have traveled great distances and at considerable expense to compete in a game we love, but it won't be over on Saturday. We have a responsibility as pioneers to go back to our hometowns and preach the gospel of Racquetball, a sport that can be played throughout one's lifetime. And we have more selling points than just the game itself. How about the health benefits and the lasting friendships that are generated?

Have a great tournament and remember—regardless of the scores, all of you are winners!

*Mary*  
Mary Walker



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Ken Schultz, Mayor

September, 1988

### GREETINGS:

On behalf of the City of Albuquerque and more importantly, the People of Albuquerque, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and the hard working folks on the Tournament Committee, to Albuquerque, New Mexico, the City of Friendship in the Land of Enchantment, for the North American 40+ Racquetball Championships for 1988.

We are proud of our great city, with its many attractions. We are encouraged by the tremendous participation from our state, city residents, as well as the rest of the country. Hopefully, the comaraderie and hospitality provided, will encourage your return to our city year after year.

Like the City of Albuquerque, the Sport of Racquetball has shown tremendous growth over the past years. I know of no better way to demonstrate the support of the game than to stage a Tournament of this Magnitude.

Please enjoy your stay. We are proud to be hosting this event in Albuquerque, and we are honored to have you as our guests.

Sincerely,

Ken Schultz  
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# TOURNAMENT PUBLICITY



Dear North American Masters Entrant,

It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to the 1988 North American Masters Invitational and the first National Womens Masters Invitational.

I am sure that the program that you will enjoy this weekend will be second to none. In its short history, this tournament has become the tournament to compete in.

Our congratulations go out to Gary Mazaroff and his committee who had the foresight and the dedication to provide this excellent showcase for the Masters and Golden Masters Division. It's a privilege and honor to be a part of it.

Regards,

Luke St. Onge  
Executive Director

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# TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE



<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
6 PM	Players and Spectators Arrive Get-together for socializing, orientation, snacks, and drinks in tournament suite at Ramada Hotel Classic
<b>THURSDAY</b>	
7:30 - 9:30 AM	Tournament Play Begins Continental Breakfast at the Club. Croissants, danish, fruit, juice, and coffee compliments of Sunset Grille, Stan's Foods, and Hutchison Fruit.
8:00 AM	Tournament Play Begins
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the club. Fried chicken, baked beans, and cole slaw provided by Grandy's.
3 - 7 PM	No host bar at the Club
6 - 7:30 PM	<b>Group pictures will be taken by Sharpshooters Photography. All players are asked to participate.</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
7:30 - 9:30 AM	Tournament Play Continues Continental Breakfast at the Club. Croissants, danish, fruit, juice, and coffee compliments of Sunset Grille, Stan's Foods, and Hutchison Fruit.
8:00 AM	Tournament Play Continues
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the club. Sliced smoked turkey, hot BBQ pork links, cole slaw, roles, and trimmings provided by the Quarters.
3 - 7 PM	No host bar at the Club
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
7:30 - 9:30 AM	Tournament Play Completed Continental Breakfast at the Club. Croissants, danish, fruit, juice, and coffee compliments of Sunset Grille, Stan's Foods, and Hutchison Fruit.
8:00 AM	Tournament Play Continues
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM	Luncheon served at the club. Assorted pizzas provided by Dominoes.
NOON - 4 PM	No host bar at the Club
6:30	Banquet for players and registered guests at the Ramada Hotel Classic. Come as you are for cocktails, live entertainment, sit-down meal, awards presentations, raffle to benefit the United States National Racquetball Team, and MORE! The Al Whetherill Memorial Sportsmanship Award will once again be presented.

## ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Players may purchase photos from Sharpshooters Photography for the following prices:

color 3 x 5	\$ 3.50
color 5 x 7	\$ 7.50
color 8 x 10	\$10.00
color poster 16 x 24	\$40.00

(prices include mailing)

Players may have their names professionally monogrammed on their Ektelon bag by Lois Merritt for \$5.00. Check tournament registration desk for details.

Players, please check bags for specials from Haagen Dazs, Wendy's, and The Gin Mill Restaurant and Lounge.



# TOURNAMENT RULES & GUIDELINES

American Amateur Racquetball Association Rules apply, unless otherwise designated.

All matches are self-officiated. Please remember the **drive serve rule**, the **screen serve rule**, and the **eye-guard rule**.

Official Ball: **PENN BLUE**

Players will be given a game ball for each match, which will be returned upon completion of the match.

Players will be provided with a score card and a pencil for each match. It is the winner's responsibility to return the card and pencil to the control desk, immediately following the match, with the proper scores of each game recorded. Failure to do so may affect the outcome of the standings.

**For Thursday and Friday Matches:** Each match consists of 3 games to 11 points, with normal scoring procedure. Make certain that 3 games are played, regardless of the outcome of the first 2 games. The scoring tally system is as follows:

1 point for each point scored
3 points for each game won
<u>7 points for each game won</u>
49 possible points earned per match

**For Saturday Matches:** (note that all players participate on Saturday)

For single or double round-robin divisions, continue play from Thursday and Friday schedule.

For divisions with more than one flight, Championship rounds with single elimination format to determine all final positions per age division.

For the Championship Flight Divisions **only**, play the best 2 out of 3 games to 11 points.

Matches are scheduled at 45-minute intervals. Please be on time for your match. The 10-minute forfeiture rule will be in effect. Players who report early will likely be able to begin their match before the designated time.

Towels will be provided by Academy Court Club.

Shuttle service to and from the Club and hotel will be provided. Check the tournament desk for schedule.

HAVE A SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT...

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## ALBUQUERQUE HOSTS NORTH AMERICAN 40+ RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS & WOMEN'S MASTERS INVITATIONAL

The Fourth Annual North American 40 and Over Racquetball Championships and the Women's National Masters Invitational will be held September 8, 9, and 10, 1988, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The tournament will be hosted by Academy Court Club and the New Mexico Racquetball Association. It is a top level tournament sanctioned by the American Amateur Racquetball Association and the National Seniors Racquetball Council.

The tournament will bring to Albuquerque over 150 top racquetball players, including National Champions, from all over the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Ernie Nellos, from Albuquerque, will be defending his two-time 45+ age division championship. For the fourth year in a row, Earl and Mary Lou Acuff, a couple from Blacksburg, Virginia, will be travelling to New Mexico for the tournament competition and camaraderie. Jon Fleischaker, from Louisville, Kentucky, is an avid University of Louisville basketball fan while his good friend, Bob Adkins, from Lexington, is a fan of the Wildcats from the University of Kentucky; as they have for the past three years, the duo will bring their friendly rivalry to the racquetball court in New Mexico.

The tournament provide singles competition for men ages 40 to 75 and over (divisions by age group in increments of 5 years). While women have competed in the 40+ tournament in previous years, this year's women's competition, for ages 35 to 75 and over, has been designated the Women's National Masters Invitational, the first event of its kind.

To attract local (statewide) players who might not otherwise wish to compete in tournament of this calibre, this year the tournament features a new event, the Roadster Division, a non-championship class for age groups 40+, 50+, and 60+.

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## North American 40+ Racquetball Tournament

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Tournament play will be held at Academy Court Club (5555 McLeod, NE, Albuquerque, 87110) beginning Thursday, September 8, in a round-robin format for each age group. Players will be assigned to a flight in their age group. Playoffs between flights of each age group will be held on Saturday, September 10. The top four players in each age group will earn a berth in the semi-finals.

Tournament activities include a pre-tourney get-together on Wednesday evening, September 7, at tournament headquarters, the Ramada Classic Hotel. Tournament competition will be completed on Saturday and will be followed by an awards banquet.

The sport of racquetball is currently recognized by the United States Olympic Committee and will likely have demonstration status at the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain. Gary Mazaroff of Albuquerque is an assistant coach for the United States National Racquetball Team. Proceeds from the 40+ tournament will help support the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Last year about \$1,000 was contributed from the tournament. This year, the tournament committee expects to contribute even more.

Enclosed is a tournament entry form. For more information, contact Gary Mazaroff, tournament director, at (505) 266-9213.

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June 17, 1988

Gary Mazaroff  
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Dear Gary,

Sorry it has taken this long to answer your letter concerning the North American 40+ Championships. The history and reputation of your North American 40+ tournaments, and the fact that this year it will include the Women's 35+ National Invitational, does warrant a change in the ranking level.

The request for level 5, invitational level, is approved.

Sincerely,

*John H. Mooney*  
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cc: Luke St. Onge  
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Dear AARA member:

Racquetball is a lifetime sport, though for the "older folks" it isn't always easy. Not because of physical limitations, but because of the inability to find suitable opponents at similar age levels.

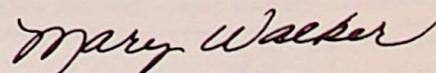
This applies to women in general, and especially to women who would like to play in tournaments. How many times have you, or someone you know, had to play in a different category or not play at all because you didn't "fit" the few women's divisions that the tournament offered?

Well, we'll soon be launching something exciting, something that needs your participation if it's to get off the ground. We are going to have our own age-group tournament, in five-year increments beginning at age 35. It will be called the Women's National Master's Invitational and have a round-robin format.

I'd like you to think about this. The AARA has given us its blessing and support for this first-ever women's age-group tournament, and points will be given toward national rankings. This could be the beginning of something very big and could go a long way toward giving us credibility and a voice in the direction of amateur racquetball.

The tournament will be held in Albuquerque Sept. 8-10 in conjunction with the North American Racquetball Championships, a men's master's event. You'll be sent a separate mailer with an entry form giving particulars. Please plan on being there for lots of fellowship, superb hospitality and great racquetball!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Walker".

MARY WALKER  
Tournament Director

## RECREATION

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# Playing His Best Is Nello's Main Aim

By Barbara Armijo

JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**E**RNIE NELLOS doesn't worry about winning racquetball tournaments anymore, although he has won several in the 18 years he has played.

His most prestigious titles of recent years are two national age 40-and-over championships.

Nellos is the two-time champ in the 45 division of the North American 40-and-over Racquetball Championships, which have been played at the Academy Court Club the past four years.

This year, the tournament will also include the Women's National Masters Invitational for players 35-and-over. The tournaments run simultaneously at Academy, Sept. 8-10.

"I really don't even look to see who I play in tournaments anymore," said Nellos, 49. "I don't really care if I win tournaments so much as I care if I go out and play the best I can each time. I still play to win, but I'm just not in this sport for the tournaments."

Nellos is into racquetball for exercise. He started playing when he was 30, which he said was too late. But he added he has made the most of his late start.

"Anytime is a good time to pick up this sport," he said. "But if you want to be at a more competitive level, like open players, I would think that you would have to start a little earlier than I did."

Nellos is a self-taught player. He didn't have intricate lessons. His techniques are the ones he from the school of hard knocks.

Nellos and his friend Clay Childs would play five days a week. That lasted for a year at the University of New Mexico courts, he said.

"We would play there, legally or illegally, all year," Nellos said laughing. "I wasn't a student, but Clay was. It was fun and, at that time, UNM was one of the only places with courts."

Childs and Nellos were equal when they began, which made the learning process that much more fun.

Now, Nellos only plays two or three days a week, but with the same intensity. All that holds him back now are aching knees, on which he has had three operations.

"I still play, but it's mainly for the exercise now," said Nellos, who owns the Quarters Restaurant in Albuquerque. "Anymore, my knees won't really allow me to play more than that without a lot of pain. The two days or so is enough for me to get my exercise."



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Veteran racquetball player Ernie Nellos, 49, hitting a forehand shot in practice, enjoys the competition of playing as much as winning. He has won two national championships in the 45 division.

**“I still play to win, but I’m just not in this sport for the tournaments.”**

— Ernie Nellos

When Nellos enters the North American Championships, he said he won't be surprised if there are many more players after the title. The tournament has been increasing in popularity throughout the country.

"I hope it does get bigger and better," said Nellos. "It's good to play

tough, competitive racquetball in your own division."

Nellos still plays many people who aren't in his age division. He has played some of the state's best, including Tom Neil and Gary Mazaroff.

"Those guys are in a whole different

league," said Nellos. "And believe me, when we play, it's just for fun."

Nellos tries not to let his worn joints or minor flare-ups of arthritis dampen his spirit. And although it's not the most important part of his game anymore, winning is still one reason he plays.

"I played a 14-year-old kid the other day," he said. "I played well in the first two games, but the kid didn't get tired and he beat me anyway."

"It was good to play like that and not win. But the reason I still enjoy it is because sometimes I still win. It's like that thrill of victory and agony of defeat thing on television. Winning is still a thrill."

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## First Annual Women's National Masters Invitational

Albuquerque, NM

September 8th-10th

Women 35+ are eligible. Age brackets in five-year increments. Round robin will be AARA sanctioned and points will be given toward national amateur ranking. For further information, contact: Mary Walker, 22346 Hartland St., Canoga Park, CA 91303.

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## Fourth Annual North American Forty-plus Championships

The New Mexico Racquetball Association is pleased to announce the Fourth Annual North American 40+ Racquetball Championships, September 8-10. This singles tournament for both men and women has always been an exciting and fun competitive opportunity, and this year's event at the Academy Court Club promises to be no different.

Although tournament play will begin Thursday, a pre-tourney party and get-together is scheduled for Wednesday evening, September 7th, at the Ramada Classic Hotel. Thursday and Friday round-robin play will be organized into division flights (in 5-year increments through 75+), with final playoffs between flights or con-

tinued round-robin play in smaller brackets scheduled for early Saturday. This format permits everyone to play through Saturday, and then attend a special awards banquet that evening at 7:00 p.m.

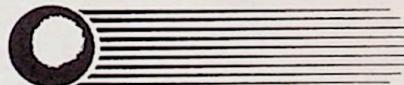
The combination of good racquetball, the chance to meet and socialize with players from all over the country, and the opportunity to take a mini-vacation in Albuquerque is a winning one. We invite you to be our guests for an outstanding tournament and a certain good time in New Mexico. For more information, please contact: Gary Mazaroff, President NMRA, P.O. Box 36179, Albuquerque, NM 87176. O

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### NORTH AMERICAN 40+ RACQUETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS & WOMEN'S NATIONAL MASTERS INVITATIONAL

September 8-10, 1988 — Albuquerque, NM

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5555 McLeod NE Albuquerque, NM 87109



TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR  
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#### SANCTION

This is a Level 5 AARA Event. NMRA, AARA, National Seniors Racquetball Council. AARA membership is required for participation in this tournament.

#### RULES

AARA rules, unless otherwise specified. Tournament is round-robin schedule. Players are assigned to a flight in their age group. Top four players in each age group (winners of each flight guaranteed) earn a berth in the semi-finals. Other players participate in consolation rounds.

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\$65.00 per player; \$90.00 per husband/wife entry. Registration forms and entry fees must be received at the NMRA Office by AUGUST 30, 1988. Make checks payable to New Mexico Racquetball Association (NMRA). ENTER EARLY — maximum number of players accepted is 175.

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#### EVENT ENTERED (one only)

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## Racquetball coach looks to Olympics

Wants to add  
sport to Games

By RICHARD STEVENS

Staff reporter

**T**o say that Gary Mazaroff sees the world through the strings of a racquetball racquet is only a slight exaggeration.

The man has dedicated a large portion of his life to the game.

He was a professional racquetball instructor for 16 years. He was a member of the U.S. National Racquetball Team. Eight times he was ranked the No. 1 player in New Mexico.

But now Mazaroff, an Albuquerque real-estate agent, has broadened his view of the game.

As one of two assistant coaches for the U.S. National Team, Mazaroff would like to see racquetball grow into an Olympic sport.

But first racquetball has to get its foot in the door.

That brings Mazaroff to Operation Barcelona — a trip to Barcelona, Spain, the site of the 1992 Olympics, to convince the organizers to make racquetball an exhibition sport that year.

"Four players and two coaches off the U.S. National Team will go to Barcelona after the World Championships to play in a tournament there and to present evidence in an attempt to convince them that it should be an exhibition sport," Mazaroff said.

"To make racquetball an Olympic sport isn't critical because so many sports aren't Olympic sports. But if it did become an Olympic sport, that would be a tremendous boost to the game."

"It would be important in terms of exposure and because of all the potential monies that would flow down. If we could get some of those monies into the grass-roots areas, the support areas, the junior programs, it would be a great plus."

The two coaches who make the trip to Barcelona will be determined after the World Racquetball Championships to be conducted Aug. 8-13 in Hamburg, Germany. This tourney is Mazaroff's next assignment as an assistant coach.

He said the United States should be favored to win the world championship, with the strongest threat coming from Canada. The World Championships are conducted every two years.

"Coaching this team is the opportunity of a lifetime," Mazaroff said.

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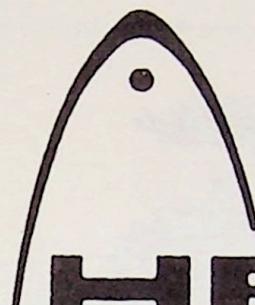
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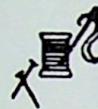
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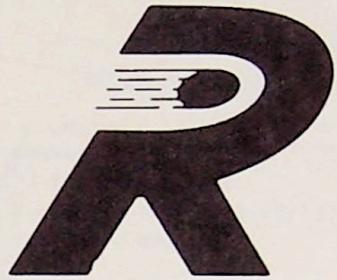
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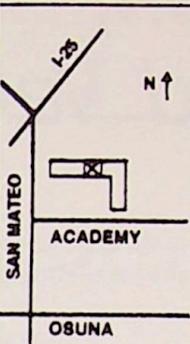
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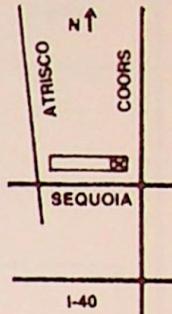
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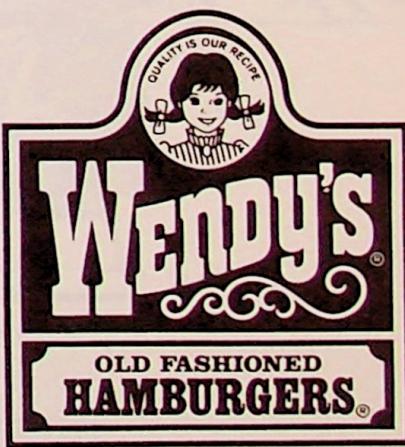
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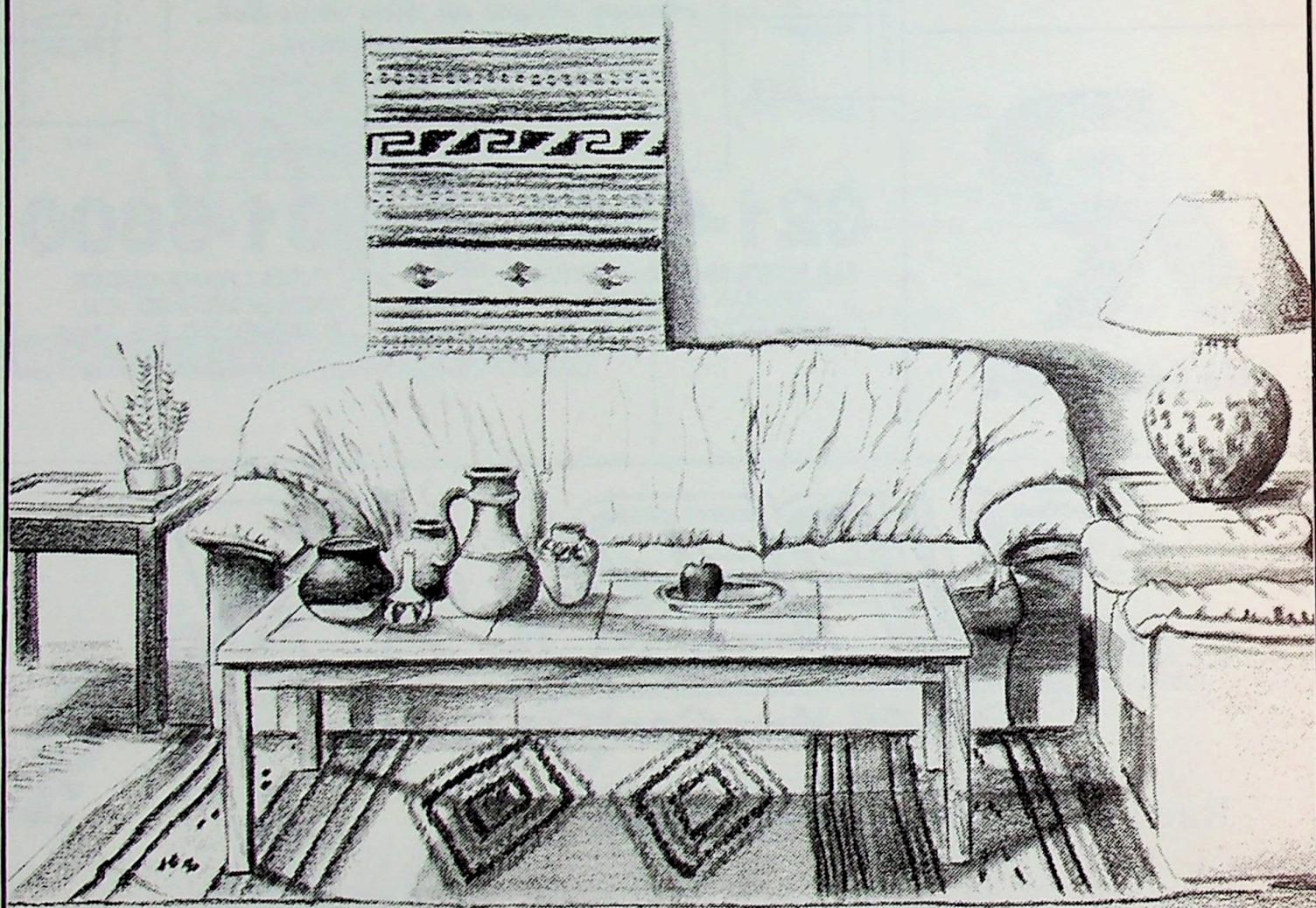
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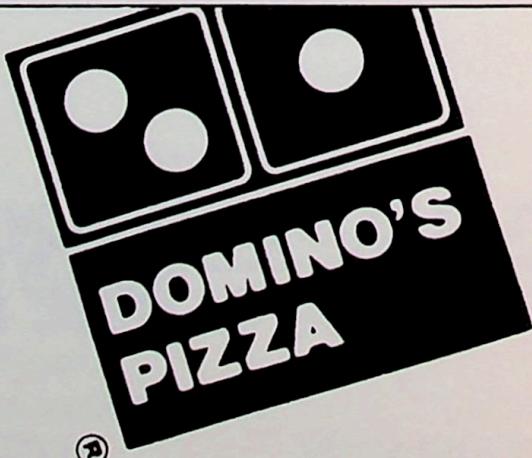


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