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*The Newsletter Promoting
Interdependence Among
The Ohio Association of
Regular Baptist Churches*

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THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

**“Bienvenue á Gallipolis!”
“Welcome to the City of the
Gauls!”**

Looking for fortune and freedom, French, like the British, came to the New World and gradually migrated toward “the beautiful Ohio.” Even though France lost much of her claims to the British in the French and Indian War, new friendship arose with the Colonies after the American Revolution. Anxious to escape oppressions of the French Revolution, several hundred Frenchmen responded to ads promising wholesome climate, plentiful wildlife and abundance of fish along the Ohio River.

Unfortunately, advertisers, Joel Barlow and William Playfair, did not play fair. They absconded with the funds paid for lands in Ohio. When hopeful French settlers landed on American shores in 1790 they discovered their deeds were worthless.

However, sympathy for the French was found among the newly formed Ohio Company of Associates. This group of Revolutionary War Veterans felt a keen gratitude for the French support during their own revolution and had recently named their first settlement Marietta, in honor of Marie Antoinette. So, further down the river, they constructed four blockhouses and about 80 cabins to prepare for this group of French settlers who would later purchase this land for a second time. Thus, Gallipolis was born.

First Baptist Church

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Archie & Mary Conn

Dear Fellow Brethren,

We at First Baptist Church, Gallipolis, are anxiously looking forward to your being with us this fall! Our meeting time is October 20-21. Our meeting place will be in great contrast to last year's location. We will be going from the throngs of Cleveland to the tranquil, slower-paced river town of Gallipolis.

There is a lot to see, from the quaint shops in town, the home of Bob Evans Farm, to the place where the first shot of the Revolutionary War was fired! Yes, that's right. Just across the Ohio River from Gallipolis, at the convergence of the Ohio and Kanawha Rivers, it's a “must see” when coming to our area. The site is now known as *Tu-Endie-Wei* Park, meaning, “mingling of the waters.”

The program will be challenging and informative. Our featured speaker this year is Dr. William E. Brown, new president of Cedarville University. The theme of this year's meeting is “Engaging Your World for Christ.”

Again, our people are excited about your coming, and they are going all out to make your visit with us special. Make your plans now. We will show you a great time.

Expectantly,

Archie C. Conn

Two Presentations On World View This Fall

Worldview Roadmap Seminar

Saturday, September 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Hosted by Immanuel Baptist Church,
3417 Palmetto St., Columbus, OH 43204.

Cost is \$15 for individuals, \$20 for couples (includes one course notebook).

Four one-hour sessions geared to the nonacademic layperson will include such vital topics as the definition of a worldview, the essential elements of a Christian worldview, the four worldview laws, and essential Christian worldview truths about theology, philosophy, ethics, biology, psychology, sociology, law, politics, economics, history, and the arts.

This seminar will equip God's people to interact more effectively with the secular culture. The course introduces students to a series of questions and techniques for starting non-threatening conversations with non-Christians that open the way for a presentation of the Gospel.

Courses will be taught by Mark Blocher, President of the Worldview Institute and Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Mark is a nationally-known speaker and lecturer in the area of bioethics and Christian worldview.

The Worldview Institute (www.worldviewinstitute.com), based in Grandville, Michigan, is a theologically conservative Christian organization whose goal is to enable believers to connect what the Bible teaches about the world with how they live in the world and so impact their world for Christ.

Contact Immanuel Baptist Church 614-274-2687 or email PastorBill@ibccares.org for a registration form.

Fall OARBC Conference

Monday-Tuesday, October 20-21, 2003
First Baptist Church, Gallipolis



Dr. Brown

Dr. Bill Brown, President of Cedarville University, author and specialist in Worldview, will address the topic, "Engaging Your World for Christ."

Dr. William E. Brown became president of Cedarville University in June 2003, following a ten-year presidency at Bryan College in Dayton, Tennessee. He joined the Bryan faculty in 1984 as an assistant professor for biblical studies and was named Bryan's academic vice president and provost in 1988. As president, his leadership of Bryan College took the school to new heights in spiritual, academic, physical, and financial vitality.

A graduate of the University of South Florida, Brown holds a master of theology degree and Ph.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary. As a nationally-recognized expert in worldview, he has authored three books (*Making Sense of Your Faith; Where Have All the Dreamers Gone?; Observations from a Biblical Worldview*; and *Making Sense of Your World* with Gary Phillips) and more than a hundred articles for journals, magazines, encyclopedias, and newspapers. Brown is a regular columnist for *WORLD* magazine, and he holds memberships in organizations such as the Society of Christian Philosophers, the Evangelical Philosophical Society and the Evangelical Theological Society.

Brown and his wife, Lynne Jones Brown, have been married for 26 years. They are the parents of April and Alex.

Cedarville University



Cedarville University's \$12.8 million campaign to build a new Fitness-Recreation-Health Center has been issued a \$600,000 challenge grant from the Kresge Foundation. Credit: Scott L. Huck/Cedarville University

The Fitness-Recreation-Health Center is expected to open in the fall of this year. The building will include a 60,000 square foot recreation area; a 200-meter track; space for free-weights, cardiovascular machines, and aerobic and other exercise areas; a 40-foot climbing wall; and a new health care clinic. For more information about the Center, visit <http://www.cedarville.edu/dept/pr/fitrec>.

"We're grateful to God and to those people who've made this possible," said Dr. Paul Dixon, president at the time of the announcement, "especially the Kresge Foundation. Their \$600,000 challenge, we believe, will provide the impetus to reach our ultimate goal in this campaign."



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Congratulations to National TFC Winners!

Aaron Hollopeter, **Brass**, Maranatha, Columbus; Geoffrey Kudjo, **Oral Interp.**, First, Elyria; Amanda Roebuck, **Piano**, Shawnee Hills, Jamestown; Anna Williams, **Visualized Bible**, Camden, Wellington; **Small group ensemble**, Bethel, Elyria and Camden, Wellington, Jennifer & Jessica Tucker and Anna & Kim Williams.

OARBC Conference Schedule

Monday

- 12:00 Registration
 1:00 Opening Session
What Are You Looking For?
 Rev. Max Tucker
 2:00 Association Business
 2:30 First Ladies' Tea
 2:45 Workshops - Session One
- *Women's Ministries*
Cindi Wilkins
 - *Closed Door Ministries*
Rev. Eldon Brock
 - *Developing an Outreach Strategy for the Local Church*
Bob Cowman, Norwalk Baptist
- 3:35 Workshops - Session Two
- *Women's Ministries*
Cindi Wilkins
 - *Children's Ministries*
Barb Hunt
 - *Body Building by Building Buildings*
Max Tucker
- 5:00 Church Investment Banquet
 Reservations Required: Per person \$30, husband & wife \$35, table of eight \$150
 7:00 Evening Session
 Dr. Bill Brown, President, Cedarville University

Tuesday

- 8:30 Prayer Session
 Dr. Warren
 9:00 Morning Session
 Dr. Bill Brown, President, CU
 10:00 Association Business
 11:15 Meet Missionaries & Visit Displays
 12:00 Lunch
 1:30 Ohio Women's Missionary Union
 2:00 Workshops - Session One
- *Developing an Outreach Strategy for the Local Church*
Bob Cowman, Norwalk Baptist
 - *Body Building by "Barn Raising"*
Max Tucker
 - *Word of Life & TFC*
Jeff Willetts & Ken Dady
- 3:15 Session Two - Forum: GARBC Partnership with Cedarville
 5:00 Welcome Banquet - \$8.00
 Reservations Required
 7:00 Closing Session
 Dr. Bill Brown

Partnering Perspectives

The Council of 12 of the OARBC and Dr. Warren have begun a discussion of the GARBC Council of 18's recent decision no longer to partner with Cedarville University. The Council of 12 is proceeding in the spirit of Proverbs 18:13. "He who answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him." Since the Council of 18's decision has been delayed for one year the Council of 12 will be engaged in discussion and study during this time, and so will make no public decision in the immediate future.

The Council of 12 and Dr. Warren urge all of the OARBC constituency to give itself to prayer, to Bible study, and to courteous discussion about the topic of Ecclesiastical Separation. The Council invites Biblical input from the constituency about this matter. (Appropriate addresses can be found in the OARBC directory).

The Council of 12 and Dr. Warren will conduct a forum at this fall's OARBC Conference in Gallipolis on Tuesday afternoon as an opportunity for sharing of perspectives in a biblical and courteous manner. Questions for discussion should be sent to Dr. Warren in advance of the October Conference. All who wish to attend this forum are welcome.

Our intention in all of this is to endeavor to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3)

As You Go

From A Columbus Area Reader

Developing a friendship over the Internet can be risky, but this time God used it to bring glory to Himself. During the past several months I have chatted on line with a young girl who considered me to be her "on line mother." She gradually opened up to me concerning her emotionally and physically torn life, which included having an abortion. One particular night she was at the point of suicide. The Holy Spirit prompted me to be on line with my friend, that very night, thus thwarting her suicide attempt. Days later we were on line again. I had told her of God's plan of salvation before but this time, after sharing the Romans

Road with her again, she typed, "I think I'm ready." After I helped her with her prayer, "I DID IT!" flashed on my computer screen. She put her trust in Jesus! Certainly the angels were rejoicing and so was I.

Always be ready to give an answer as you go.

Let your OARB family know about that "open door" God gave you to witness during your normal routines of life.

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Of Presidents And Leadership

Called the "Mother of Presidents," Ohio claims eight of our United States presidents. Only Virginia has contributed as many. For approximately 54 years of our country's 227 year history Ohioans have provided leadership for America. They include William Henry Harrison (1841), Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877), Rutherford B. Hayes (1877-1881), James Garfield (1881), Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893), William McKinley (1897-1901), William Howard Taft (1909-1913), ancestor of our current Ohio governor, and Warren G. Harding (1921-1923).



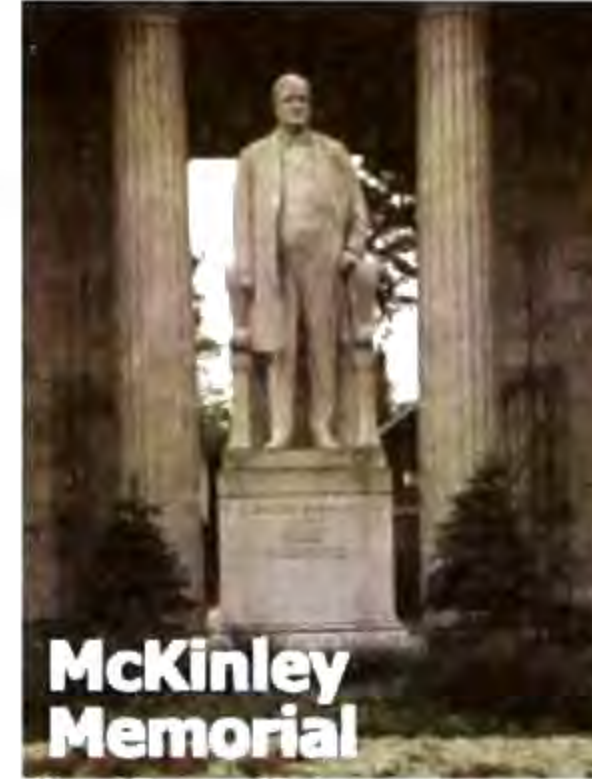
Harding Home

Other lessons from these Ohio Presidents: Leadership implies giftedness or success in some area. Nevertheless, leadership does not guarantee success across the board. Leadership success cannot be measured by the size of the monument left in a leader's honor. Leadership involves vulnerability. Two Ohio presidents were assassinated while in office. And unfortunately, leadership does not



Harding Memorial

exempt one from the hazards of normal living. Two died of natural causes while in office.



McKinley Memorial

How should we respond to these lessons? Let's pray for our President. Let's pray for all leaders in our sphere of influence. Let's be leaders who depend consciously on the leading of the Holy Spirit. We all follow someone and someone follows each one of us. Let us lead well and wisely.

Lessons we can learn from these Ohio leaders: Leadership is all about influence. Each Ohio president had already exercised some arena of influence. Four were well-known for wartime victories. Six had served in the U.S. Congress. At least four were lawyers, one appointed as judge in a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and after his presidency, as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Five had served Ohio, either as an Ohio Senator, Lt. Governor or as Governor.



Taft Home

"First Ladies" – Of Ohio Pastors, That Is!



First Ladies' Retreat, July 03

Standing: Linda Ryan, Susan Johnson, Jess Lozier, Jennifer Duncan, Marcia Elmore, Lori Nocella, Jeannie Kopas, Dottie Read. Sitting: Belinda Baldwin, Phyllis Tucker, Pat Warren, Pam Reed



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Answers to Children's Page

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2. William McKinley
3. William H. Harrison
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6. James A. Garfield
7. Warren G. Harding
8. Benjamin Harrison
9. William H. Harrison
10. William McKinley

Featured Area



Hebron

Amherst, Faith Baptist, led by Michael & Dee Plog, David and Lydia Engle, Willis & Ruth Hull. Faith announces the ordination of one of their own young people, Scott Upton. Calvary Baptist Church in Norwalk, where Scott

served as an intern, also joined in the ordination.

Avon, New Community Baptist, with pastor & wife, Brian and Sharon Gardiner. Accepted into GARBC in June.

Bailey Lakes/Ashland, Emmanuel Chapel Baptist, with J. Bruce & Joan Markell.

Bruce has the distinction of raising buffalo as a hobby.

Berea, Berea Baptist, led by Ken & Deb Spink and Jeremy & Jolene Workman.

Berlin Heights, Berlin Heights Baptist, led by Bruce & Sandra Clark.

Brunswick, First Baptist, led by Dennis & Carolyn Martin, enjoyed record attendance when they hosted the Grace Way Quartet from Columbus and highly recommend the group. Email them at hafners@netzero.net.

Cleveland, Madison Avenue Baptist, led by Jamie & Amy Beight, and **West Bethel Baptist**, pastored by Myrle Weems. Both of these serve the inner city and need our prayer support.

Elyria, Abbe Road Baptist installed their new senior pastor, Carl Prokop, Jr., on November 17. The Prokops came from Bethesda Baptist, Brownsburg, Indiana. **Bethel Baptist**, served by Ken & Kay Tucker



Scott Upton

First Baptist Church, with co-laborers, Brad & Debbie Quick, Dan & Sue Friesner, Dave & Jen Burman, Dan & Bonnie Parker, recently completed a new sanctuary.

Grafton, Midview Baptist, Tim and Sara Mayo serve as pastor and wife with associates

Frank and Marge Odor who formerly served as one of the founding pastors of the church.

Lagrange, First Baptist Church, led by Noel and

Dianna Hack and Walter and Annetta Spieth, has also completed new construction in the past year. Noel's ministry is unique in that he pastors his home church.

Litchfield, Litchfield Baptist Church, led by David and Shirley Shimp who recently celebrated forty years of pastoring at Litchfield.

Lorain, Fellowship Baptist Church, with Jack and Earlene Ison and Chris and Angela Carlton. Chris and Angela recently gave birth to a new baby and rejoice with Angela's parents who pastor in Englewood, Ohio.

International Community Baptist, formerly the West Side Baptist Church, now

led by John and Willie Mae Williams, retired from BCP, and Robert and Jan Whitty, reaching the multi-racial community.

Medina, First Baptist Church, while searching for a senior pastor, is served by associate pastor and wife, Tye and Judy Male.

North Royalton, North Royalton Baptist, with pastor and wife, David and Connie Rowland, recently paid off its building indebtedness.

Northfield, Northfield Baptist, led by Mark and Debbie Ashley and Eric and Carrie Pull. Terry Menechini serves as School Administrator.

Norwalk, Calvary Baptist, enjoys the team ministry of Jim & Janice McClain, Jr. Bob & Lisa Cowman, Joe & Melanie Grot, Dan & Ranae Alexander, and pastor emeritus, Romyne & Haley Strickland



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Oberlin, Calvary Baptist, pastored by two brothers, Brian & Curtis Kenyon (and Curtis' wife, Sue). Continue to pray for Brian and the kids, Mike & Mandy, in their loss of Candy over a year ago.

Perrysville, Vermillion, led by Tim & Susan Heinrich who recently added a fourth daughter to their family.

Port Clinton, Grace Baptist, led by Peter & Cindi Dodd and the youth ministry of newlyweds Joe & Ashley Wittmer

Rochester, Rochester Baptist, continues in its pastoral search.

Sandusky, Calvary Baptist Church, is led by David & Faith Hixson and Robb & Amy Fowler.

Strongsville, First Baptist, served by a father and son, Jim & Berdette Sperry, and Jim & Lisa Sperry, along with Paul & Sharon Johnson, and Keith Brautigam.

Valley City, First Baptist, led by Richard & Sharon Steele.

Wellington, Camden Baptist, enjoys the team ministry of Larry & Lori Nocella and Bill & Jeanne Kopas.

Westlake, Grace Baptist, capably led by Tom and Rachael Alexander.

Westlake, Grace Baptist, recently bid farewell to retiring pastor and wife, Jack and Nancy Jacobs.

They are currently being led by associate pastor and wife Glenn & Beth Dunn and Steve & Sarah Strong. Nancy Payton serves as Women's Ministry Coordinator.



The Jacobs



Spink family



The Prokops



John Williams

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Skyview Ranch's summer is in full swing! God is working at the Ranch in mighty ways. We have literally seen dozens of children and teenagers come to a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many more have made spiritual life decisions about their relationship with their Savior.

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Everything is a progression of nurturing that individual closer to the Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 18-20 Ladies' Retreat
- Oct. 3-4 Golf Marathon and Scramble
- Oct. 17-19 Couples Retreat

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The summer of 2003 began with a very sticky situation. No, we are not talking about the humidity or a two-year-old with a lollipop; we are talking about black, gooey, sticky tar! This past spring we began work on a new septic system. Due to heavy rains and flooding the project lapsed into the summer season. However, the situation only became sticky when the newly constructed walls needed to be covered in a layer of tar. We thank the Lord for His hand in this project as expenses were significantly less than projected. Please pray for provision as we complete this venture and plan new projects for Fall 2003 and 2004. These projects include a new dining hall, ministry center and a swimming pool.

What an amazing summer God has given us. He provided a godly staff from nine different states. These workers came seeking God's guidance and work in their lives as they gave of themselves for an adventure-filled summer. We studied the book of Philippians where Christ was the central theme. Campers learned that He was their Life, Example, Goal and Strength. Whether it was salvation, baptism or a better understanding of grace and Christian responsibility, many eternal decisions were made for His glory. Thank you for your participation and partnership in the summer ministry. If you are interested in holding a retreat, sign up today as the fall schedule is quickly filling up.

Upcoming Events

- Sept 16-18 Senior Saints Retreat
- Sept 25-27 Ladies Retreat
- Oct 3-4 Men's Retreat

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PRAISE THE LORD!! As of July 12, 38 campers have made decisions for salvation, 45 dedications, and 134 other types of decisions. Many of these decisions have been for them to BE BOLD (Acts 4:13) in their faith, as that is our theme for this summer. Also as of this date, we have approximately \$157,000 raised for our capital campaign project, and only \$43,000 to go. The Willetts Lodge & pop house are complete, the materials for completing the dining hall air conditioning are here, and now we can begin to plan the expansion of our chapel. THANK YOU for those who continue to give faithfully for this project and for many other designated givings.

We still have room for Seniors, Singles, Couples & new youth retreat "Banished to the Isle". Hope to see you there!!

- Aug. 11-16 Family Camp III
Tom Townsend
- Aug. 18-22 Seniors Retreat
William Russell
- Aug. 22-24 Singles Retreat
Sam Lombardo
- Sept. 12-13 Couples Retreat
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Ohio Women

A Missionary Heart

by Susan Johnson

In order for us to pray and understand our missionaries better I thought it would be beneficial to take a look at the kind of heart God gives a missionary.

A heart for God: Do you ever remember hearing a missionary share his personal testimony and thinking this person walks with God? It is apparent that his love for God and walk with Him in the Word and in life is real and personal.

A heart for people: Have you ever met a missionary who did not love people? NO!! A missionary heart centers around a particular group of people whom God has laid heavy on his or her heart. Missionaries desire to see "their" people come to know Jesus Christ and have transformed lives.

A heart for work: Have you ever read one of those, "a day or week in the life of a missionary" letters? It makes you want to sit down and rest. Jesus came not to be served but to serve. God somehow places this same heart in the missionary. So what does that add up to? A very full life!

How can we pray in light of the heart that God has given missionaries? It would appear that the world, the flesh and the Devil seek every opportunity to cause the missionary "heart" problems. It could be the government situation or the culture of the people that the Devil uses to bring discouragement to the heart of the missionary. It could be just plain old selfishness that Satan uses to ensnare missionaries with a desire for wanting better things for themselves or their children. Or perhaps self in the form of pride would cause the missionary, ever so slowly, to be deceived by his own heart, to be distanced from his or her utter dependence on God.

Ladies, please be reminded of our need to pray for the hearts of missionaries. Be specific and fervent in your spiritual responsibility to God, His servants and the world. And...heads up ladies...check your own heart.

Our Fall meeting is at Gallipolis on October 21 from 1:30-4:00 (note time change). A special feature at our Fall meeting will be three pertinent mini-workshops. You will not want to miss the wisdom from these workshop leaders. Our missionary speaker will be Annette Graham, who will just have returned from Togo, West Africa, on a short-term medical missionary trip.

Coming Up!

Fall Retreats

Skyview Ranch
September 18-20
Speaker: Juanita Purcell

Scioto Hills
September 25-27

Inn of the Amish Door
November 13-14
Speaker: Rachael Chambers

OWMU Fall Meeting
October 21
1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
(note new time)
First Baptist Church
Gallipolis

**Northeast Ohio
Womens Missionary
Fellowship**
Fall Breakfast/ Meeting
Huntsburg Baptist Church
September 27
9AM - 12 Noon

**West Moriah
Women's Missionary
Fellowship**
Saturday, October 25
10:00 AM — Lunch
Grace Baptist Church
Sunbury
Bring a salad to share!

**North Bethel
Women's Missionary
Fellowship**
for ladies & teens
Saturday, October 4
*9:00 a.m.
lunch served @ 11:30 a.m.
*(note new time)
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Children's Page

Match the facts with the right President. See Presidential photos on page 4.

1. _____ Which President became a Supreme Court Chief Justice?
2. _____ Which President wore a red carnation on his lapel?
3. _____ Which President had the campaign slogan, "Tippecanoe and Tyler too"?
4. _____ Which President was General-in-Chief of the Union Army?
5. _____ Which President served three terms as Governor of Ohio?
6. _____ Which President was shot only a few months after taking office?
7. _____ Which President bought and edited a newspaper, the *Marion Star*?
8. _____ Which President wrote two books, *This country of Ours* and *Views of an Ex-President*?
9. _____ Which President died of pneumonia after only one month in office?
10. _____ Which President also served as Ohio Governor and was shot in his 2nd term as President?



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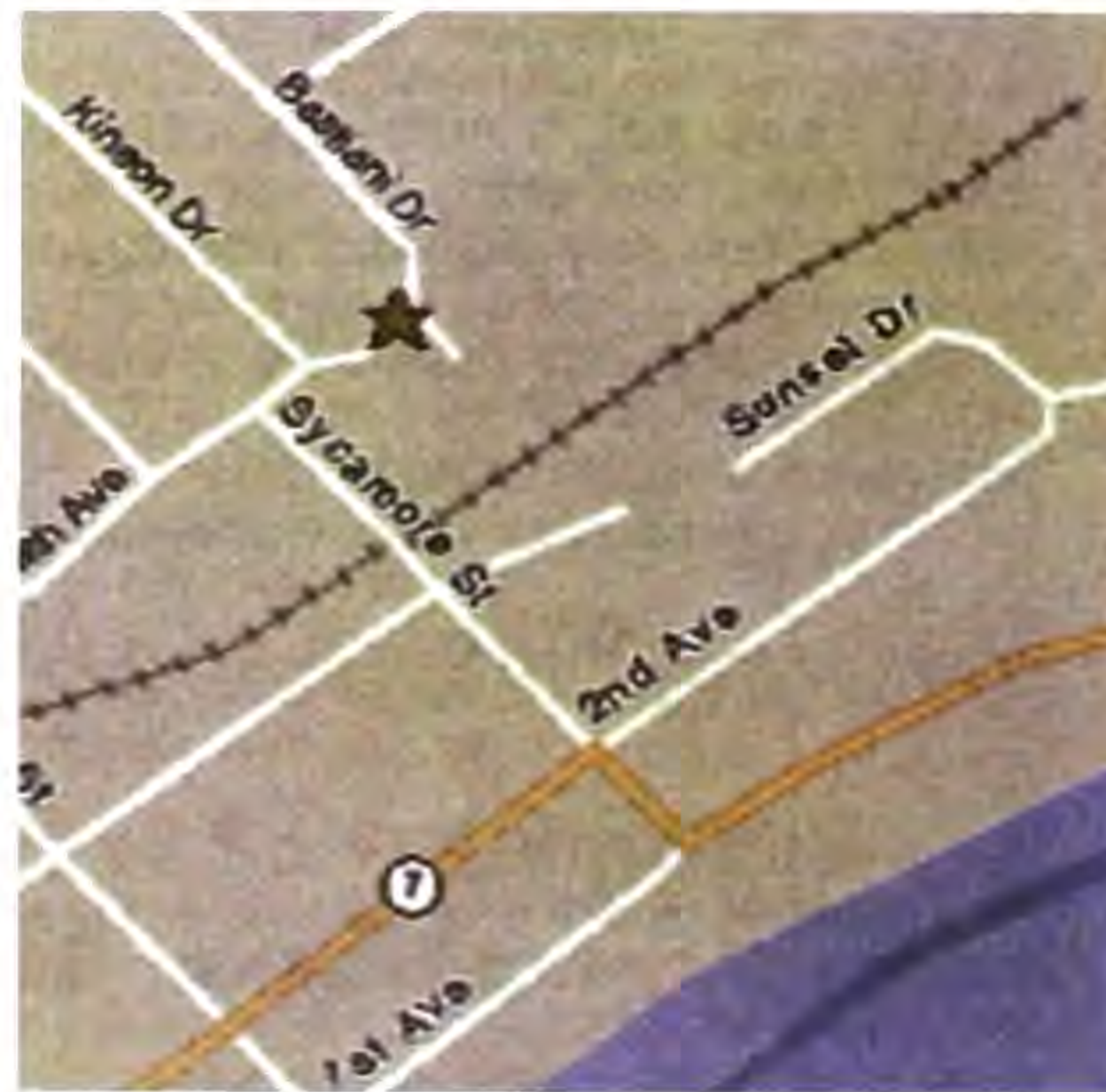
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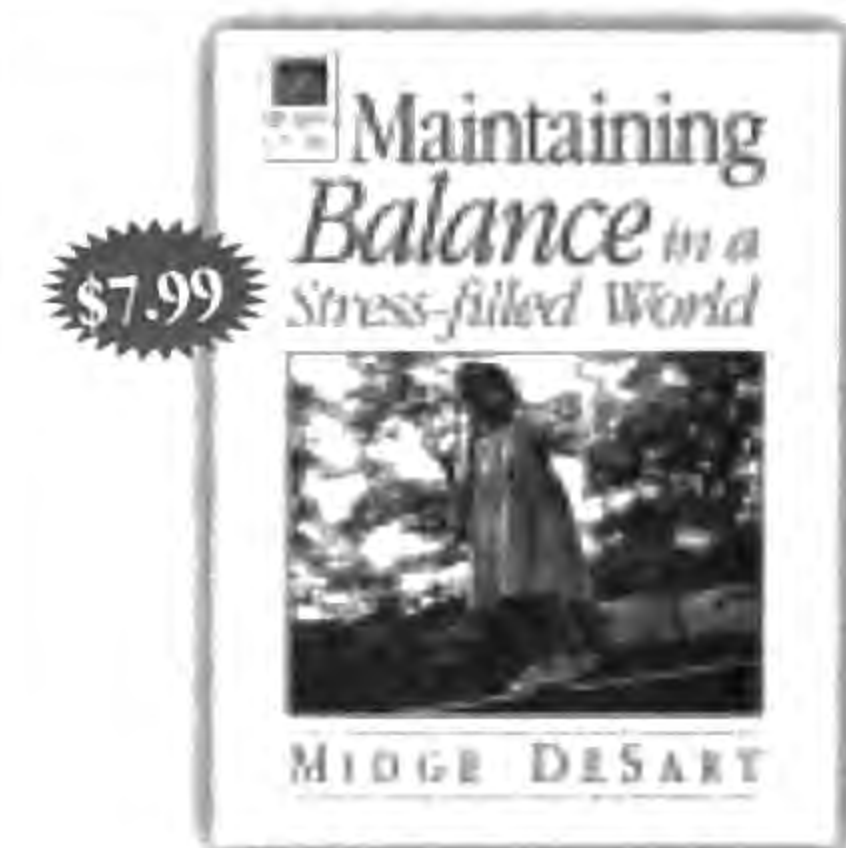
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