

MACKIE

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show, along with dozens of costumes for the comedy sketches.

"I love doing funny things. One week I'd have to make Carol an unattractive postal worker, and who knows what I'd have to do the next," said Mackie, wearing an olive shirt, olive slacks and a black tie.

He designs miniature versions of his gowns for Barbie dolls. "Right now, I'm in my 'international fantasy goddess' phase," he said. "I don't do 'Barbie goes to the supermarket.'"

The exhibit's title is also the name of a new book and a new fragrance.

Mackie continues to dress Cher, Burnett and Ross. He created the "Elizabeth" gown that Whoopi Goldberg wore when she hosted this year's Oscars.

Mackie, 59, is a seven-time Emmy Award winner. As a child, he was inspired by Hollywood's Technicolor movie musicals. Using a record as a soundtrack, he would create tabletop shows using hand-drawn puppets in elaborate costumes. He's been nominated for three Oscars.

Professor finds Thomas Jefferson's scrapbooks

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Scholars believe four scrapbooks recently uncovered by a history professor were put together by Thomas Jefferson and offer further insight into the life of the nation's third president.

The red leather-bound books contain thousands of newspaper articles from all over the East Coast dating back to Jefferson's presidency, from 1801-08. They indicate that Jefferson, usually considered a man of logic and reason, was more sentimental than scholars have thought.

Researchers once believed the scrapbooks were put together by Jefferson's granddaughters but recently discovered that some notations on the clippings match Jefferson's handwriting. Some of the clippings also are pasted on envelopes with Jefferson's address.

"We are confident these books were compiled by Jefferson himself," said James Horn, director of the International Center for Jefferson Studies in Charlottesville.

Robert M.S. McDonald, a professor at the U.S. Military Academy at West

Point, N.Y., found the 6-by-9-inch books this summer at the University of Virginia's Alderman Library while doing research.

"I was stunned," McDonald said. "I realized that they not only belonged to Jefferson, but also that they were Jefferson's creation. It is not every day that new Jefferson materials come to light. And these are a treasure trove of information."

McDonald found an oak leaf pressed into one book between an article on friendship and a poem titled "Scenes from My Youth."

Jefferson and his boyhood friend, Dabney Carr, played together on Monticello and used to study under an oak tree. The two promised each other the survivor would bury the other under that tree.

"That was the genesis of the Monticello family graveyard," McDonald said. Carr was the first buried where the oak tree was believed to have been.

Researchers say one of the scrapbooks was given to the library in 1851. The three others were donated in 1951 by Jefferson family members.

Ten to receive "unsung hero" awards

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PAWLING, N.Y. — Chuck and Penny Hauer, a San Diego couple who have adopted 35 physically and mentally disabled children over the last 20 years, will be among 10 people honored Friday with America's Awards.

Nicknamed the "Nobel Prizes for Goodness," the awards were created in 1990 by the late minister Norman Vin-

cent Peale to honor unsung American heroes.

This year's recipients will be honored Friday on the steps of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. They will be chauffeured in limousines and given a tour of the White House and a dinner cruise on the Potomac. Winners are nominated by the public and chosen by a committee.

The other 1999 winners are:

- Gretchen Buchenholz of New York City.
- Terri and Bruce Lippert of Council Bluffs, Iowa.
- Rachel and Rick Sparkowich of Portsmouth, N.H.
- Cordelia Taylor of Milwaukee.
- Lyndale and Ellyn Morrow-Yazel of Colorado Springs, Colo.

"'American Beauty' will quickly find its place in the category of unique masterpieces such as 'The Graduate,' 'One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest' and 'Ordinary People.'"

Richard Bayner, HARPERS BAZAAR

"Great script. Great directing. Great acting. Great movie."

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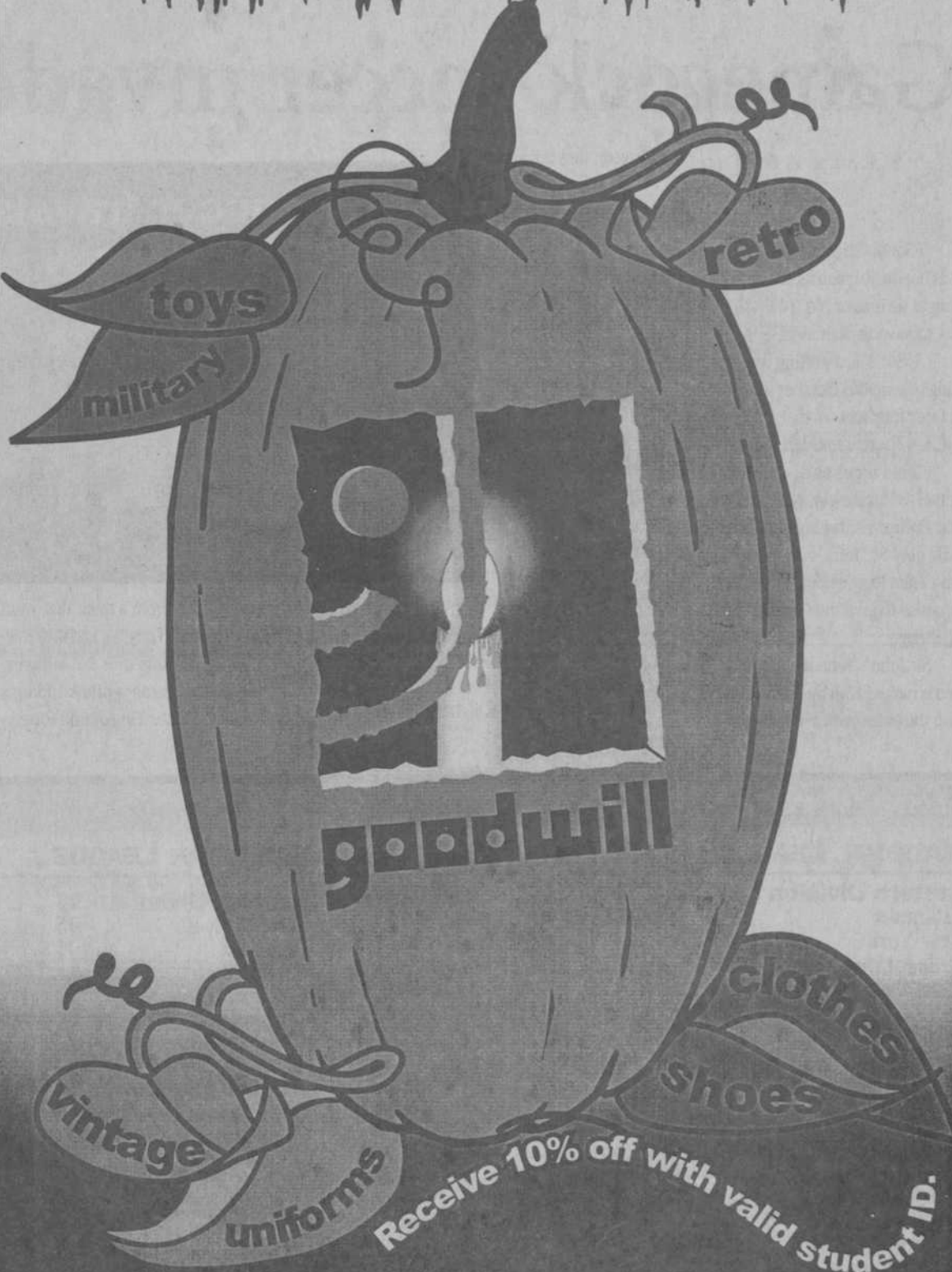


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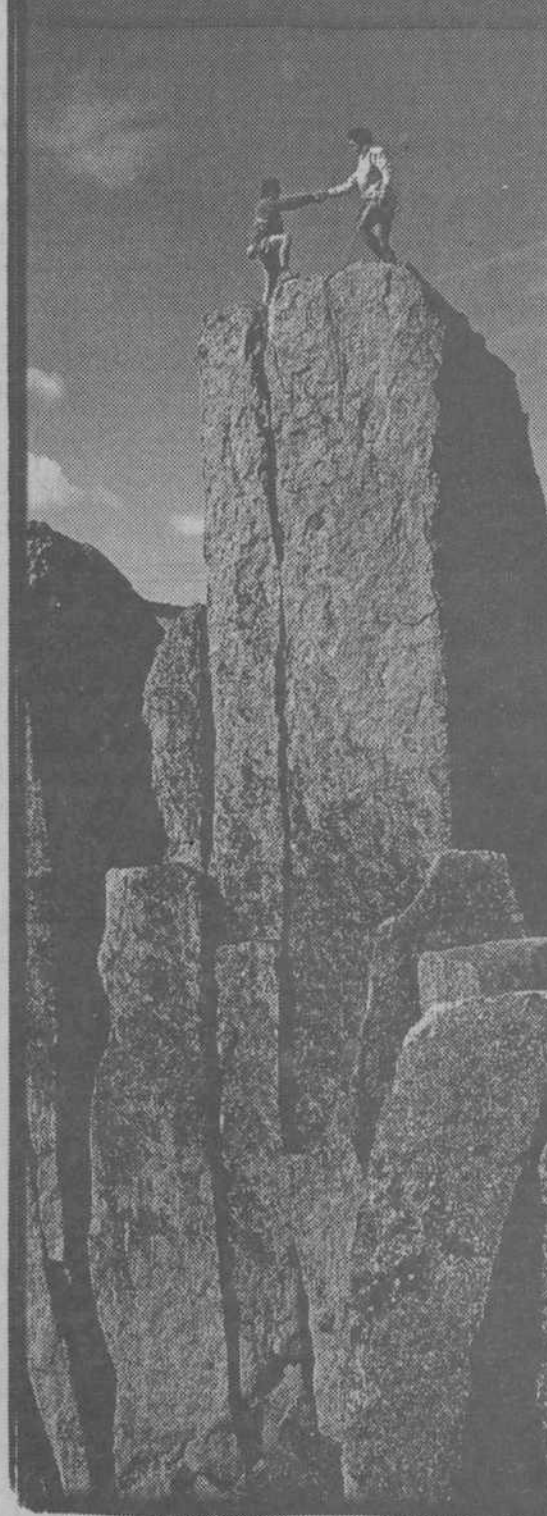
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