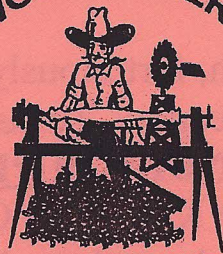
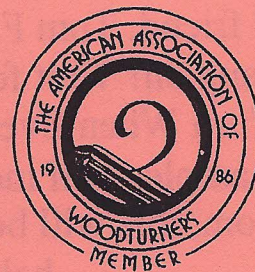


**SOUTH PLAINS
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LUBBOCK, TEXAS



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Chartered by the American Association of Wood turners (AAW)

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SPW MEETING

January 5, 2008

TIME 10:00 am –12:00 noon

WOOD SHOP AT TARGET SHEETMETAL

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From the President

If you missed the Christmas party, you missed an exciting time. 57 people purchased tickets and enjoyed the evening. The food was great and the entertainment was exceptional. We knew that Mike and Randy were talented in so many ways, but who would have guessed they are such outstanding musicians. Thanks guys, you did a fantastic job. Once again our thanks go to Bob Harbaugh and Dick Markham who spent a considerable number of man hours planning, preparing and executing the party. Without their hard work, the evening would not have been such an enormous success. And to our club orator, Charles, thanks for managing the MC duties and keeping things moving. You did an excellent job. And lastly, it would be a serious oversight if I did not mention the participation of our membership by bringing gifts to share with each other. The number and quality of turnings was unbelievable. The membership was so excited about the turnings, there was hardly room to get near the table to look at all of the pieces. The nature of all work was superior. I propose that our club need not take a back seat to any club in the nation. Thanks guys, you did great!!!!

Our next meeting date will be Jan 5, 2008. It is hard to believe a new year is already upon us. We will be looking forward to a great rewarding year. Keep the chips flying, see you then. Larry

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Demo Information

Our demonstrator this month, fortuitously, will once again be our old friend, Tom Farrell, of Meadow, Texas. The title of his demo is (Hang on! Wait for it!!): **SPINDLE DUPLICATION**: Or What to Turn When Everybody You Know Has One of Your Bowls???

Examples will include a four-legged stool and table leg. Knowing Tom, this will be a great demo and Tom almost always has very helpful and well-developed handouts.

Things to ponder

If space is a vacuum, who changes the bags?

If swimming is good for your shape, then why do the whales look the way they do?

If tin whistles are made out of tin, what do they make fog horns out of?

If white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with sushi?

If you jog backwards, will you gain weight?

If we aren't supposed to eat animals, why are they made of meat?

Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.

A penny saved is ridiculous.

All that glitters has a high refractive index.

Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough sense to be lazy.

Anarchy is better than no government at all.

Any small object when dropped will hide under a larger object.

Death is life's way of telling you you've been fired.

The very different children

Two ten-year-old children were exactly opposites: Bill was a die-hard optimist, and Bob a hopeless pessimist.

The mom asked the psychiatrist what to do about Christmas. The doctor told her to buy all the toys she could for Bob and get Bill nothing. In fact, he said just to wrap up some manure for Bill to break down his hopes even more.

Christmas morning, Mom came downstairs and found the twins by the tree. She asked Bob what Santa had brought him.

"A B.B. gun, but I'll probably hit someone in the eye and blind him. And a bicycle, but I'll probably get run over and killed while riding it. And an electric train, but I'll probably electrocute myself," said Bob.

Realizing it wasn't going very well, the mom turned to Bill and asked what he got. "I'm not sure!!" he replied, "I think I got a pony, but I haven't been able to find him yet!!"



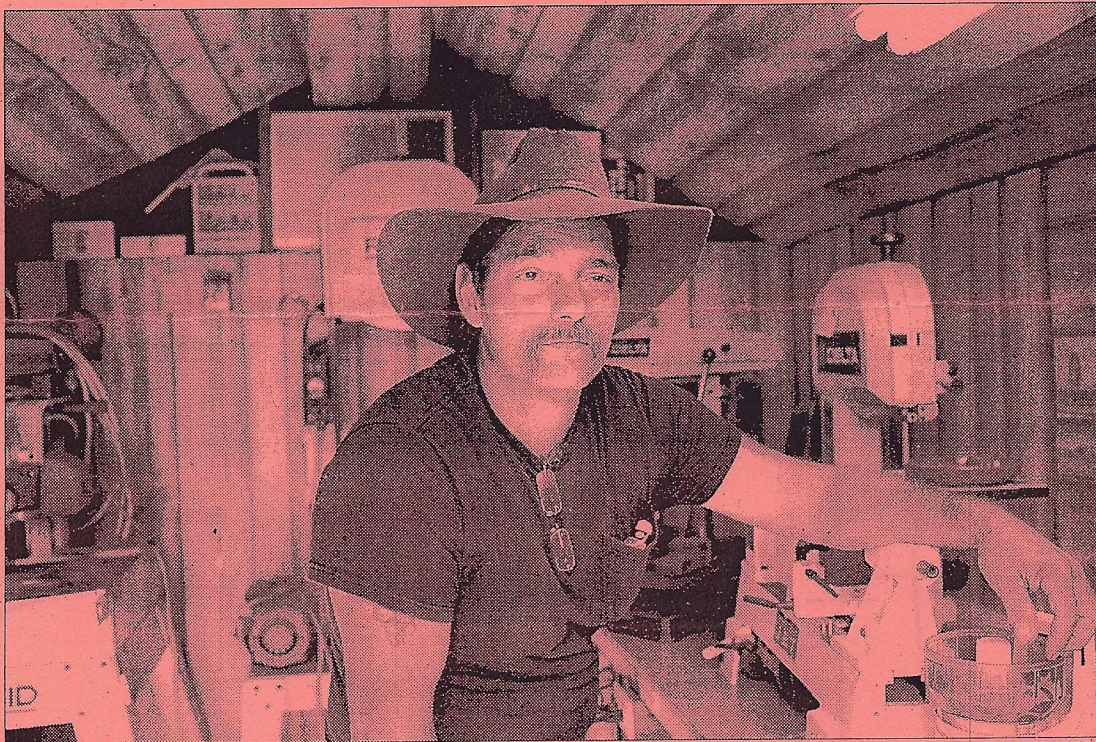
Today's Quip

"I can win an argument on any topic, against any opponent. People know this, and steer clear of me at parties. Often, as a sign of their great respect, they don't even invite me."

Dave Barry

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008!

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John Lopez, pictured Nov. 21 in Poteet, has made thousands of pens including those made out of cow patties in the shed he once lived in.

Man uses cow patties in unusual pens

BY SARA INES CALDERON
SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS NEWS

POTEET — One cow's excrement is one man's fine writing instrument.

At least it is for John Lopez, 42, who began making his South Texas Cow Patty Pens six years ago with local, natural materials.

He perfected the process through trial and error. The end result: flecks of brown suspended in a clear plastic, looking almost like wood from a distance.

"I take my pen kits and feed 'em to the cows and then go out in the pasture and pick 'em up," Lopez joked, stroking his mustache from behind the desk at JS Shop, his lawnmower repair business in downtown Poteet.

Cow patties may be Lopez's current specialty, but when he began

the craft in 2000 he used wood, bone, deer antler and other materials to encase mail-ordered ballpoints.

"I was bored, poor," he said. "I had bought some tools" and decided to give handmade pens a try. But after hawking them at craft shows and county fairs, he realized his wares looked like everyone else's.

So he started looking for a way to distinguish his work. Exotic materials were hard to find in Poteet, but he came across the solution in his own backyard.

"There's not much money in this area, so I need to make things with the finances (I have) and I need the materials the same way," he said.

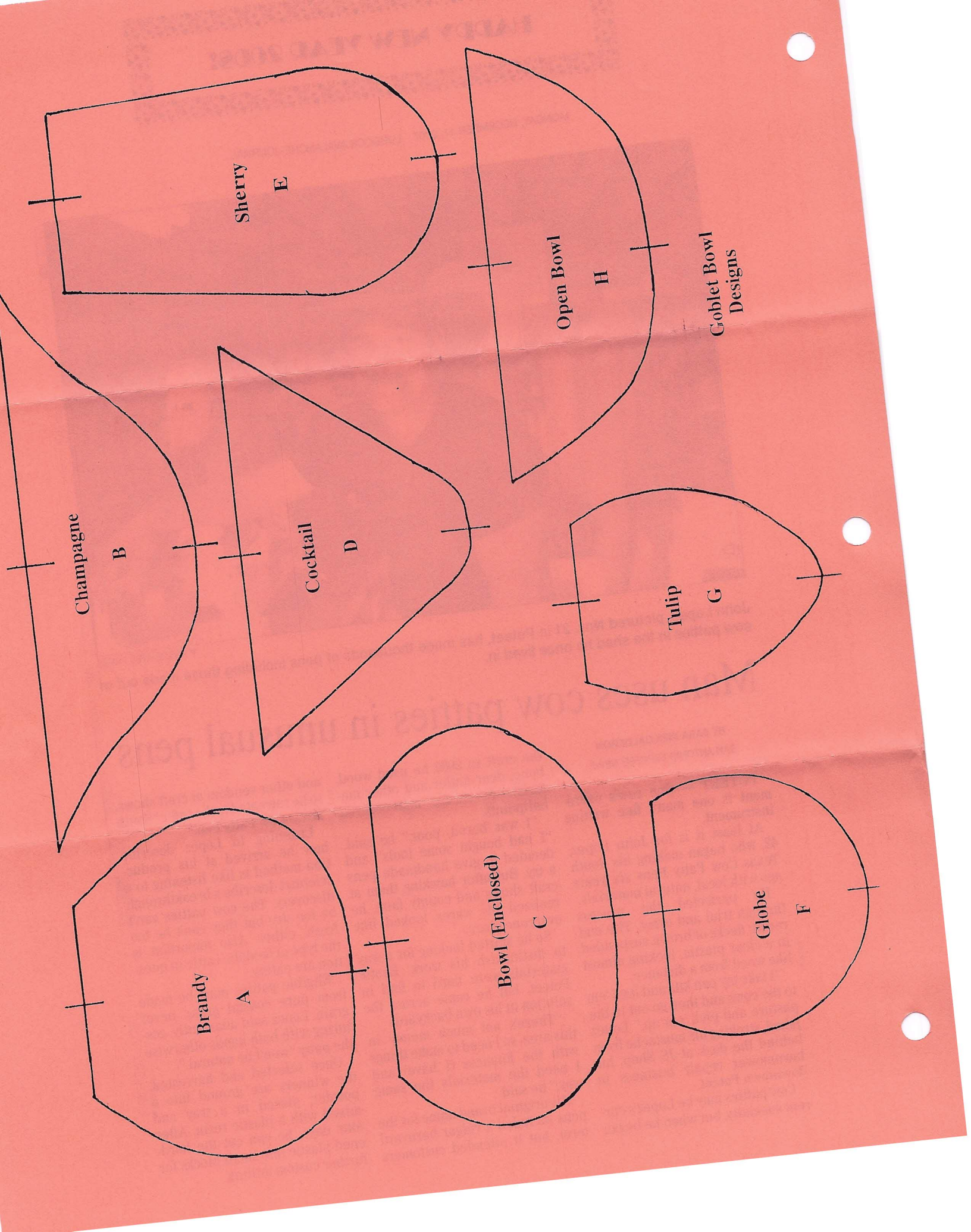
His original brand name for the pens included a vulgar barnyard term, but it offended customers

and other vendors at craft shows, so he retreated to the safer "South Texas Cow Patty Pen."

Listening to Lopez describe how he arrived at his production method is like listening to a scientist describe a breakthrough discovery. The cow patties can't be too dry but they can't be too fresh, either. Also important is the type of feed the cattle in question are eating.

Eligible patties must be made from pure coastal grass, never grain, Lopez said adamantly, gesturing with both hands otherwise the patty "won't be natural."

Once selected and harvested, the winners are ground into a powder, placed in a tray and mixed with a plastic resin. After four days, he can cut the hardened plastic into small blocks for further custom milling.



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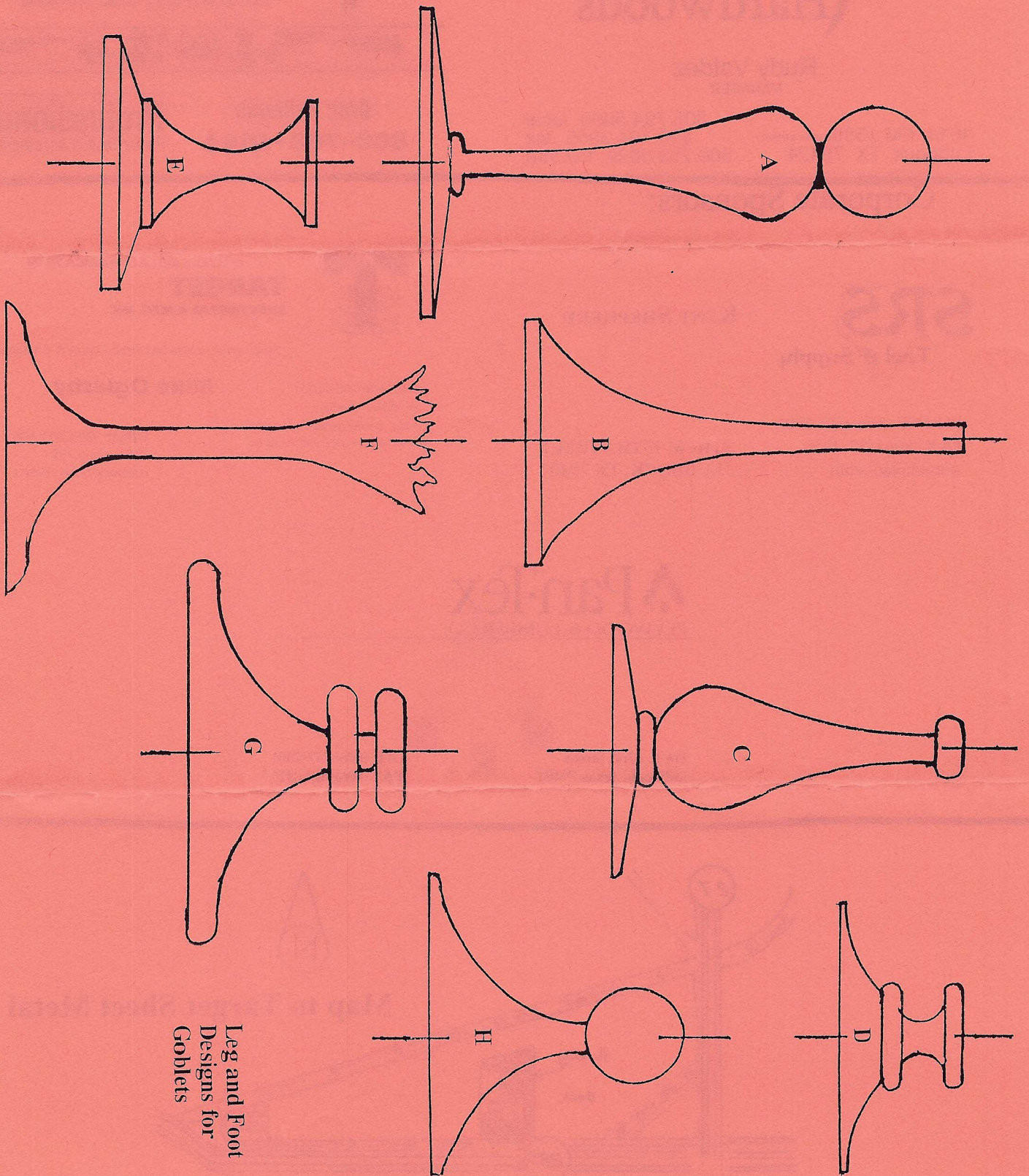
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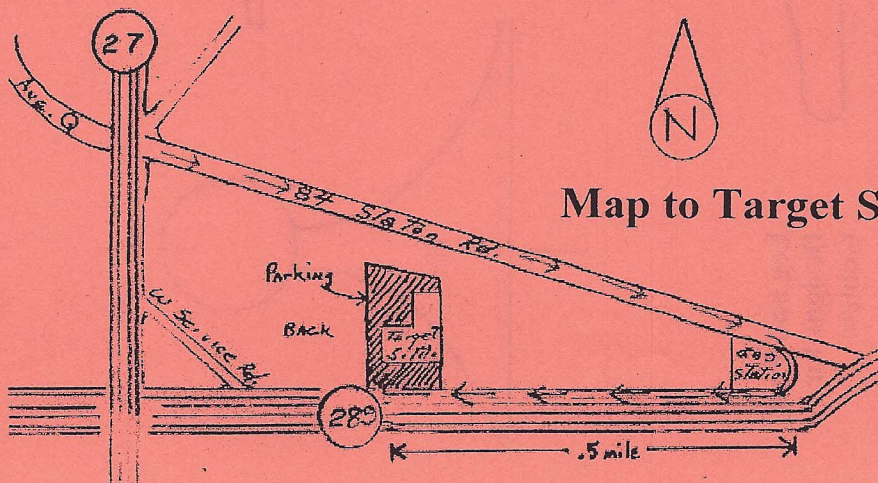
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