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John C. Horst.  
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RE: Comments to CARB board hearing

Good morning,

My name is John Horst and I am here today to represent my business, Margaret's Cleaners and the other drycleaners in California using perc. I have been in the drycleaning business using perc and petroleum solvents since 1956. In La Jolla we added Hydrocarbon to our operation in 1998, and we do a substantial amount of wet cleaning and have for years. However, our experience has proven that no ONE solvent can effectively clean ALL garments. We are looking towards the future in using other alternative solvents as they become available and proven.

**Our position is this;**

1. We believe that perc has served our industry well for many years with no related health problems or injuries to date. No substantiated claims against perc for bad health among workers can be cited. We have careful maintenance procedures and employee training at Margaret's cleaners. We have had a Safety Coordinator on board our staff since 1990. Even before some of these regulations were in force, Margaret's Cleaners was proactive in keeping a clean, vapor free working atmosphere for our employees.
2. We believe perc is a viable and useful solvent and as with any chemical should be used with regard for the atmosphere. We have long advocated this attention to detail and feel with proper procedures

we have committed and accomplished a clean environment thus making perc a very useful and safe product for our employees *and* customers.

3. We believe perc has a long history of safe use in our industry and should be allowed continued use when handled properly. We advocate continued maintenance and controlled operating procedures.
4. We like the alternative solvents and feel they may have a place in the industry if they are cost effective. However none of these solvents have demonstrated the cleaning power of perc, therefore the alternatives are an economical *disadvantage* to date.
5. If perc continues to go up in price it will make our operating costs unfairly passed on to the public. It places a burden on us to financially grow and pass on employee cost of living bonuses.

In conclusion, at Margaret's Cleaners we feel we have a responsibility to be good stewards of all solvents, not just perc. We wish to be granted the continued and controlled use of perc so we may be able to always provide the public with affordable and clean methods of servicing their clothes. We know drycleaning is the most affordable and logical cleaning process with the use of perc and wish to see it to be allowed continued use in our state.

Thank you.

*Margaret's*  
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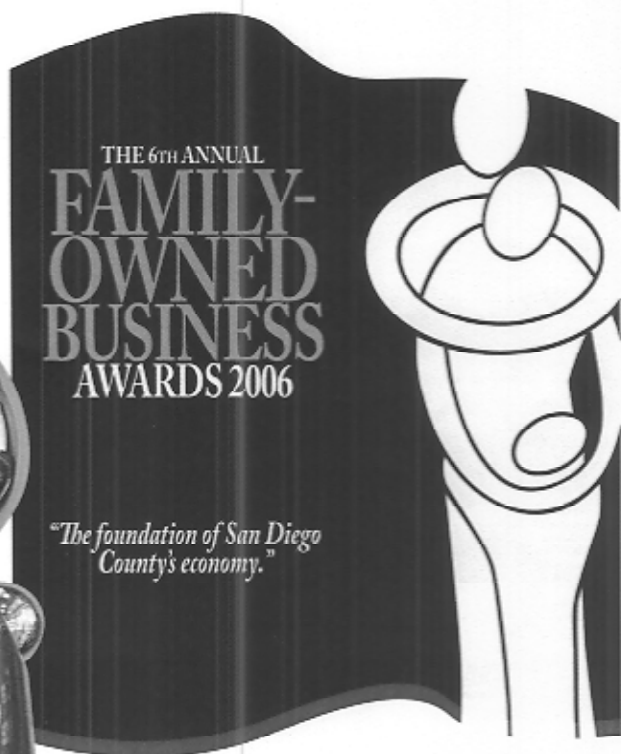
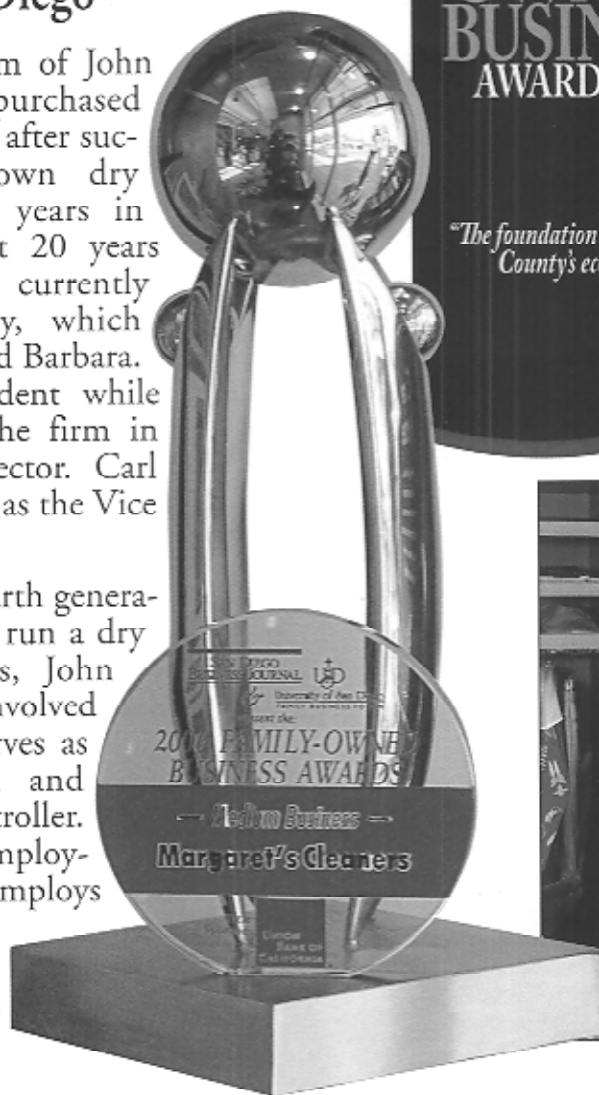
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The husband and wife team of John and Barbara Horst purchased Margaret's Cleaners in 1987 after successfully owning their own dry cleaning business for 34 years in Youngstown, Ohio. Almost 20 years later, two generations are currently involved in the company, which includes the sons of John and Barbara. Chuck Horst is the President while Scott Horst, who joined the firm in 2003, serves as Sales Director. Carl Horst, John's brother, serves as the Vice President of Operations.

Scott and Chuck are the fourth generation of the Horst family to run a dry cleaning business. Owners, John and Barbara, currently are involved with the business. John serves as Chairman of the Board and Barbara serves as the Controller. In addition to the family employees, Margaret's Cleaners employs more than 70 people, growing from four employees since 1987 and to the third largest couture cleaner in the nation.



*The Horst Family*

Standing: Scott, Chuck & Carl  
Seated: Barbara & John