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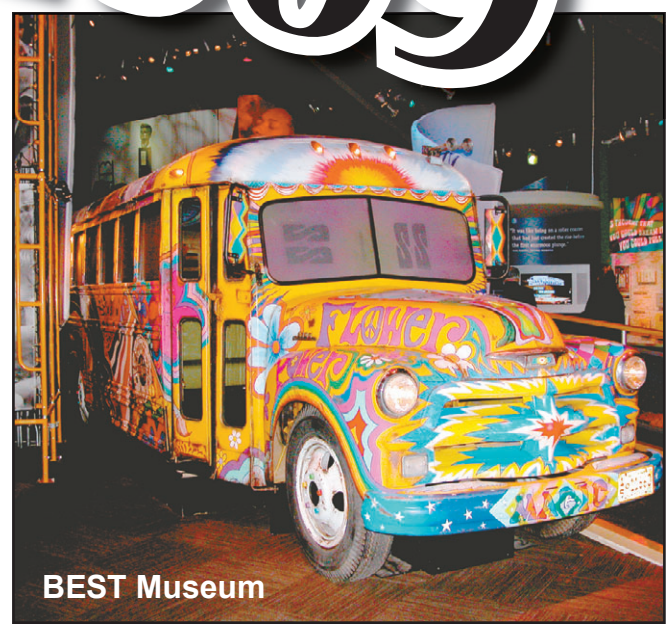
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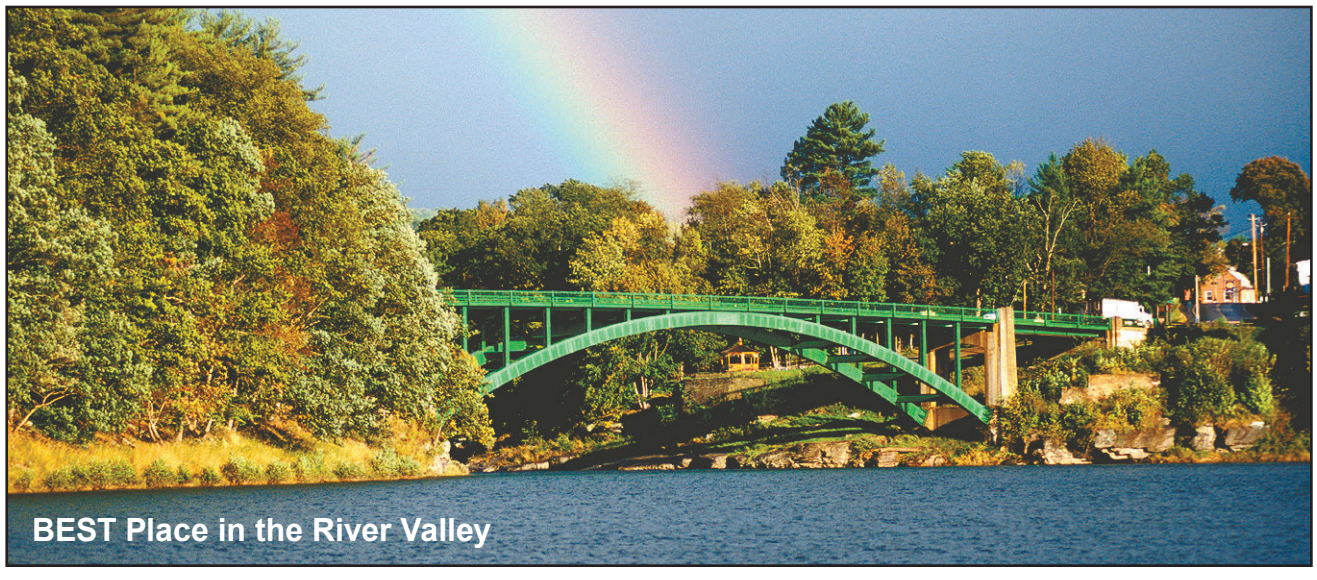
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So, be a part of our 15th Annual Readers' Choice Awards by casting your vote for the Best of 2010 (see page 20).

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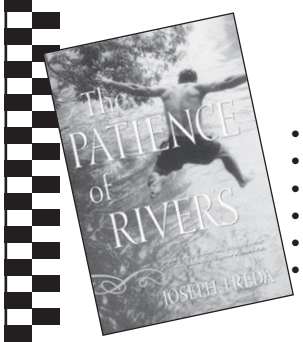
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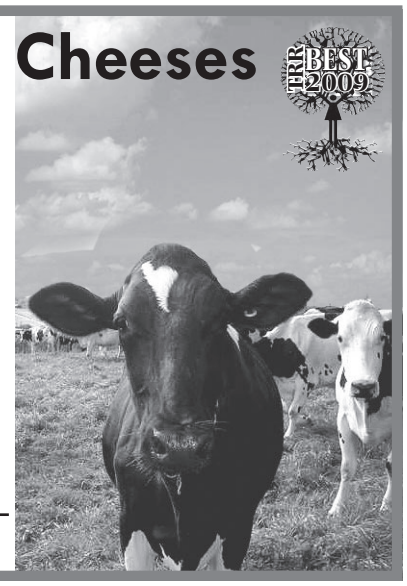
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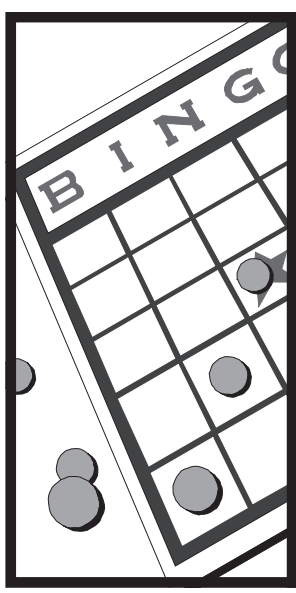


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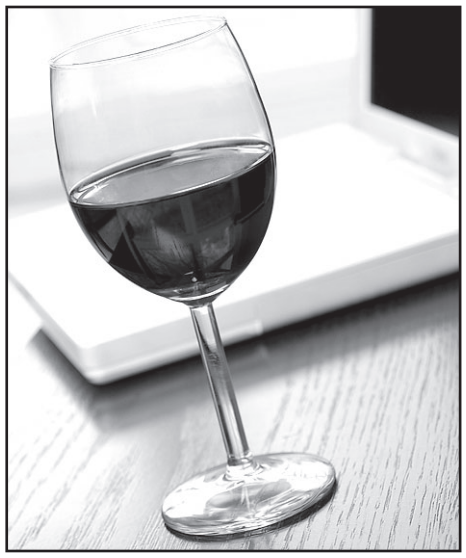
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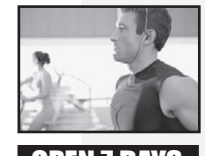
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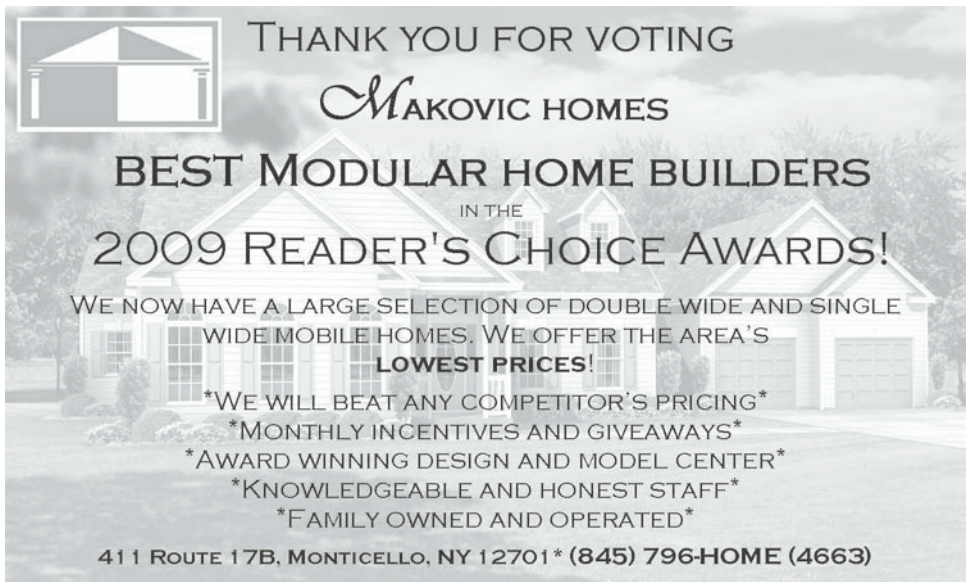
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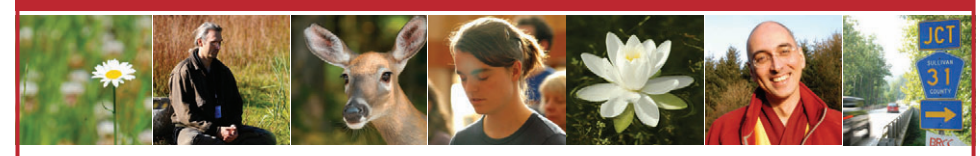
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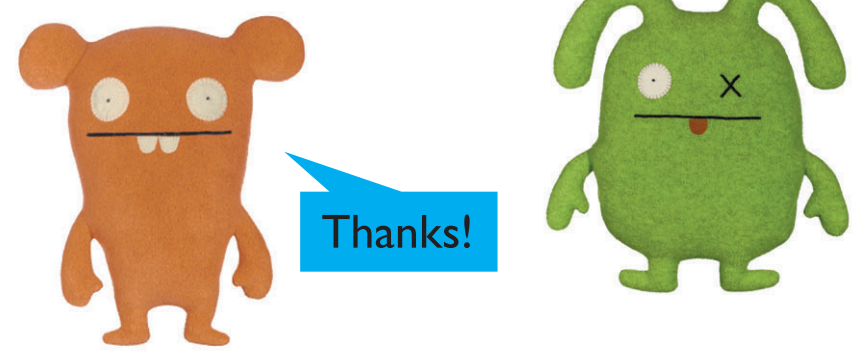
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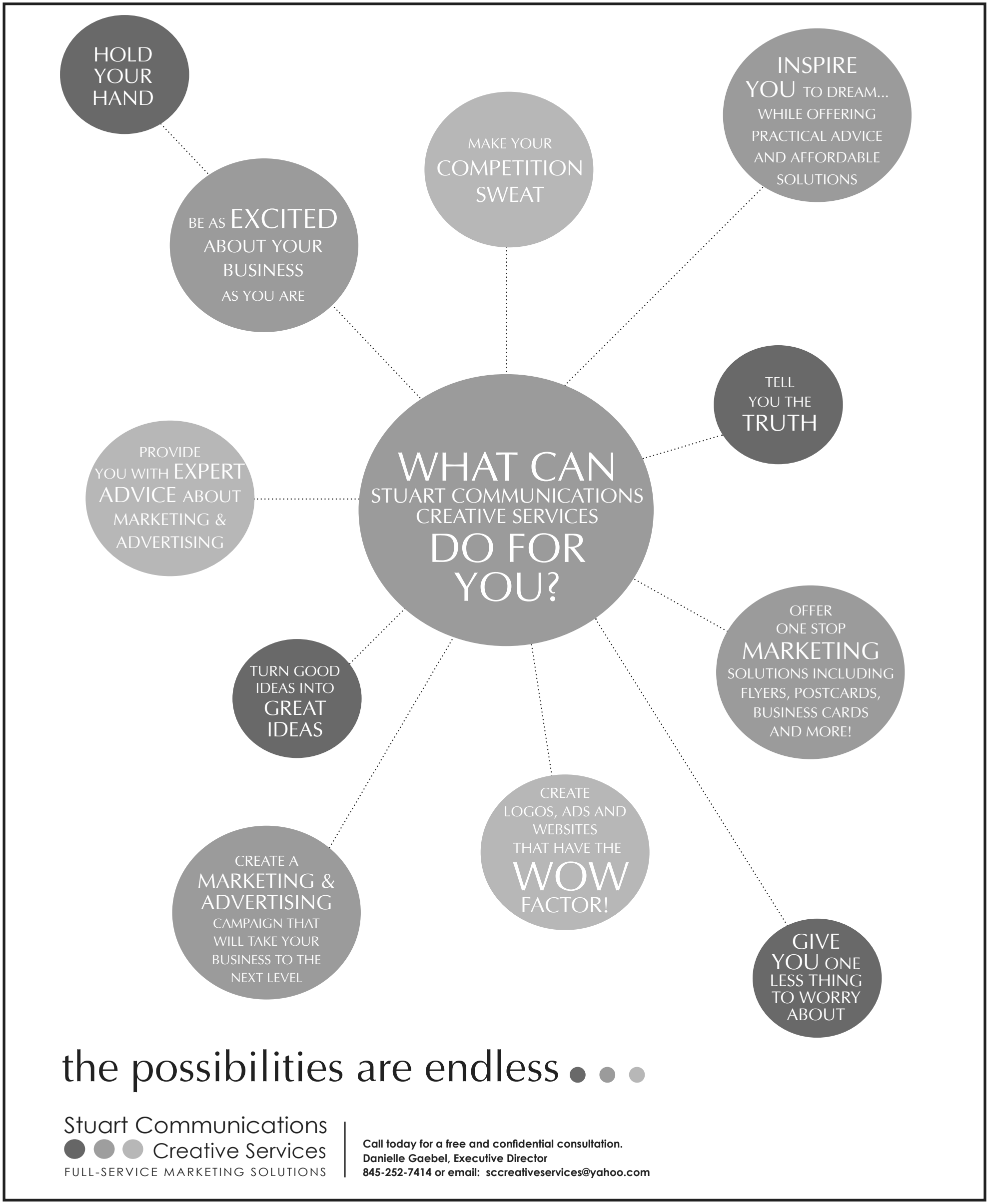
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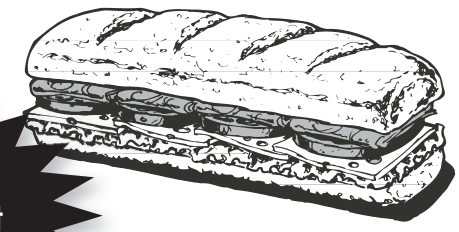
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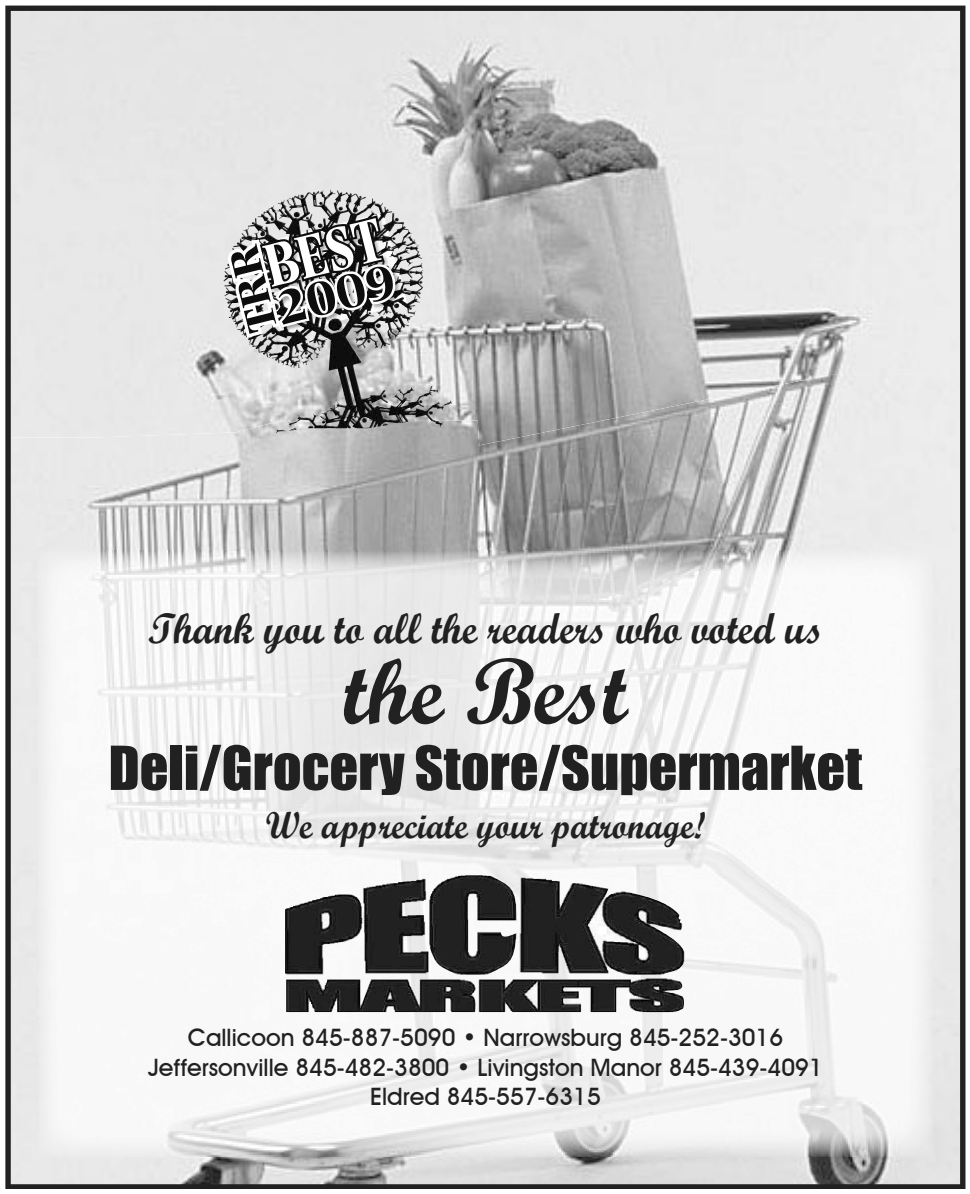
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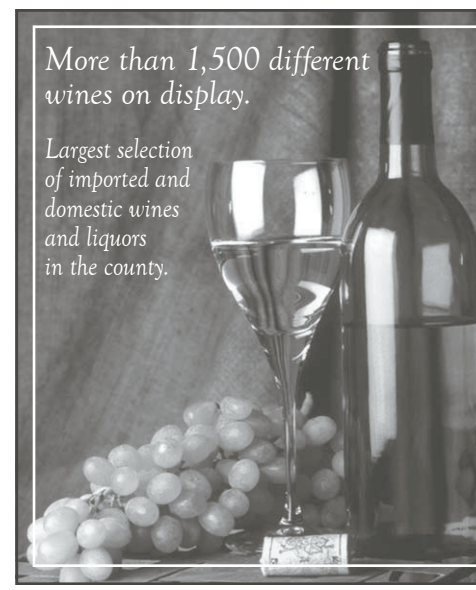
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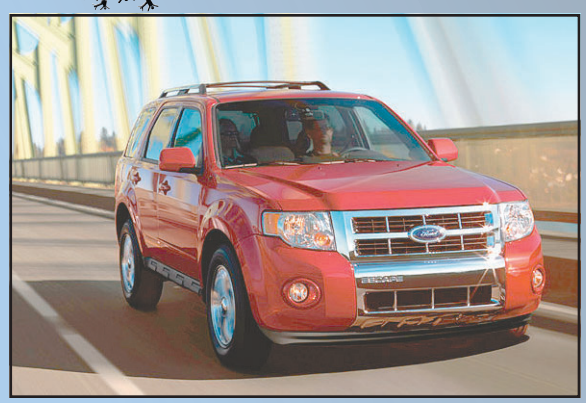
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