

Scholarship fund set up in memory of couple murdered in Trinidad

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A funeral/memorial scholarship fund has been set up for the young couple found dead in Trinidad.

While the body of Geoff Barnes, 23, has been positively identified and the autopsy complete, the fingerprints of his 22-year-old wife Sherelle Ann Imperio had to be sent down to Trinidad a second time, and she had not yet been identified. Until she is identified, an autopsy won't be conducted and the bodies can't be sent back.

"It's all being arranged through External Affairs and the funeral home," said a close family friend who asked not to be identified. "The services here ... we don't know when or where they will be at this time."

There will likely be two funeral services, one locally in Halton Hills is being arranged through the McKersie-Kocher Funeral Home in Milton, and another in Toronto, being arranged through the very large Philipino community there. Sherelle Ann was a member of that community.

Barnes is the son of Thomas

Barnes and his late wife Barbara. He has two sisters, one in Vancouver and another, Valerie, who was married last Saturday to Patrick Bahen of Halton Hills. The wedding took place only days after the bodies were discovered. While

contributed to the funeral/memorial fund. The money will be used to help pay funeral expenses, including the cost of bringing the bodies back to Canada, while the money left over will be used to set up a scholarship in the name of the young couple at De Vry Institute of Technology, where they met. Donations can be made at any Toronto Dominion Bank.

"People are starting to send flowers and cards and in lieu of flowers and donations to other societies we're asking for this," the friend said.

Barnes grew up in Halton Hills and went to high school in Milton. He studied at the De Vry Institute of Technology, where he and Sherelle Ann met.

They were married last November. Barnes continued to work at the De Vry part-time since he graduated last year. The couple lived in Toronto.

Police are investigating their deaths. They were found on a remote beach in the northern part of Trinidad reported to be a place where drug dealing took place.



This photo of Geoff and Sherelle Ann Barnes was taken at a family gathering last fall. Police are looking for suspects in their murder.

it was a difficult day for the family, they managed to get through the wedding, but the reception and dance were canceled.

Instead of sending flowers or making a contribution to a charitable organization, the family and friends are asking that money be

used for a scholarship fund.

Number's up for television bingo game

The T.V. Bingo game that has been presented on Halton Cable Systems Community Service Channel, Cable 4, has been discontinued.

A spokesman for the sponsor of the program said it was necessary to terminate the event.

"We were unable to continue the

program because sales did not cover expenses," was the comment of Lionel Salisbury of Canadian Feed the Children. "It is a disappointment to have to close the show, but we are not in a position to continue to operate it on a loss basis."

The Grand Prize winner of \$1,000 on the last program (May 11) was

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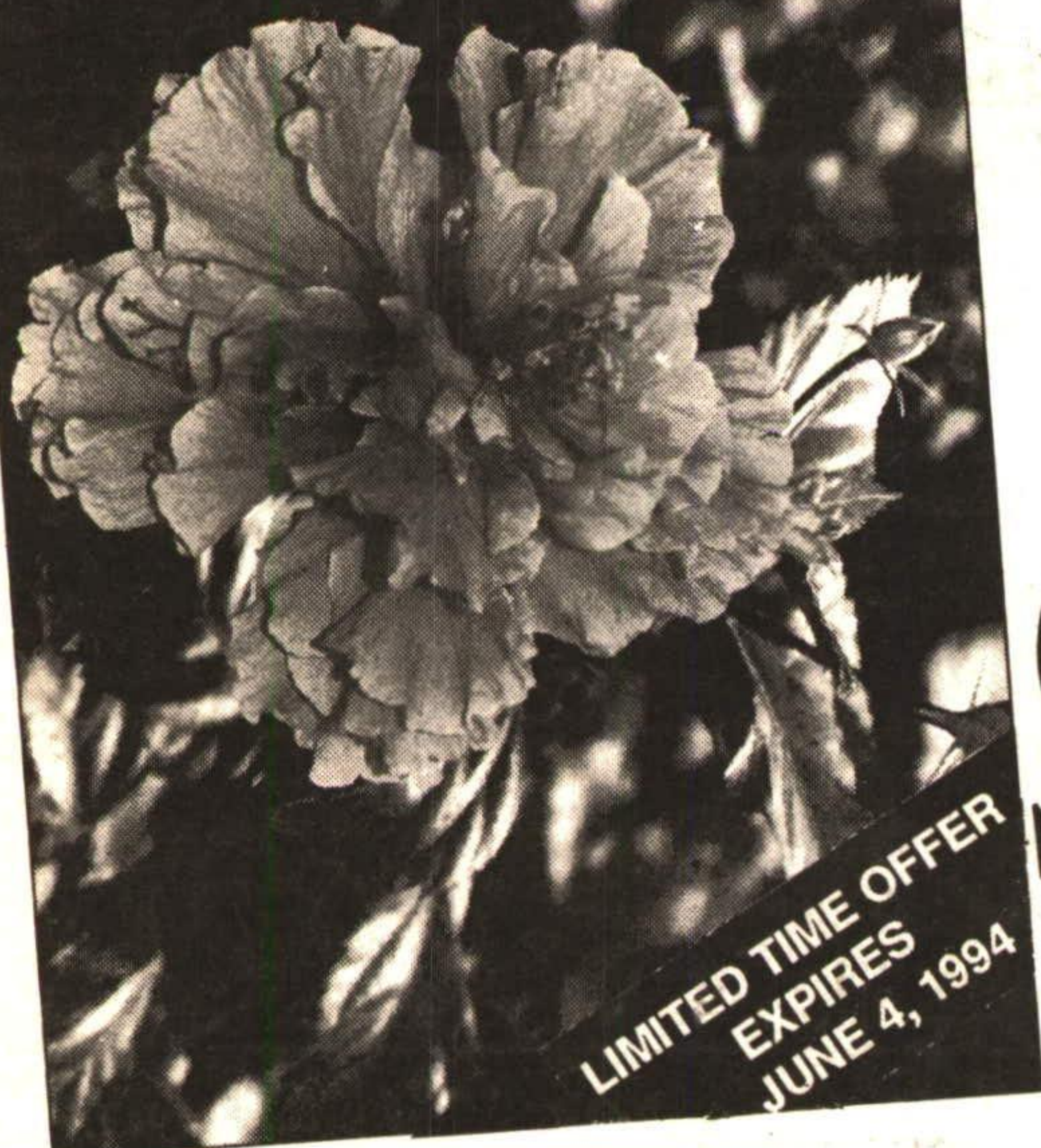
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