

# olde Hide House gets \$2-million boost from Working Ventures

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The decor, menu and a lot of the staff will be the same as before the restaurant closed.

Currently there are about 45 employees at the Hide House, 30 are full-time and 15 part-time. Dawkins said this will likely be beefed up by 10 to 20 more who will be hired part-

time on a seasonal basis. Previously the three retail locations and Tanner's used to employ 120 people.

Dawkins noted that all businesses since the recession are finding ways of having less employees do the same amount of work, and his is no exception.

Ronald Begg, president of

Working Ventures, said his company is a relatively new one, and came into existence because of changes to provincial and national legislation.

"It's the first national labor-sponsored fund in the world," he said. "It's now possible for average wage earners to invest, with the same incentives which were only

available to very large investors." Individuals can invest up to \$5,000 annually in the fund, and receive a 20 per cent federal tax credit, 20 per cent provincial tax credit and the fund is also RRSP eligible. This means someone investing \$5,000 would only be out of pocket \$500 to \$1,000, depending on their income,

Begg said. The funds provide risk capital for Canadian businesses, particularly in the area of export and research and development.

Most of the \$292 million has been collected for investment within the past year and a half. Begg said he has been to Acton, and believes it is well worth the drive.

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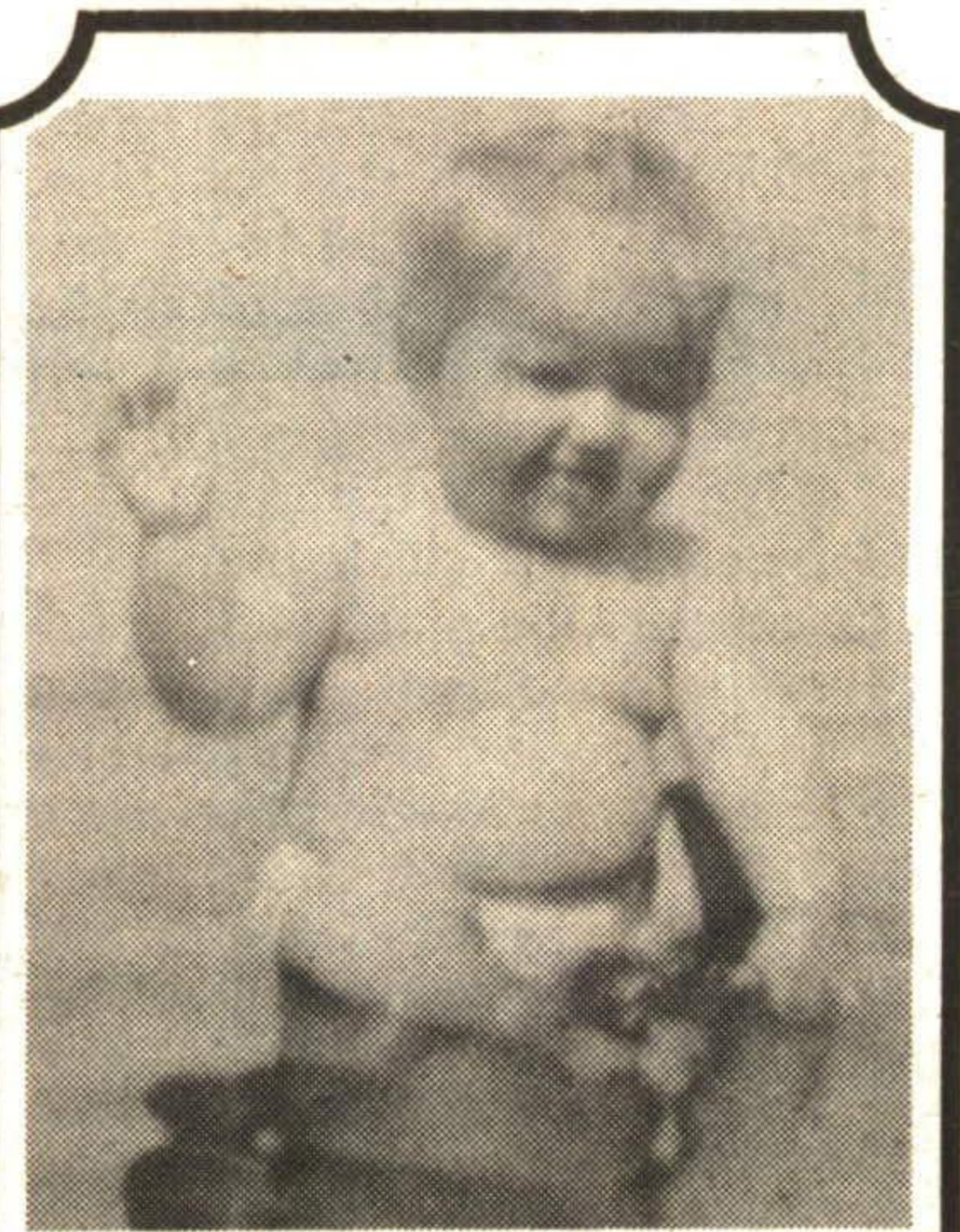
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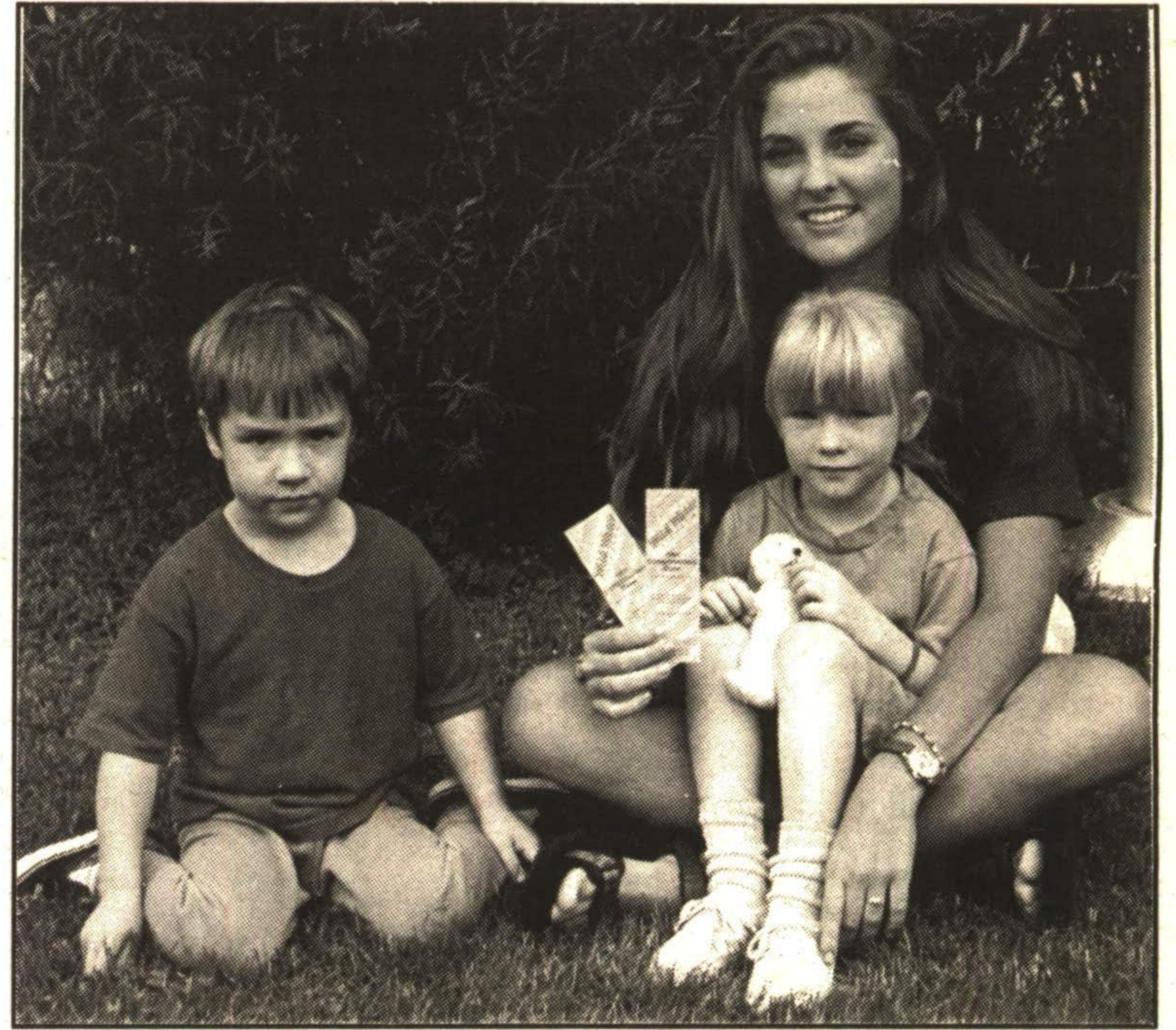
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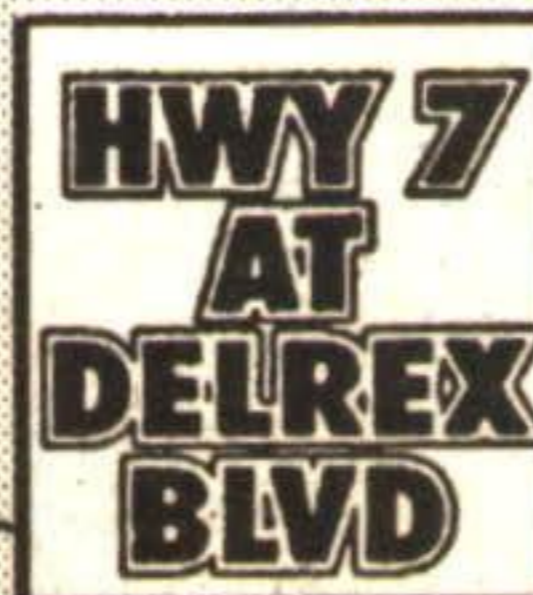
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