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Reader claims headline was 'insensitive'

Dear editor,

I take exception to your headline of Nov. 17, "Wife of town councillor objects to plans for townhouse development".

There are three issues.

1. I am a person and wish to be recognized as such. My name is Gretchen Hamilton Day (nee Gray). I have lived in and contributed to the community of Georgetown for over 20 years. I am a teacher and a professional artist. I am a mother of two children, wife, daughter, member of a number of local groups and friend, I hope, to many. I own my own property on River Drive. I pay my own mortgage, taxes and lawyers' fees, plus many other expenses incurred because of my home ownership. I have a responsible position at the school in which I teach. I am old enough to vote.

2. I do not appreciate you using my situation with the developer and the town to

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husband is suggest my speaking through me and thereby putting himself in a possible conflict of interest. I appreciate the fact that my husband and I are in an awkward situation, but he has done everything in his power to separate himself from my problems. Councillor or no councillor, he is not involved in this problem. In fact, it is none of his business.

3. Before the developer registers the 32 townhomes as a condominium, which are already built, I have a number of serious problems which I have been attempting to resolve with the town itself, since at least 1990 and with the developer since their site plan application in 1994.

I think that you could at least treat me with the same respect and recognition you

would give to any citizen of this town.

Perception can be a dangerous thing, and you are only adding to a very stressful situation by your insensitive and somewhat inaccurate headline.

By the way, umpires and coaches holler, I simply, yet firmly, expressed my dismay.

> Gretchen H. Day Georgetown

(Editor's note: As you have stated, you and your husband are in an "awkward" situation. However, in an effort to avoid any possible confusion for the readers it was imperative to report that your husband declared a conflict of interest in this matter. To not report why he did so (the fact he is a councillor and your spouse) would have been confusing for the reader. While we understand your position, there is nothing "inaccurate" about the headline or story).

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The deadline for applications is FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 1996

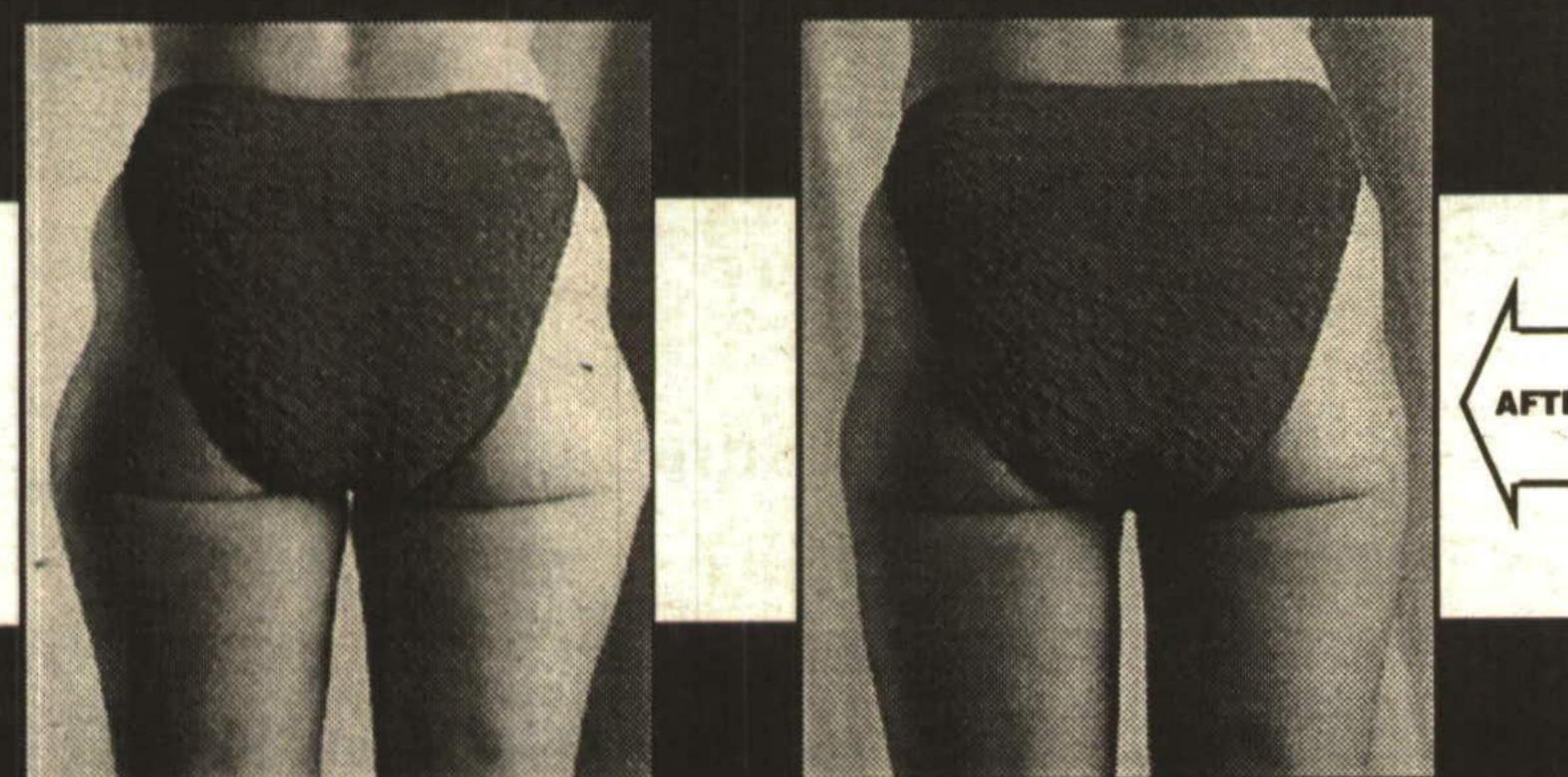
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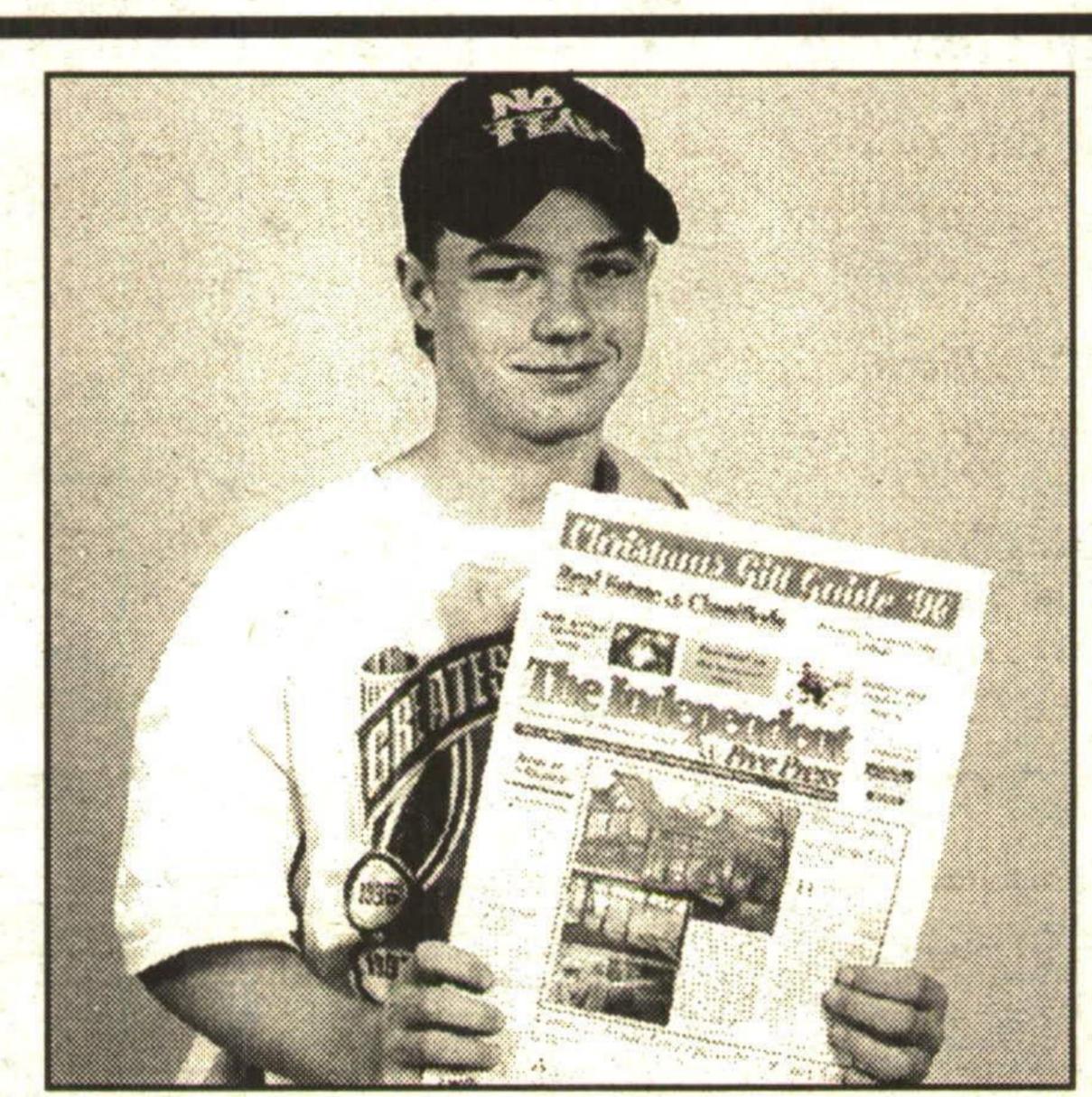
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The Burger King Independent & Free Press Carrier of the Month is Shane Mandarino, who has been delivering 90 copies of the Independent & Free Press twice a week for the past three years. In his spare time, Shane likes to play guitar, high school football, as well as baseball and bowling. Shane purchased a new guitar with the money from his paper route.

