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## Heather Smith's star is rising on the charts

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Heather Smith of Georgetown is making a name for herself on the country music scene.

Smith's recent CD, *The Rules*, has been climbing the charts and receiving airplay in Canada, Australia and New Zealand and has reached number one on the new release play list in Holland. In July it hit number 50 on the top 100 Canadian Country Hits and 81 U.S. stations play the CD regularly.

The new CD features country songs written by several Canadian songwriters and was produced by Mark Fournier.

"(Country music) is part of my roots. I was raised on country music. It sounds real corny but it's true," said Smith.

Smith, who was born in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, and moved across Canada as an army brat, grew up singing around the house. Her father died at an early age and has served as an inspiration. He always told her if she wanted to do something she should go for it because the

only thing standing in her way was herself.

"He was a great supporter of what I was doing," said Smith.

Smith released her first two singles in 1994—*Can't Get Any Better* and *Give Me All Your Love*. *Give Me All Your Love* received air-

play on more than 40 radio stations, and *Can't Get Any Better* was heard at Skydome while the Blue Jays were playing which led to international recognition. She performed at Expo 93 in Taejon, South Korea with other Canadian acts and was invited to Seoul by the Canadian ambassador to perform at various events including entertaining the troops stationed there.

Smith has been pursuing her music career professionally for about the past 10 years. She says since the release of her



HEATHER SMITH

recent CD she's been thrilled to see audience members actually singing her songs back to her when she is performing.

When *The Rules* made it onto the Canadian charts, it shocked Smith.

"It's wonderful to be recognized by your peers in your own country," she said.

Smith is also a songwriter and says she can write any style of music.

"I like a song that tells a story," said Smith, who is currently working on songs for her next CD.

Smith said she is always thinking about music and often wakes up in the middle of the night with the words to a song in her head. She wrote the song, *Wannabe*, while she was sleeping.

When she's not writing songs or performing Smith draws on her marketing and advertising background to market herself. Her husband Richard manages her career.

A video is in the works and a tour is being planned. Smith said she has achieved her goal of receiving national recognition so now she is focused on increasing her audience.

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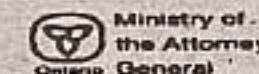
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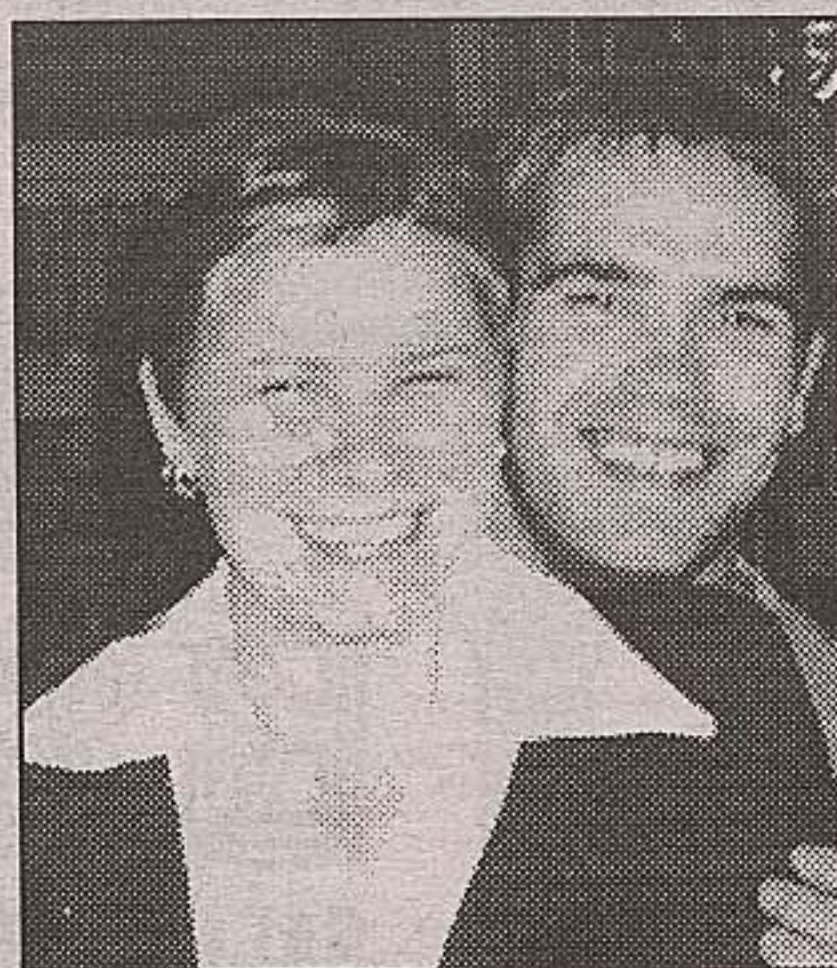
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