Artist's sculptured Holstein cow swiped from yard

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That haunting sound echoing through Milton may not have anything to do with Halloween.

Instead, it could be the mournful keening of Cliffe Bill, an area barber and cow sculptor who has lost his latest creation.

Until recently, Mr. Bill had been busying himself preparing for Thanksgiving by carving a Champion has learned.

wood.

But Mr. Bill's unfinished work was rustled from the yard of his Commercial Street home in the wee hours of Friday, Oct. 15.

"Melissa was last seen munching outside the Bill residence," reported Frank Wilson of the Optimist Club. "He had it outside with the side that was finished facing the road."

The theft is eerily reminiscent of a similar incident that occurred last December, The

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snatched from the Sixth Line property of Bert and Hazel Stewart.

Or at least part of it was, since only a back hoe black and white Holstein cow out of lightweight Then, a 300-plus pound cement cow was could have effectively carted off the whole cow.

But the enterprising thieves must have come equipped with a sledgehammer, guessed Ms Stewart, in order to simply snap the head off.

And though the Stewarts had hoped to find the discarded head sometime after the spring runoff, it wasn't to be.

"They must have made plans to do it," said Ms Stewart. "I guess people don't have enough to

The December incident wasn't the first time swindlers tried to make off with the hefty heifer, • see YOUTHS on page 14



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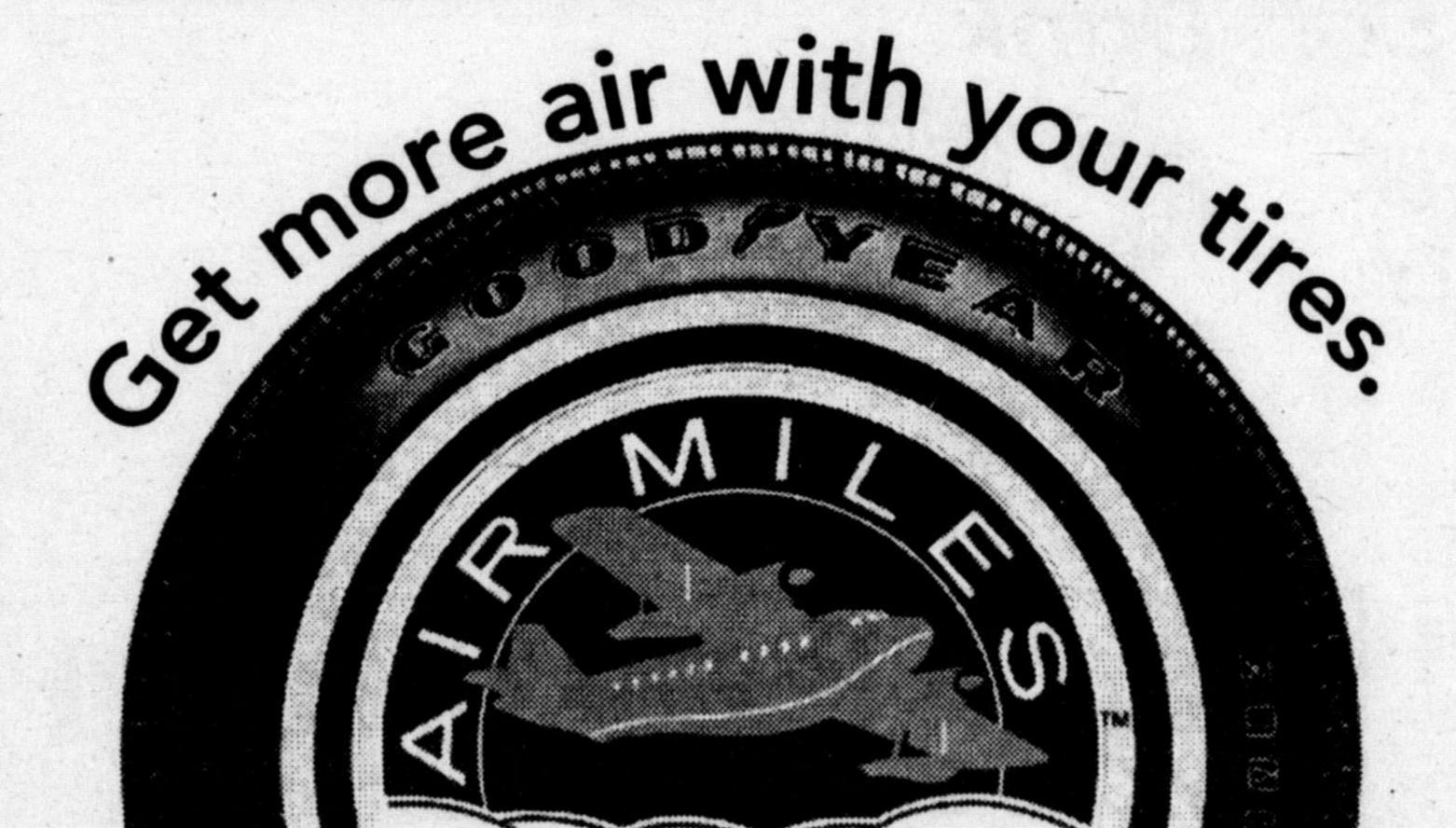


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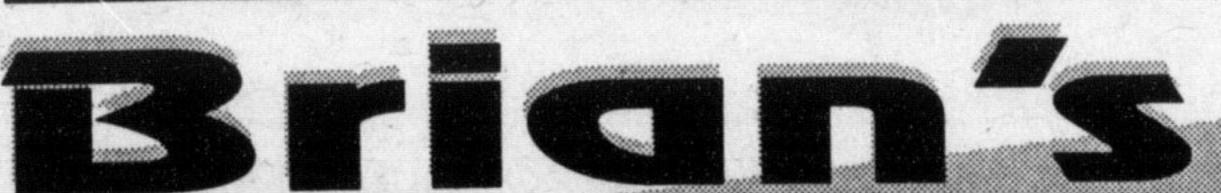
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