

Here's a great Easter side dish

The first signs of spring seem to be here at long last! The daylight hours are longer and the ice on the Mill Pond is slowly melting.

Instead of driving home in the dark, I'm now enjoying the tranquil sunsets over the escarpment from my window.

Easter is symbolic of spring and this special weekend many of us will celebrate with family and friends.

This week's recipe is an excellent side dish that you can prepare ahead of time and goes well with any entrée. Enjoy!



Mushroom Casserole

- 3/4 c chopped onion
- 3/4 c butter
- 2 - 10 oz cans mushrooms
- 3/8 c all purpose flour
- 3/4 tsp dried marjoram
- 15 oz consommé
- 3 tsp dry sherry
- 3 tsp chopped parsley
- 3/4 c coarse cracker crumbs (any type)
- 3 tsp freshly grated parmesan cheese

1 1/2 tsp melted butter salt and pepper to taste
Cook onion in butter in a saucepan for 3 minutes, add mushrooms. Blend in flour and marjoram and add consommé all at once. Cook and stir until thickened and bubbly. Remove from heat, stir in sherry, parsley, salt and pepper. Put in a one quart casserole. Combine crumbs and parmesan with melted butter and sprinkle on top of mushroom mixture. Bake at 375 degrees F. for 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly.

You'd have to hear me to really appreciate it

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important to rap, it's not like it has any shock value anymore, but if that's the way you play the game, I'm in. And I can talk violence with the best of them.

It's not much different than Dr. Seuss when you get right down to it. Just add in the swear words and violence.

Did they do it in a @#\$\$%#@ house?

Did they do it with a @#\$\$ mouse?

I'd need a name, of course, something with DJ in it. DJ Grampa M-Dog comes to mind first, or maybe DJ Gramps has a better ring to it, or Rapper Grampy G. I'll work it out before I put out my first album.

Now, I have to get angry about stuff, things happening in my own hood. I have a few issues that make me mad, and are things other middle-aged rap fans can relate to. Try this one on for size. You'll have to rap along with it in rap style.

I went to the gas pumps just the other day

I couldn't believe what I had to pay

So I capped the %\$#@ attendant

That's a hit song right there.

Here's the start of another one:

I was driving along Main Street as happy as could be

When all of a sudden lights started flashing I could see

Started thinking maybe the Heat was on to me

Even thought about hiding behind a tree

But that's not something you see from Rapper Grampy G

Turns out it was just another train that kept me waiting in non-ecstasy

So I capped the @#\$\$ engineer.

You'd have to hear me rap, along with a suitable beat, before you could fully appreciate the talent, and it would take me at least another hour to come up with 12 more songs.

But, I think we can all safely agree that Rapper Grampy G is in da @#\$\$ house.

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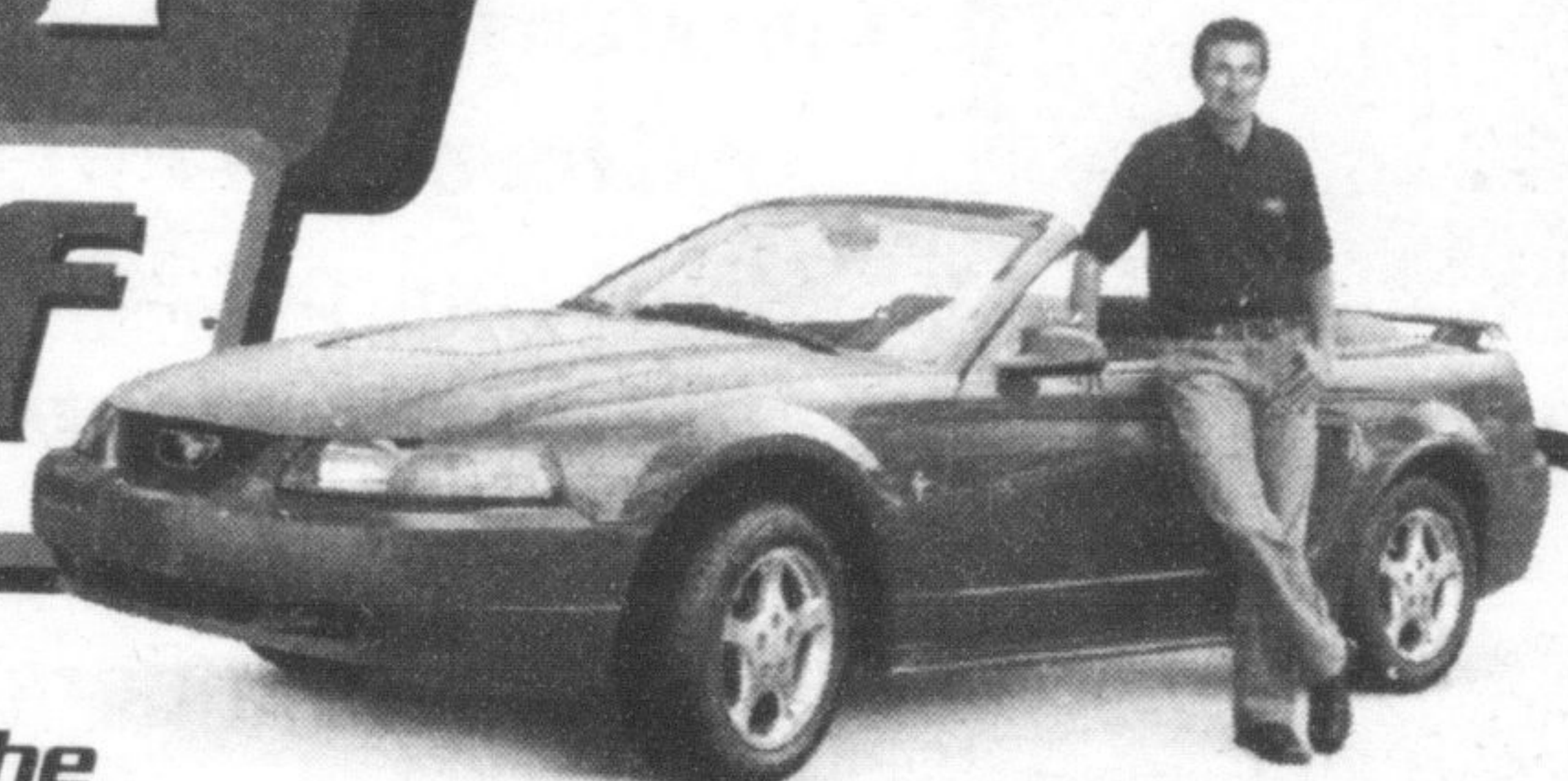
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