

Award winners for big and small businesses revealed

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The suspense of the evening was reserved for the business categories.

The award for Business Person of the Year was presented to Angelo DeMedicis of Milton Home Hardware Building Centre, who beat out fellow nominees Troy Newton of Troy's Diner and Kimberly and Glenn English of A Country Mile.

DeMedicis attributed his success to the residents of Milton.

"The most important ingredient for me is Milton itself," he told the audience.

The award for Business of the Year (25 employees or less) was given to A Country Mile, a downtown gift shop owned by Glenn and Kimberly English that recently moved to the former KFC location on Main Street after undergoing extensive renovations.

"Milton has so much to offer business owners," Glenn said.

The other nominees in the category were Arthur Electric Inc. and Charlie Speck Welding Limited.

The award for Business of the Year (26 employees or more) went to Chudleigh's, which had been previously announced since there were no competing nominees.

Chudleigh's is a 'pick-your-own' apple farm and bakery that features the world-famous Chudleigh's Apple Blossom. The retail bakery business will soon be moving to a larger facility down the road.

Dean Chudleigh accepted the award and spoke excitedly of the business's future.

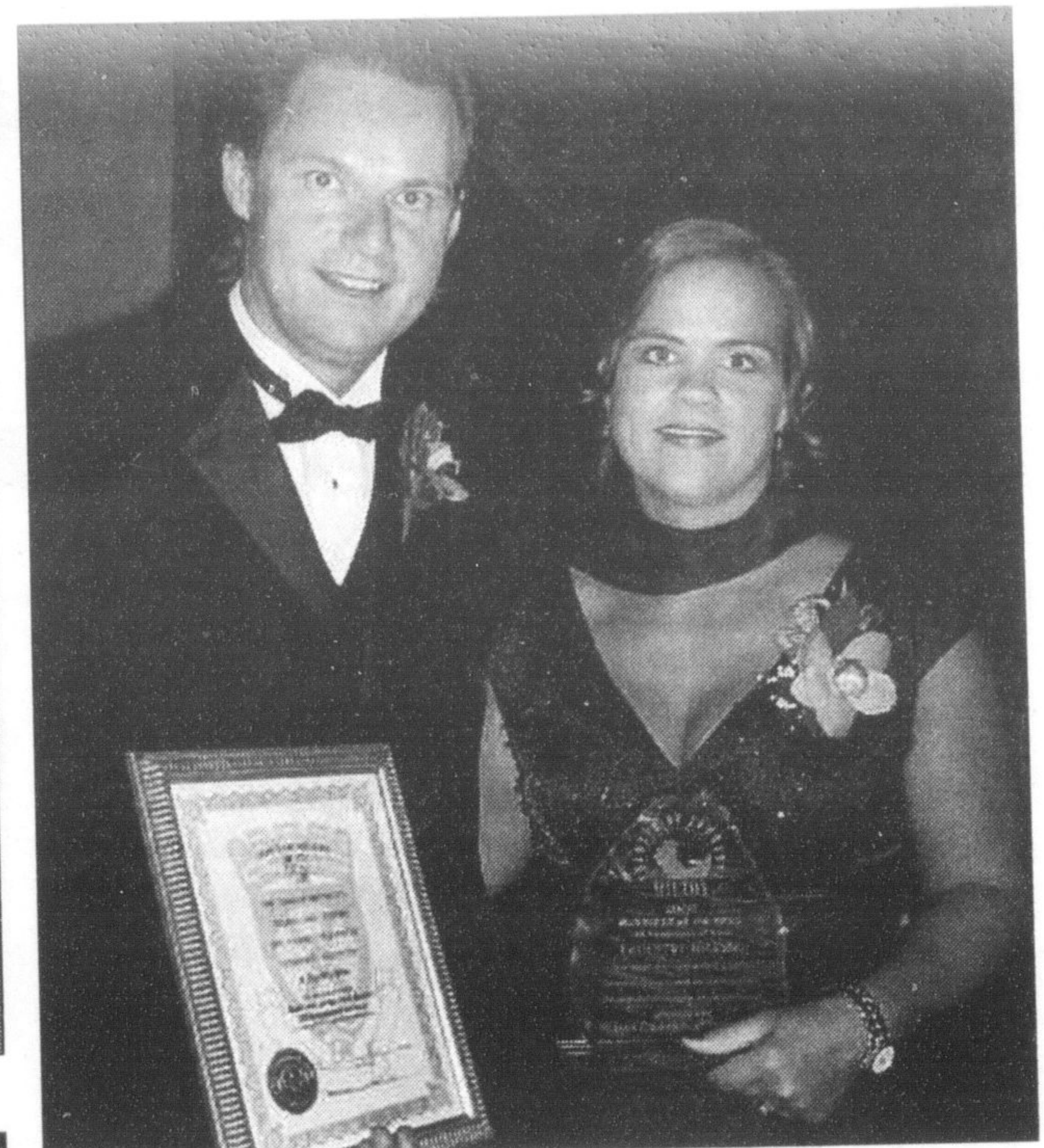
"We're going to be here for a while," he said.

Gloria Francis of Padgett Business Services was named the Chamber's Volunteer Member of the Year.

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Rose and Del Oxford proudly display their Citizen of the Year awards.



Glenn and Kimberly English flash a big smile after A Country Mile was named Business of the Year among those with 25 employees or less.



Barbara Snow (second from right) accepts the Lifetime Achievement Award, for her and husband Jim, from (from left) awards gala chair Joyce Hagevik, Chamber president Leslie McLaren and provincial Opposition leader John Tory.



Dean Chudleigh accepts the Business of the Year (26 employees or more) award.

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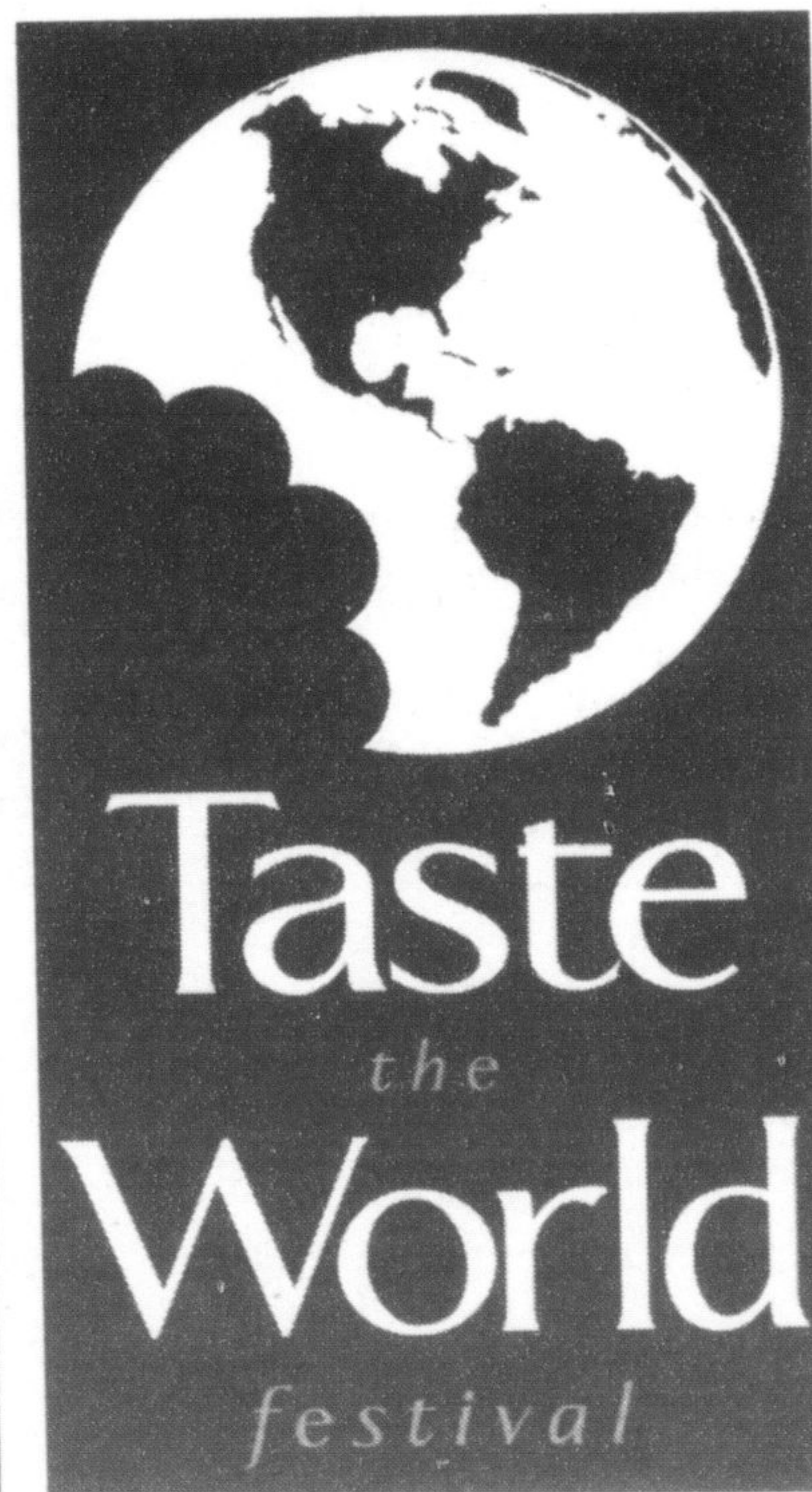
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