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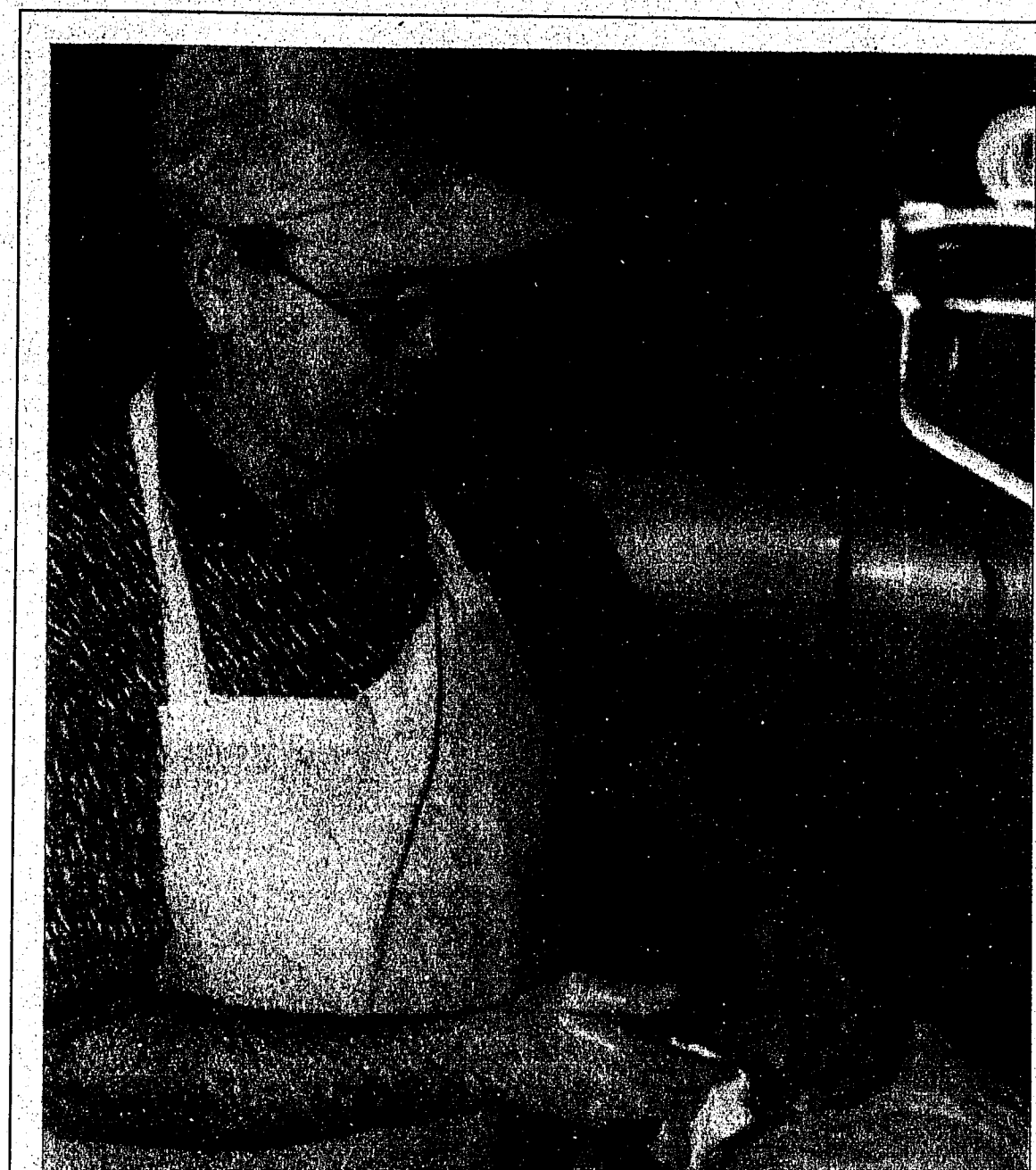
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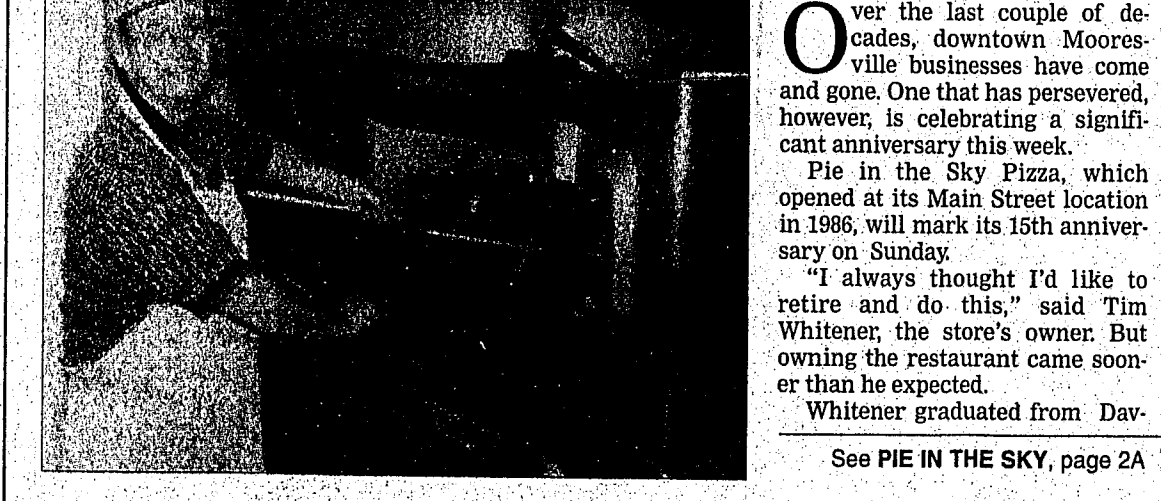
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Tim Whitener makes dough for pizzas (above), before baking them in his trusty ovens (below)

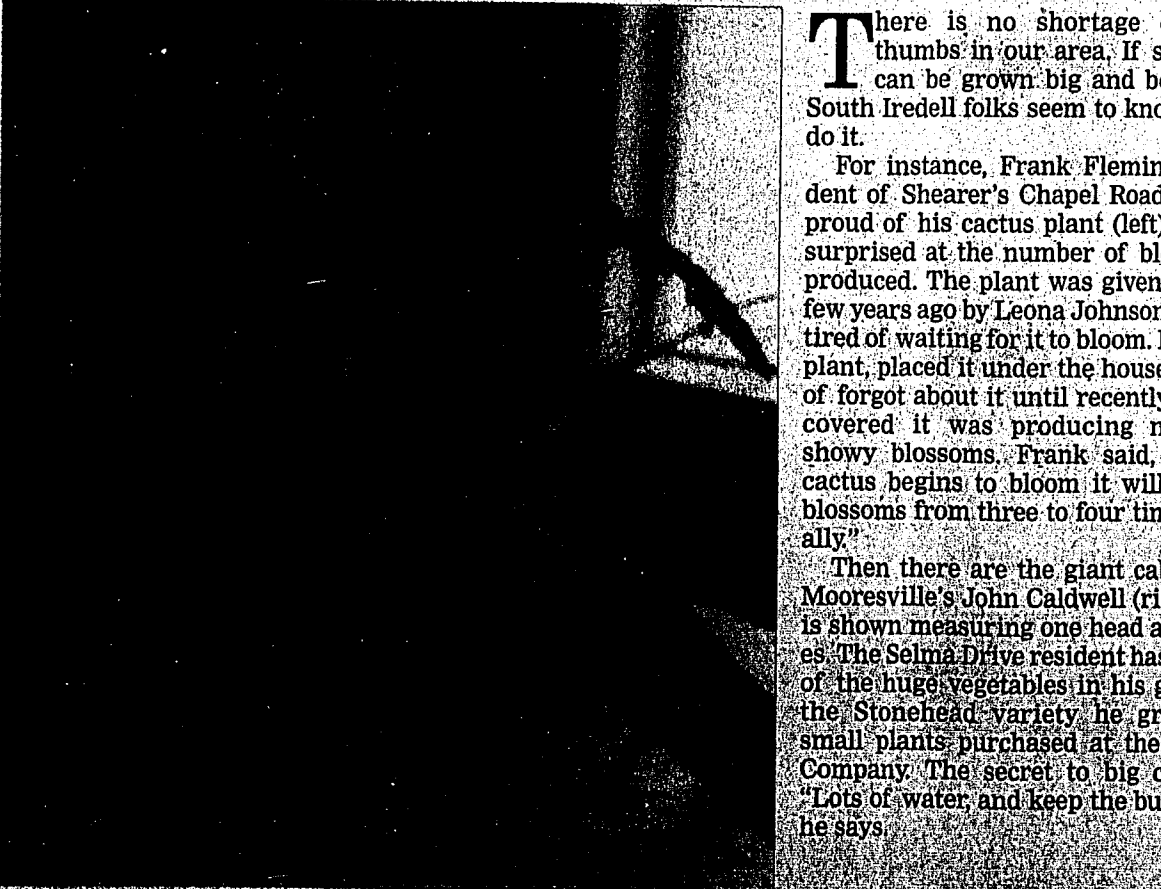
A pizza passion

Whitener's business has been a downtown stalwart



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Oh! The neat stuff we grow ...



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Alcohol sting nets violations at 8 area stores

Teen volunteers have little trouble making purchases

By NANCY BAKER

Graduation. It's a time of celebration that spawns family get-togethers and parties with friends. And it often leads to minors using alcohol.

Recently, with graduation just around the corner, Mooresville police and Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) officers conducted a sting operation by sending teenage volunteers into local stores to see if they could buy beer or wine.

Those teenagers hit the jackpot. Of the 13 stores they went into, the teens were able to purchase alcohol at half the locations.

"We do it (the alcohol check) periodically throughout the year," said Lt. Thomas Thompson, who heads up the Mooresville Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division. "This last time, we did it because of graduation ... a time there's going to be a lot of parties."

This time of year, Thompson added, just seems to be a time when there is increased alcohol use by underage kids.

"We checked quite a few places and quite a few places got violations," Thompson said. "Also, if we get a complaint on a place, we will check it more often."

The volunteers don't use fake identification, said Capt. Leon White. The teens are asked to go into a store and attempt to purchase beer or wine. The individual carries his or her own identification and is instructed to have it out and ready to hand to the clerk.

The Mooresville Police Department often does these checks in cooperation with ALE.

But, ALE runs frequent checks in stores and restaurants all over

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'Kill Your Speed' van has productive first day

Motorists who drove too fast past a nondescript mini-van that appeared to be broken down along an Iredell highway on Tuesday are likely to get a surprise in the mail: A warning ticket for speeding.

The mini-van is part of Iredell County's Kill Your Speed Program, which began in February. "If we're able to reduce speed-related accidents we've accomplished something," said Lt. Bill Halliburton of the Statesville Police Department, which used the van earlier this week to monitor speeding.

Tuesday was the first day the specially-equipped radar van was out tracking speeders. In the first hour the radar was in use, 33 cars were caught on film going at least 10 mph above the posted speed limit of 45. And that was with the media and officers standing around the vehicle.

The van is equipped with radar on the front and a machine inside to clock the speed. When a vehicle is traveling over the speed limit, a camera inside the van takes a picture of the vehicle.

"It's so sensitive, if two cars are coming at the same time it won't take a picture," said Halliburton.

Pictures of speeding cars will be taken to Charlotte, where they will be processed and mailed to the owners, along with a warning ticket.

"We're not trying to violate people's rights," said Statesville Police Officer T.C. Souther. "If it helps saves lives, we are behind it."

Iredell is the only county in the state with the speed van, which was developed by Lockheed-Martin for a UNC-Chapel Hill project. The coun-

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