My Family Tells All

Carole's Corner

With

Carole Ricks

Dear Carole,

I have a terrible problem with my family. They tell my business to everyone they know, family, friends, church members neighbors, the mailman- anybody! My mother is probably worse than my father and grandmother. I hate this habit of theirs. They are going to force me to move somewhere on my own before I can afford it. Just because I live at home doesn't mean I don't need privacy. Don't you think the privacy of a 26 year-old woman should be respected by her family?

E.W.

Dear E.W.,

It would be easier for your privacy to be respected by your family if you did live on your own. Age twenty-six is not too young to be fully on your own. However, while you are still with your family, a few small changes may help you now. Share some parts of your life but don't talk about everything. Ask your family. directly, not to discuss your life experiences with others, unless you agree. Your relationship with your family may grow stronger once you have your own space and your family has their own space.

Carole

Dear Carole,

What is the best way to make a 2 year-old child behave?

Please give me a fast answer before I go out of my mind.

Helpless Parent

Dear Helpless Parent,

Learn about behavior that is average for 2 year-olds. This information will help you to understand behavior that is fair to expect. Time and place can be changed to fit a schedule more suitable to the needs of a 2 year-old. A two hour shopping trip at lunchtime or naptime, is too much to ask of a 2 year-old child. Arrange to get a babysitter, or shorten your shopping time, or shop when your child has eaten and is rested.

The more information about child development you obtain, the greater your tolerance for some of your child's behaviors.

Your tolerance for some of your child's behavior may also increase, if you allow some time for yourself. Plan time for your own rest and play.

The best way to teach and correct the behavior of a 2 year-old child is to teach and increase the knowledge of the parent.

Carole

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INVITATIONS FOR BIDS

The City of Charlotte will receive sealed Bids for FIRE STATION NO. 25 (COULWOOD ANNEXATION FIRE STATION, PROJECT NUMBER 512-86-162, until 2:00 P.M. on the 20th day of August, 1987, in the fourth floor conference room of the Cameron-Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204, at which time and place all Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Separate Bids will be received for the following work:

1. General Construction Work
2. Plumbing Work
3. Electrical Work
4. Mechanical Work

Proposals must be on standard forms furnished by the Architect and must be submitted in a sealed envelope identifying the Contractor submitting the proposal. The envelope must be clearly marked as containing a proposal for a particular contract.

Proposal forms, plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of:

Wilkerson-Moose Associates, Inc.
Two Parkway Plaza, Suite 160
4800 Parkway Plaza Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28217

A deposit of $100.00 will be required for the plans and specifications. The deposit will be refunded upon the return of plans and specifications in good condition within 10 days from date the Bids are received.

Subcontractors, sub-bidders, and material suppliers who wish to submit bids to the Prime Contractors may obtain prints of the drawings sheets and specification pages from the Architect for the following charges:

Drawings: $1.50 Per Sheet
Specifications: $0.25 Per Page

Charges for subcontractor, sub-bidders, and material suppliers are non-refundable and drawings and specifications need not be returned.

Plans and specifications will be on file at the offices of:

1. The Architect
2. City Engineering Dept. (301 South McDowell Street, Suite 400)
3. The local A.G.C.
4. Dodge Plan Room

All contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper licenses under the State laws governing their respective trades at the time of submittal of bids.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Charlotte, negotiable U.S. Government bonds (at par value), or satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the Bid shall be submitted with each bid. Bid bond shall be retained if successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after award.

The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or handicap.

Bids may be held by the City of Charlotte for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract.

The City of Charlotte reserves the right to reject any or all Bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bidders are advised that this contract contains provisions requiring the Contractor to document that sufficient good faith efforts have been made to provide equal opportunity for Minority and Women Business Enterprises to participate in the subcontracting and material supplier opportunities available under this contract.

A pre-Bid conference will be held on Thursday, August 13, 1987, at 8:30 A.M. in the fourth floor conference room of the Cameron Brown Building, 301 South McDowell Street, Charlotte, North Carolina, for the purpose of discussion of questions pertaining to the project. Bidders, prospective bidders, and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. An Addendum will be issued subsequent to this meeting for clarification or revision of bid documents as required.

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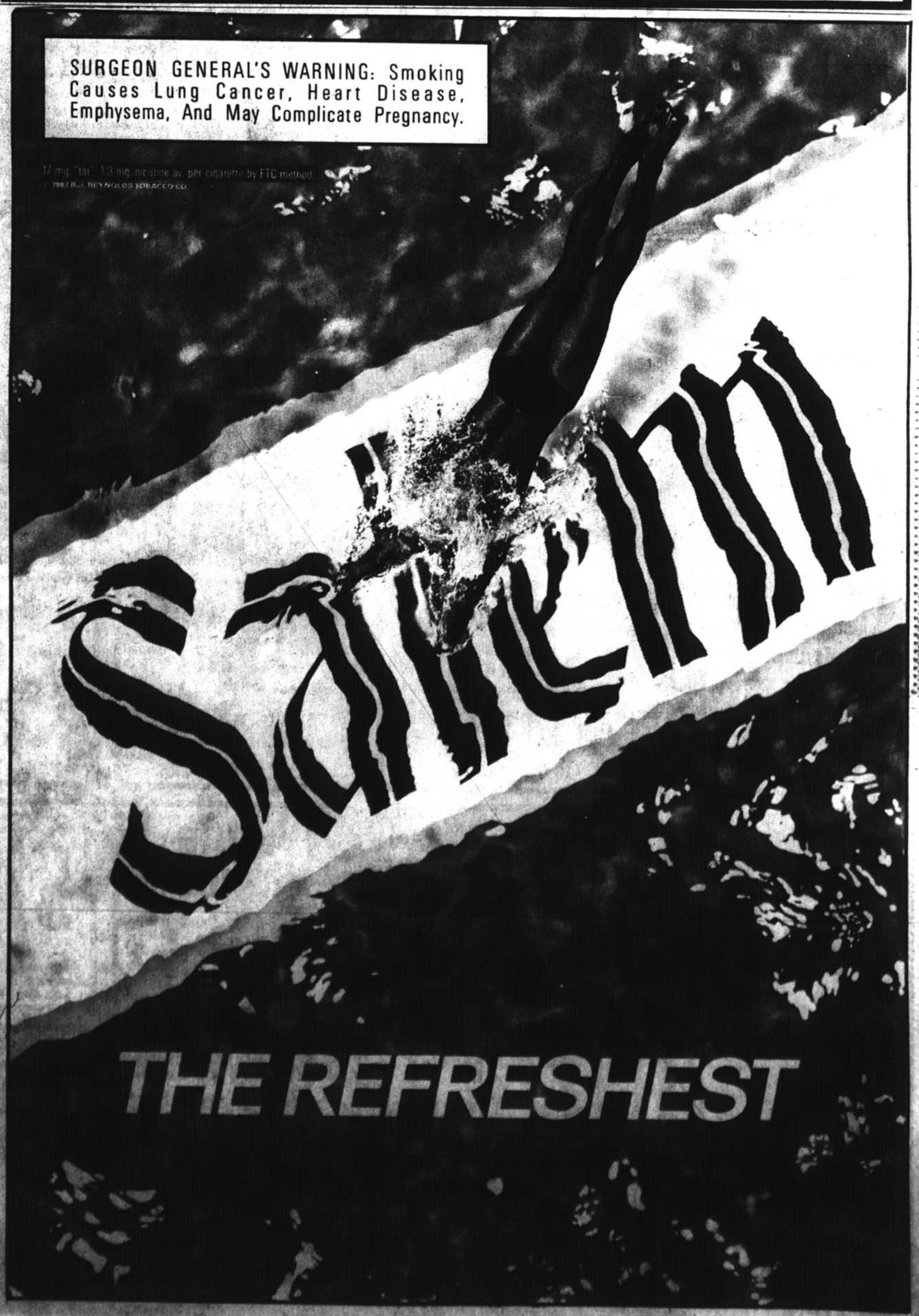
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