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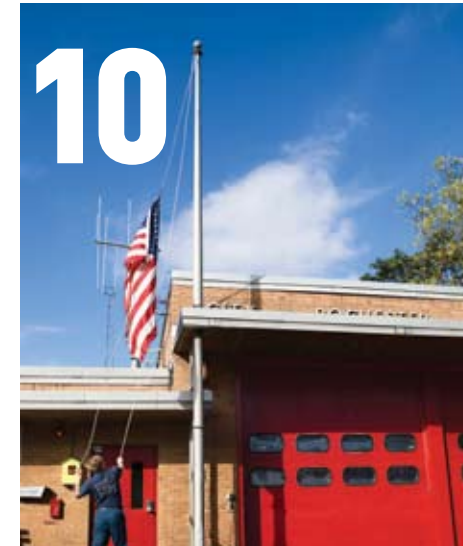
In case you haven't noticed, there are lots of cameras on this campus. Even when they are making incriminating images destined for the eyes of prospective employers, they are telling stories. Writers need to go to school for years to learn language, but everyone with eyes speaks photo. Here are a few stories for you to read, complete with nouns, verbs, and (we hope) adjectives.

Dave Londres

PHOTO EDITOR

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DR. HANCOCK

Matthew Woyak



While most people would assume that all veterinarians share a similar love of animals, it is refreshing when one finds a vet who truly goes the extra mile to make his patients comfortable and to show that he cares. Dr. David Hancock of the Perinton Veterinary Hospital in Perinton, NY can occasionally be unorthodox in his approach to veterinary medicine, but that is what makes him unique. Whether he's inspecting a German Shepherd's genitals like an auto mechanic inspecting a Mercedes-Benz or sitting on the floor playing with poodles like they were his own children, his unique and often quirky style speaks to his character and the character of the hospital. It makes for an amusing atmosphere from which all the staff, doctors, and animals benefit. So, while serious exams, tests, and operations occur regularly, business is carried out with a light heart and a good sense of humor. •



NASCAR ON ICE

Dave Londres



The Rochester Speed skating team is one of the largest in the U.S. Its 60 members range in age from three to sixty-four and they practice hard three times a week. •

President Marty Medina (left) stresses that this is a team, not a club. They are members because they want to work hard to compete and improve.



It's not easy to stay up — falling is cold and dangerous. Some skaters have cut-proof suits, but they are expensive.



Ansís Robs of East Rochester is 16 years old and ranked 16th in the country.



EL PASTOR CHAVEZ

Oscar Durand

Pastor Jose Chavez is the spiritual leader of the "Rivers of Living Water" church in western New York. The majority of his congregation consists of migrant workers who come to him looking for spiritual guidance. Pastor Chavez, who immigrated to the United States as a teenager to work in the fields, struggles to act as a positive influence in their lives. •

Pastor Chavez lays his hands on a congregation member at the end of Sunday service.



Members of the congregation join Pastor Chavez in prayer.



Congregation members hold hands in prayer.



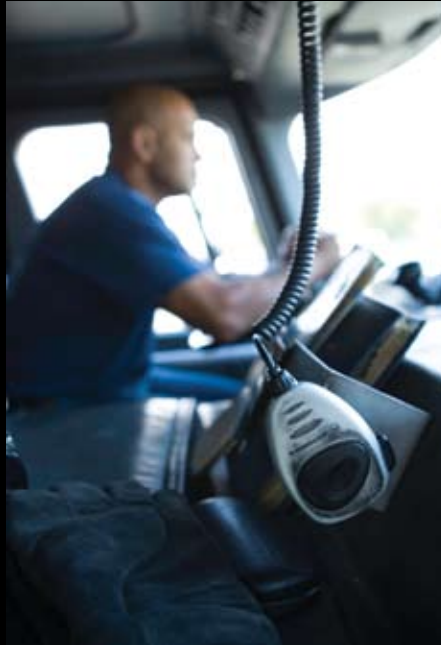
Music is a very important part of the service. Members of the congregation participate by singing and playing tambourines.



Pastor Jose Chavez picks up many of the members of his congregation, as many don't have a car and live too far to walk to church. The pastor usually drives about three hours before each service, picking up his congregation. Chavez changes shoes before entering the church after parking the bus.



The walkie talkies that firefighters use are very important, and need to be easily accessible.



Willie Lopez, firefighter for Quint 6.



The Men of Quint 6 know that reacting quickly to a call is very important. Here the medical truck, also known as the midi, rushes to someone's aid.

THE MEN OF QUINT 6

Ryan Randolph



During a ladder training exercise, the firefighters of Quint 6 take the time to discuss what maneuvers would be best for carrying a person out of a second story window.



The Lieutenant from Engine 16 helps out the guys from Quint 6 by carrying out a bucket of debris from the scene of a kitchen fire.



BOLING, TEXAS

Lisa Barker



The Boling Superette



Mr. See



Rooster Yard

Bill



My mother's roots trace back to a poor, tiny town in east Texas. The town of Boling today boasts a population of about 200. Her memories of growing up in a dysfunctional family on the wrong side of the tracks are not fond. To this day, she is grateful that she was able to get out when she did — a feeling which was compounded when, during our recent visit, she ran into locals who haven't left and have barely changed in the 30 years since her departure. Mrs. Archer is still running the Boling Superette, which has devolved from a grocery store into a chaotic, perpetual rummage sale of sorts; Mr. See, whose children she recalls playing with in elementary school, still has a ragged farm on the outskirts of town. This series reflects my mother's attempts to reflect upon and balance the eerily familiar and the uncomfortably new aspects of a place that never really felt like home. •

A PROCESS OF ARRIVAL

Lisa Barker

The Aliyev family moved to Rochester, NY as political refugees from Krasnodar, Russia in May 2007. They are Meskhetian Turks, an ethnic group that was first expelled from Turkey by Joseph Stalin in 1944, and has been essentially without a country ever since. The Aliyev family is an example of a successful resettlement story: Shakir, the father, works long hours at the local cemetery to support his family, and says that all he ever wanted in coming to the United States was for his daughters to have a good education and a chance at getting successful jobs. The girls excel in school with the help of a committed English tutor; and though their mother, Khalima, spends most of her time at home keeping things in order, she is supported by her own parents and brother who live just next door. The devout loyalty between every member of the family helps them to stay strong through challenging adjustments to life in a new place. •



Lenora's tenth birthday is the first one she has celebrated in the United States.



Pat, a neighbor who helped the family settle into their new home when they first arrived in Rochester, flips through a book of photographs taken around the Aliyev's home in Russia.



"My life feels small," says Zarema, 16, the eldest daughter. She is not always happy with the amount of responsibility she has at home, on top of the academic and social stresses of high school.



Shakir Aliyev works 50-60 hours a week at Riverside Cemetery to support his family of seven. He rarely has a minute to himself once he gets home, but when he gets a chance, he tries to brush up on his English skills with the help of books given to him by his coworkers.



Aziza, who is six, watches as her older sister Elvira leaves for school. Elvira is in eighth grade at Nazareth Academy, and in the fall Aziza will be starting kindergarten at the Harley School, a prestigious private school where her sister Lenora also goes, both on a full scholarship.

