

Forget doing the Dew...try a Holler, instead

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In a modern world driven by name-brands and big deals, everyone is looking to save money and get more for their dollar. During a recent taste test we found out that name brands aren't always the best choice.

When it comes down to the decision of pop to drink we are all guilty of going for the name-brand, not because it tastes better but because it's the popular choice. This brings us to the age-old question: Is there really a difference in generic brands compared to name brands? What we found will shock you!

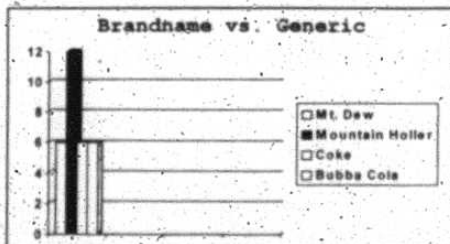
Thirty people tested two different flavors of pop: cola and citrus. For cola, Bubba Cola and Coke were tested. Guess what? They tied! People thought they had equally satisfying tastes.

When it came to the citrus, we experimented with Mountain

Holler and Mt. Dew. Again, guess who won? DING, DING, DING! If you guessed Mountain Holler than you are...correct! Twelve out of eighteen students who took the test between Mountain Holler and Mt. Dew selected Mountain Holler. Who would have guessed?

So, now you're probably thinking that's impossible. WRONG! Maybe it is just the fact that everyone's used to hearing that the more it costs, the better it will taste. It could even be that one brand has a catchier slogan or advertisement, but whatever it is, the majority of us are wasting huge opportunities on saving money just to get the name brand.

For all you consumers that thought you knew what you actually liked, maybe you should reconsider and try a different brand of pop next time.



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Cold Creek Manor drifts up creek

By KYLA FRENCH

Attention! Reading this article will save your time and sanity!

Over the weekend, I made my daily migration to the movie theater with hopes of seeing a "thrilling drama" in *Cold Creek Manor*. However, after sitting through what seemed like an eternity of mindless dialogue and predictable plot, I can only come to one conclusion: I should have drowned myself in a cold creek before I went to see this movie.

The movie begins as Cooper Tilson (Dennis Quaid) and his wife Leah (Sharon Stone) let their children roam the busy streets of New York without a watchful eye. They then act surprised when their son is almost hit by car. This incident prompts the family to move to a "safer place" outside of the city. They think they'll find peace in Cold Creek Manor, a former grand estate. However, all they find is the mysterious previous owner of the house and the perfect crime. (Insert eerie music here.)

If you're like me, when you watched the previews for this movie, you assumed the house was haunted. After all, the preview only had one moment of dialogue saying that a "house is a shell until you move into it and then it changes." It then proceeded to show those changes (sheets moving by themselves, a shadow appearing out of nowhere, etc.).

Don't be fooled! This movie



Sharon Stone's lady-in-distress role isn't the comeback she was hoping for. (photo from movies.com)

has nothing to do with a haunted house!

Apparently the manor's first owner, Dale Massie (Stephen Dorff, *Blade*) had the home taken from him by the bank. He was then sent to prison, where he stood idly by while his house was sold from underneath him.

He returns once the Tilsons move in to "help around the house." What the Tilsons don't know is that he wants his house back, and is willing to do anything for it.

While Massie is working for him, Cooper discovers some startling evidence. He first finds a box of old family photos that had been left in the house that appear to be of Massie and his family, including his retainer wearing daughter. Although it is invisible to the na-

ked eye, somehow Cooper merely looks down one day and sees, buried under gravel, the broken pieces of a purple retainer. (Insert startled gasp here.)

Eventually, Cooper faces off with Massie, sending him spiraling down the center of the manor through a stained glass window that you knew someone would fall through the minute it was shown in the beginning of the movie.

Cold Creek Manor should have been Sharon Stone's "comeback" role. However after the typical female-in-distress role she played here, I would say it's her "don't call us, we'll call you" role.

The acting is atrocious, the plot is non-existent. You couldn't expect less out of a movie. *Cold Creek Manor* has been left "up the creek without a paddle."

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Libra (9/23-10/22) Okay, so at the moment life stinks. You are completely stressed over school/home, but stick it out. Things will brighten up soon.



Scorpio (10/23-11/22) You and your significant other have been so busy you've put each other on the backburner. Take some time and catch up.



Sagittarius (11/23-12/21) Just because you are loyal doesn't mean you should let your friends pressure you. Your mind and will are your own, use them.



Capricorn (12/22-1/20) Those around you are for more than just propelling you. Maybe it is time to show your appreciation for their contributions.



Aquarius (1/21-2/19) Your family just doesn't understand, right? Perhaps it is time to at least consider what they have to say—it could surprise you.



Pisces (2/20-3/20) Take a deep breath and relax. Don't worry so much about your relationships, people care for you more than you realize.



Aries (3/21-4/20) Consider sharing the spotlight, and thinking before doing. If you give credit where it's due, others will be understanding.



Taurus (4/21-5/21) Getting into a new relationship is hard, but don't let the changes frighten you away from a potentially great relationship.



Gemini (5/22-6/20) You're always the one your friends come to when they need advice, but don't forget yourself. You have a life of your own and you should enjoy it.



Cancer (6/21-7/23) It's been 9 weeks already, it's time to shake things up a bit. Do something spontaneous and for yourself. You may find you like a little spice.



Leo (7/24-8/23) Your significant other is beginning to feel smothered, so give them some space and they will be happier.



Virgo (8/24-9/22) You should consider being more understanding to the people around you. If you tone down criticism and are empathetic, then people will listen more.