

Entertainment

Famed restaurant attracts hungry customers

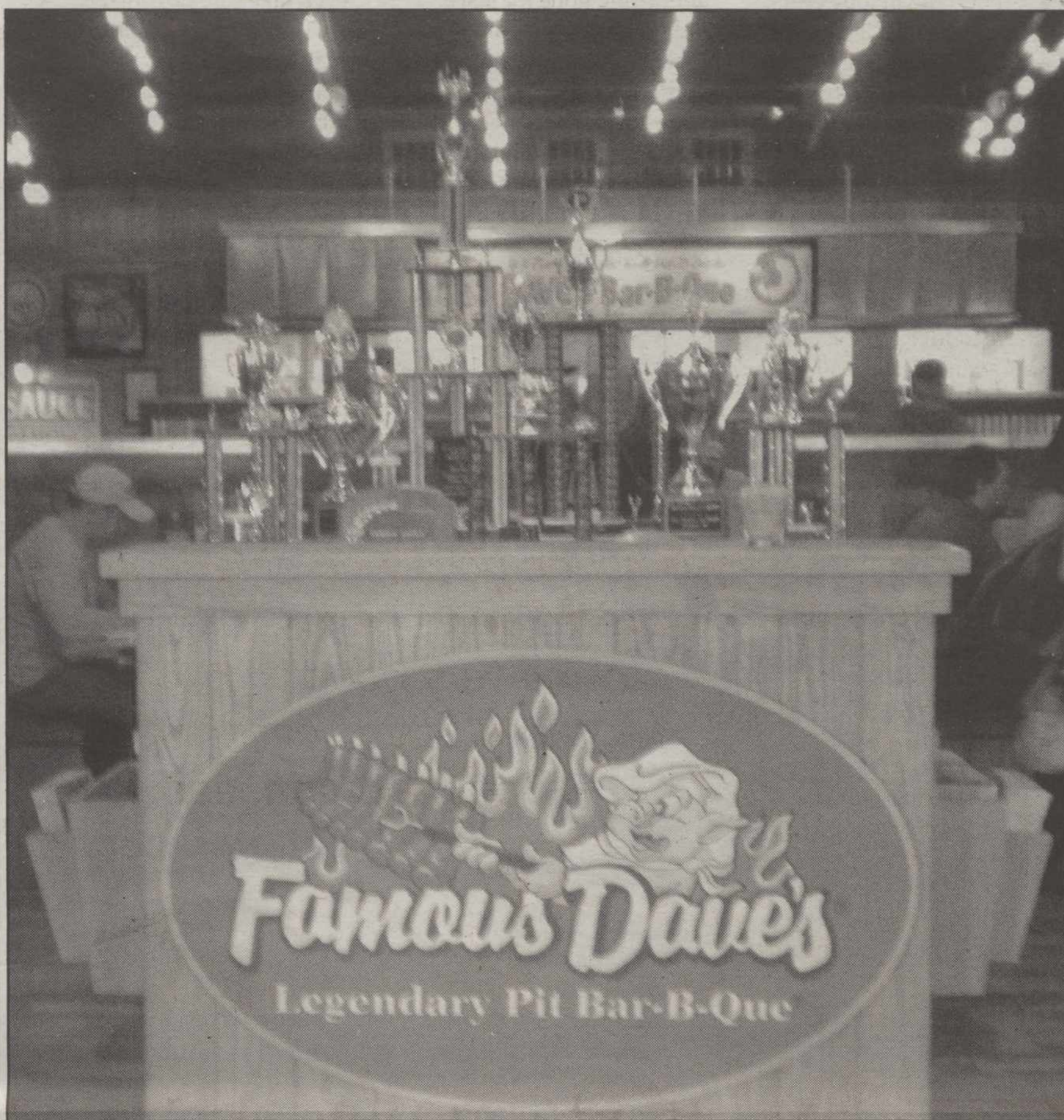
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With over 400 restaurant awards, Famous Dave's has arrived locally at the Tualatin Mall, attracting many customers craving the award-winning barbecue food.

From the moment you enter through the doors, the scent of warm barbecue sauce fills your nose and satisfies your hunger at least momentarily. The restaurant ambiance is quite appealing and looks as if you're at a restaurant down in the south. Their decor is wooden and almost like a cabin or a lodge. The light and playful atmosphere give you the sense that the restaurant staff and the restaurant itself are tied together.

The service is incredibly welcoming. The waiters and waitresses are professional and are confident in their service, doing everything they can to ensure you enjoy a decent meal. The waiters and waitresses ask you for a refill before jumping ahead without permission. They talk to you in a way that almost feels like a regular small talk conversation.

The food at Famous Dave's is mostly barbecue food: ribs, steak, chicken, burgers and various sandwiches. This restaurant is well-renowned for its succulent ribs. Clearly, the chef prefers spicy and tangy sauce over his delicious concoctions. Most of the



Famous Dave's displays their famous trophies in the main entrance. This restaurant has won numerous awards for their food for over 14 years.

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selections available are included with a zesty sauce of some sort. If you aren't fond of meat, or are a vegetarian, I strongly suggest to avoid dining in this restaurant.

Famous Dave's has some

good bargains on a decent amount of spectacular food. A jumbo salad costs \$9.99, and a burger is \$8.99. Prices range from \$4.99 to \$12.99 for appetizers and \$2.29 to \$7.49 for lunch specials. After

perusing through the menu carefully, you can be sure you'll be happy with your selections.

Their menu is rich with descriptions that tempt you to order more than you can eat.

The descriptions sound very loose and bouncy, almost like a conversation, and there are some comments you normally wouldn't hear in an ordering menu, like "a real mouthful of hollers," or "a sweet pie, though not as sweet as Mom." The personal touch on the menus immediately grabs your attention and you soon find yourself reading every corner of the menu to see what you could've missed.

Their food is perfectly tender and juicy. Caramelized with a buttery coat of piquant sauce, the salad served with a sufficient amount of chicken emitted a vibrant aroma. The meat was fresh and crisp, and the vegetables crunched under my teeth. The flavors rolled off my tongue. It was the best barbecue food I've ever tasted.

One feature in Famous Dave's restaurant is that they display their recent trophies of best nominated barbecue restaurant in the center of the room as you walk through the doors. They are proud of their achievements and are confident that their service and food are excellent.

With satisfied customers leaving the restaurant, according to www.famousdaves.com, "folks like us made Dave 'Famous'." With country styled decor coupled with a magnificent selection of foods, Famous Dave's is sure to satisfy any hungry customer who walks through their doors.

Surrogates: hopeless, dreary future lies ahead for all

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What could be worse than a movie with mediocre acting, an uninteresting story line, and poor special effects? Nothing. The movie "Surrogates," however, got pretty close to breaking that streak. It left me bored, making me wish that I had spent my \$9.50 on a frontal lobotomy.

"Surrogates," which stars Bruce Willis, began by explaining the birth of special androids that live the lives for their human doppelgangers. It takes place in a futuristic time possibly decades away from modern day. The invention of the Surrogate had a major impact on the world.

Willis is a detective named Greer who is assigned a case that results in two dead citizens and their surrogates. He works

alongside his partner Peters, played by Radha Mitchell, to discover the secrets of the robots and uncover the mystery of the homicides.

This movie was entertaining but more could have been done to make it a better film. Some of the computer generated images (CGI), seemed a tad hokey and fake. Watching it made me feel that there was a low budget. The best aspect was the realism because it demonstrated good camera angles that made the audience feel like they were a part of the movie. The story line, which had a few confusing details, was loosely based off of "I, Robot". "I, Robot" is another futuristic movie that involves a mystery linked to androids.

Something that caught my attention throughout the movie was the fact that Willis needed a shave.

Badly. His scruffy goatee alongside with shaved down sideburns distracted me and directed my attention to his facial hair for the remainder of the movie.

Willis did a good job and was perfect for this role. The best role was played by Ving Rhames, an excellent actor because he kept you wondering whether he was a good guy or a bad guy. The other actors weren't spectacular, but they got the job done.

On a scale from 1-10, 1 being like watching paint dry, 10 being pure awesome, It would be a -1. Everyone who participated in the movie gave an effort but it could have used a lot more elbow grease. It was entertaining and a good popcorn flick. If you are bored and have nothing else to do, then this movie is probably for you.

