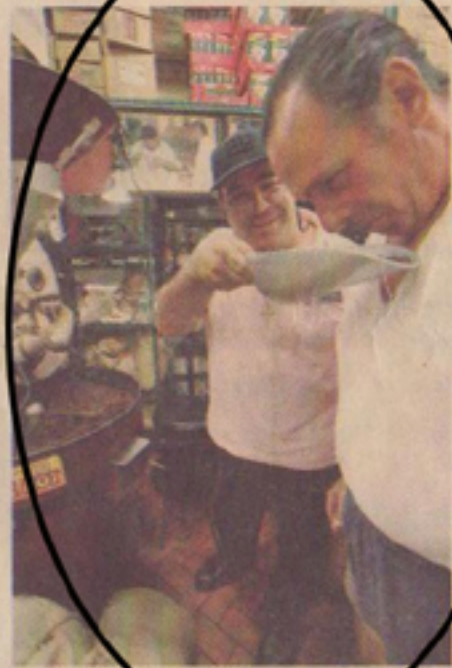


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Super-Duper Markets

From Sushi to Singing Bananas, Stores Race to Offer More



GIMMICKS AND GADGETS Top, at Stew Leonard's in Norwalk, Conn., Daisy Duck entertains Jennifer Gage and her daughter, Charlotte. Above from left, a "shopping buddy" computer being used at Stop & Shop in Trumbull, Conn.; Mark Newman and Naomi Margolin perform at the Whole Foods Market in Jericho, N.Y.; at Fairway in Plainview, N.Y., Georgio Testani offers a customer a whiff of freshly roasted coffee beans.