

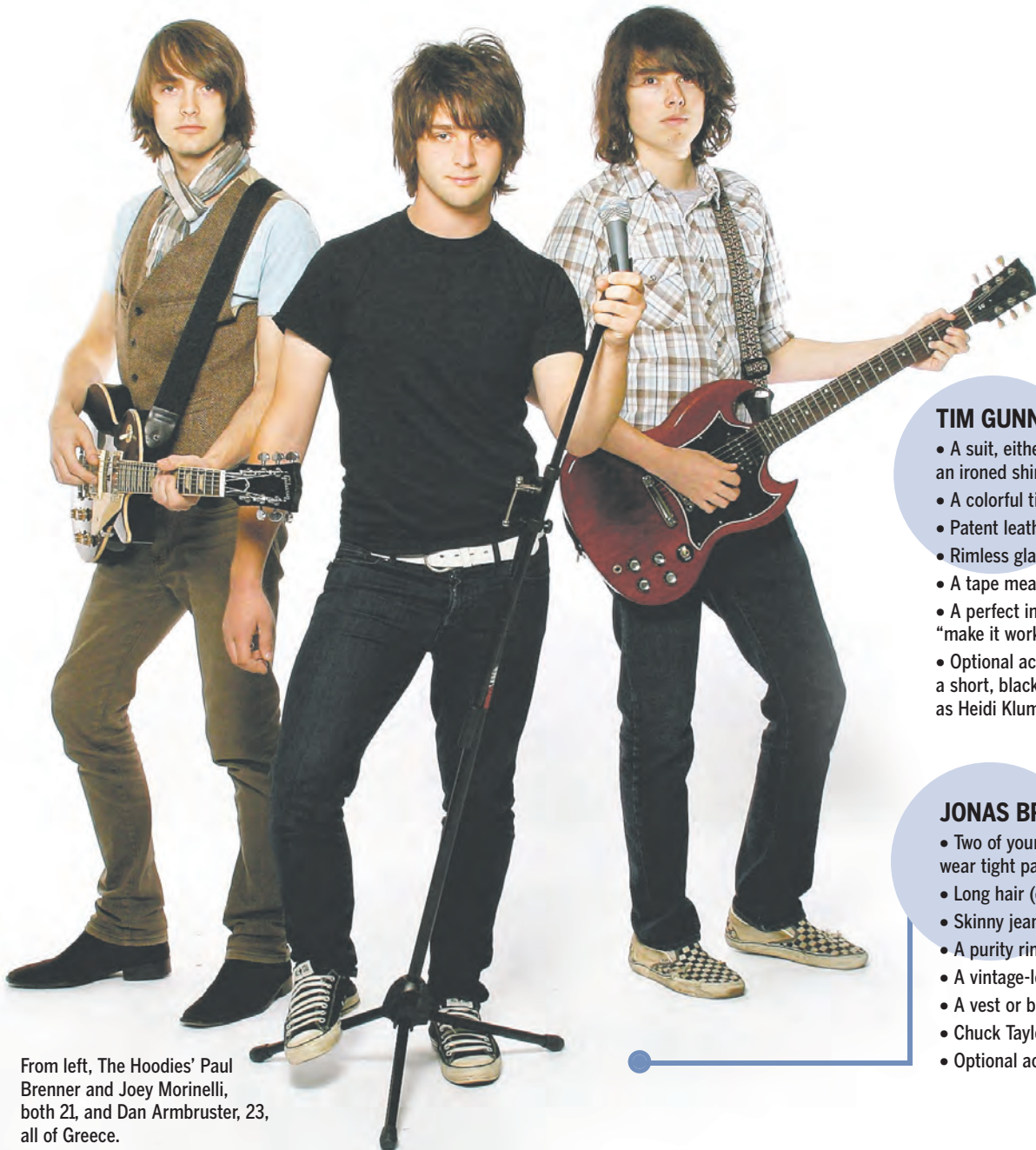
Brilliant disguises

From Sarah Palin to Katy Perry, some scary-good Halloween costumes

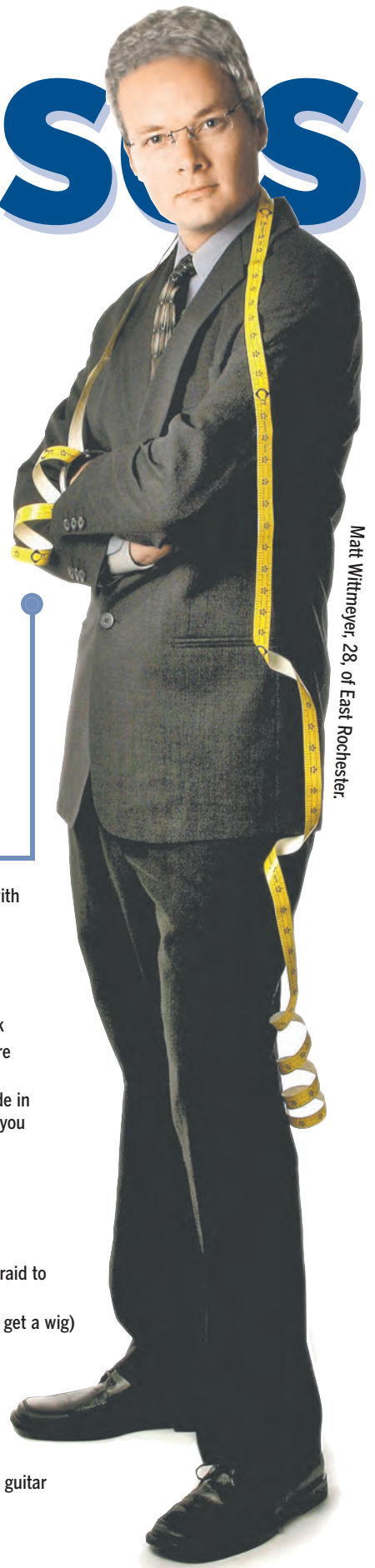
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Still trying to find the perfect Halloween costume? Avoid the chaos at local costume shops and raid your own closet to re-create these celebrity-inspired Halloween costumes. Or hit up the Halloween stores for cheap accessories.

Sexy Sarah, Tim "Make it Work" Gunn, Lil Wayne, a quick-change Katy Perry to Amy Winehouse and the Jonas (Purity) Brothers will definitely be some of the funniest and most recognizable costumes this year. Here are checklists of what you need to create each look, as well as our own re-creations of them. Thanks to Arlene's Costumes for providing many of the accessories. ♦



From left, The Hoodies' Paul Brenner and Joey Morinelli, both 21, and Dan Armbruster, 23, all of Greece.



Matt Wittmeyer, 28, of East Rochester.

TIM GUNN

- A suit, either black or pinstripe with an ironed shirt underneath
- A colorful tie
- Patent leather dress shoes
- Rimless glasses
- A tape measure around your neck
- A perfect imitation of his signature "make it work" catchphrase
- Optional accessory: a leggy blonde in a short, black dress to accompany you as Heidi Klum

JONAS BROTHERS

- Two of your friends who aren't afraid to wear tight pants
- Long hair (cancel your haircut or get a wig)
- Skinny jeans
- A purity ring
- A vintage-look T or flannel shirt
- A vest or blazer
- Chuck Taylors
- Optional accessories: scarf, prop guitar



Mike Gayden, 23, of Rochester.

KATY PERRY-TO-AMY WINEHOUSE

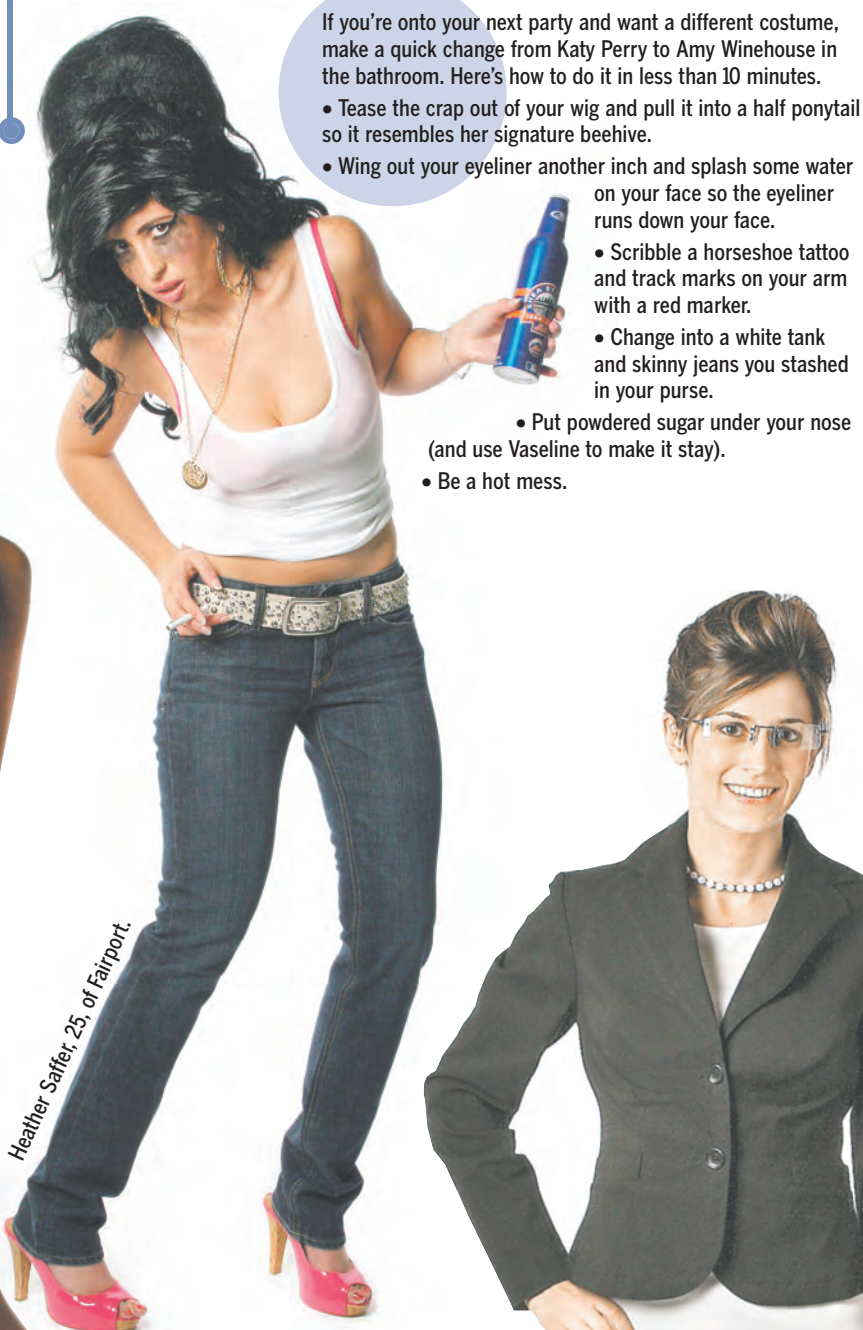
- A long, black wig
- Black eyeliner and red lips
- A romper or high-waisted shorts and retro top
- A colorful belt
- Red pumps
- A flower for your hair
- Optional accessories: red-rimmed Wayfarer sunglasses, a basket full of Cherry ChapStick



Heather Saffier, 25, of Fairport.

LIL WAYNE

- Super-baggy jeans
- Colorful, printed boxers
- A wife beater and an oversized zip-up hoodie
- A grill
- A dreadlock wig
- A fitted-sideways hat
- Huge rhinestone chain(s)
- Face tattoos
- Optional accessories: wallet chain, a bottle of cough syrup and a Styrofoam cup



If you're onto your next party and want a different costume, make a quick change from Katy Perry to Amy Winehouse in the bathroom. Here's how to do it in less than 10 minutes.

- Tease the crap out of your wig and pull it into a half ponytail so it resembles her signature beehive.
- Wing out your eyeliner another inch and splash some water on your face so the eyeliner runs down your face.
- Scribble a horseshoe tattoo and track marks on your arm with a red marker.
- Change into a white tank and skinny jeans you stashed in your purse.
- Put powdered sugar under your nose (and use Vaseline to make it stay).
- Be a hot mess.

SARAH PALIN

- An effortless updo
- A suit. Play up the sexiness by losing the shirt underneath the blazer and wearing a short skirt.
- Rimless glasses
- Black pumps
- Alaskan accent (to tell everyone you can see Russia from your house).
- Optional accessories: McCain/Palin 2008 campaign sign taped to your back, a "Miss Vice President" sash or a toy rifle



Alyssa Armstrong, 23, of Rochester.