



In the Spring Issue of MS. Magazine we noticed the following article included in their National Shorttakes section for Ohio.

A protest outside a Toledo Kmart convinced the nationwide chain to recall a T-shirt that seemed to condone domestic violence. The shirt, showing a stick-figure boy shoving a stick-figure girl out of a frame, is captioned, "Problem...Solved." "Attention! Domestic violence in Aisle 7," read signs held by more than 50 protesters at the January rally, including parents of domestic-violence victims and representatives from NOW and the Take Back the Night Collective. Kmart first claimed that the youth-sized T-shirt's message was "lighthearted" but eventually agreed to take the shirt off shelves.

We were then *delighted* to see a letter from Karen Heck printed in the following issue. Now we just need to get a cover story. ☺

GIVING SEARS A SHOVE

We were excited to see the Ohio "Short Take" about the Toledo "Problem Solved" T-shirt protest in your fabulous Spring [2007] issue! [The shirt showed a stick-figure boy shoving a stick-figure girl.] We also thought that you might like to know that the protest was the result of actions taken by members of Hardy Girls Healthy Women's Girls Advisory Board—Thalia Matthews (age 16), Alyssa Matthews (age 16) and Deahna Giguere (age 17). For those of us in the second feminist wave, it's a dream come true to find teens with the will and commitment to join us just as their energy is beginning to peak!

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