

Youths write seniors' stories

In the spirit of celebrating the International Year of Older Persons (1999), Halton Region's Elderly Services Advisory Committee (ESAC) has published The Halton Living History Book.

Funded by a grant from the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat, the book is an intergenerational project that involved Grade 7 and 8 students interviewing selected seniors across the region about what life was like when they were growing up and living in Halton. Short stories about the seniors were authored by the students and sent to Sheridan College Journalism students for editing and formatting.

Approximately 40 seniors, most of whom were past recipients of the Senior of the Year Award within their community, were selected to participate in the project. The students, selected in pairs by teachers and principals throughout the region, began the interviews in June, and completed their stories by the end of September.

One of the many seniors interviewed described the experience as, "a wonderful

idea to bring together the older and the younger generations. It was a learning experience about what young people are thinking today and it renewed my faith in the future."

From a student's view, a similar reaction: "an exceptional and a great way to recreate an older person's life on paper. It taught me about the war and its hardships. The way things were with family, friends and past experiences. I developed a special bond with our appointed senior. We laughed and sympathized over past experiences like old friends and we all taught each other something."

ESAC printed 1,000 copies of The Halton Living History Book. Free copies will be distributed to museums, seniors' centres, and to all public and Catholic school libraries throughout the region.

The book will be presented, for the first time, to the participating seniors and students on Sunday, Nov. 14, at 1-3 p.m. at the Indigo Books Music and Cafe, 1250 Brant Street, Burlington, L7P 1X8.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

The community is invited to attend a public meeting in order to share and provide input to the Halton District School Board's Strategic Planning process.

The Strategic Plan Steering Committee will have completed the first stages of its work and would like to share the 'Draft Strategic Issues and Recommendations' for community feedback. Feedback sessions will be held with employees, secondary student council representatives, school council representatives and the community prior to final revisions in preparation for presentation to the Halton District School Board in December.

The community/public meeting will be held:

Monday, November 22, 1999
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Milton District High School
396 Williams Avenue
Milton, Ontario

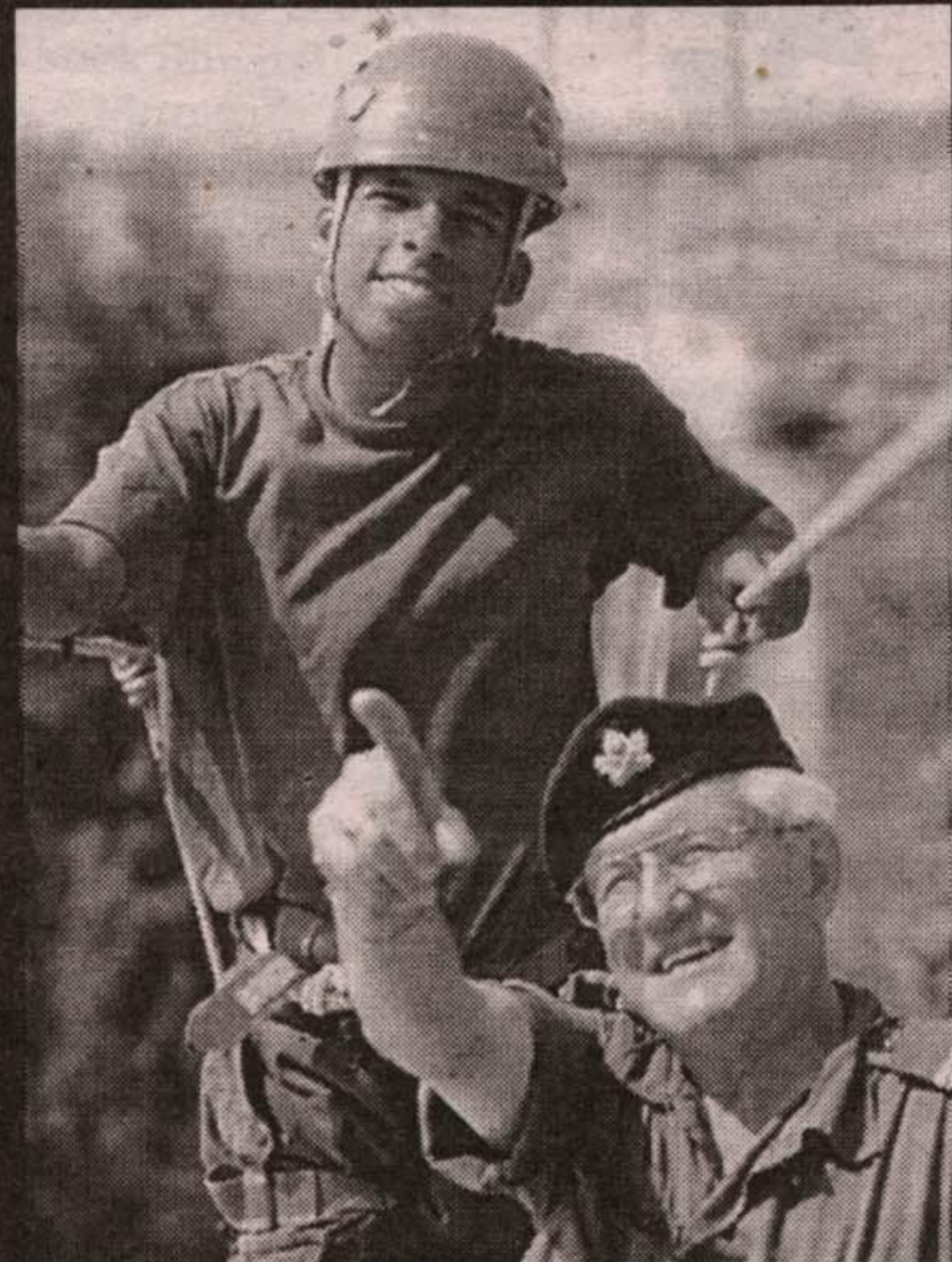
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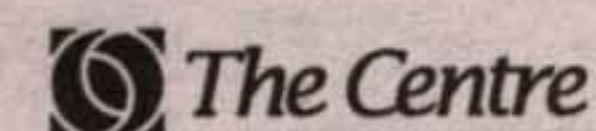
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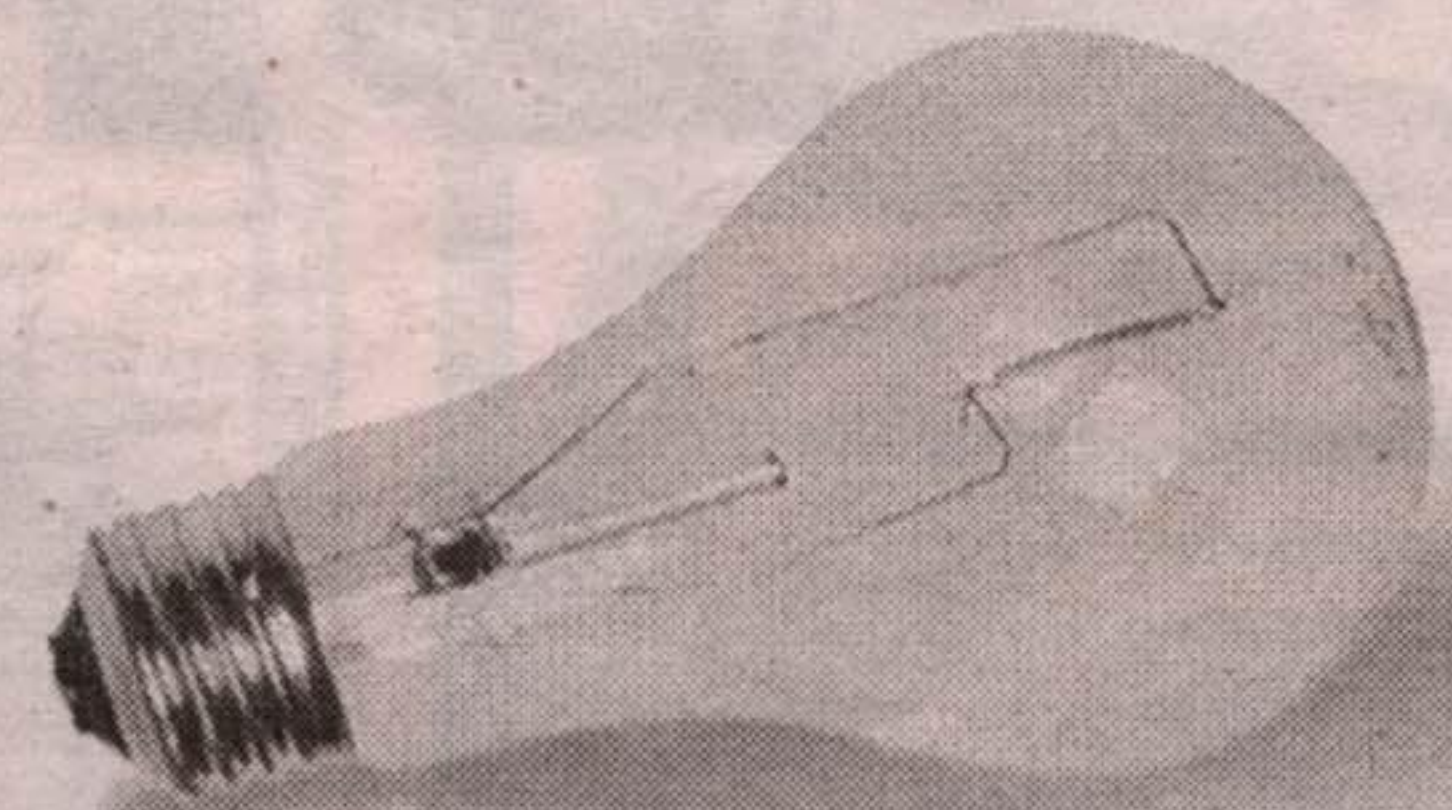


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