

# Police plan 'Victim-less' conference for Nov. 1-2

Victim-Less, Halton's popular annual community policing conference, is back November 1 and 2 with an A-list of informative speakers.

Subtitled "Violence— The Reasons and the Reckoning," the two-day event at the Halton Regional Police headquarters building will focus on the "cycle of violence" from children to seniors and provide help for recognizing the warning signs and offer the tools to deal with it.

"We hope people come away from the conference knowing how to protect themselves from violence," said co-organizer Patti Eix.

According to Halton Regional Police Sgt. Ray Hendry, the conference will bring together all the pieces of violence in our society, from children fighting over a toy right through to elder abuse. Violence of an emotional, physical, psychological nature and a lot in between will also be touched on, added Eix.

"We will try to address these concerns and give people solutions and strategies," said Sgt. Hendry.

Key to the success of this aim will be the conference's roster of in-demand speakers, including the Friday night's keynote guest— counselor, educator and author Brian Harris.

His talk, entitled "Winning

Together— Conflict Resolution and the Prevention of Violence," will deal in part with strategies to break the cycle of violence by working to resolve conflicts between victims and perpetrators to give both parties more purpose in their lives.

The Saturday schedule includes sessions with individual experts plus a panel discussion that involves all the speakers.

The cost for Saturday only is \$50, while seniors and full-time students can enroll for half price. For more information and complete times, call 905-844-1109 and ask for Patti Eix or leave a message. You can also contact Hendry at 905-825-4747 ext. 5064.

Victim-Less is being presented by Halton Regional Police, Community Consultation Committees of Halton, the Halton Region Health Department and Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services (SAVIS). According to Hendry, Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Robert Nosal and the Halton Regional Police Services Board have also been very supportive.

"This conference shows the strengths of the partnerships forged with the community," said Hendry.

The Halton Regional Police headquarters building is located on Bronte Road, just north of the QEW.

—By Howard Mozel, special

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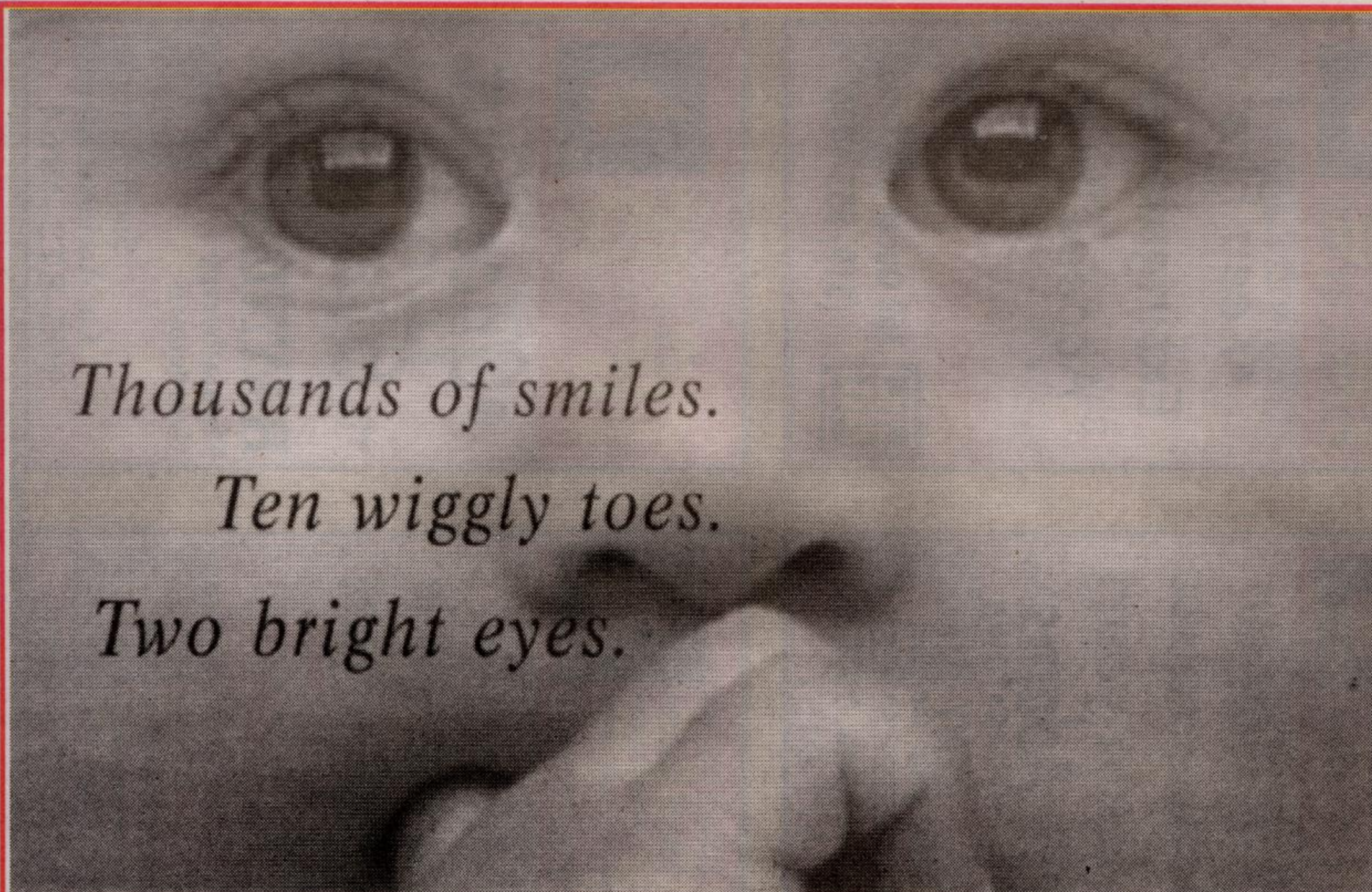
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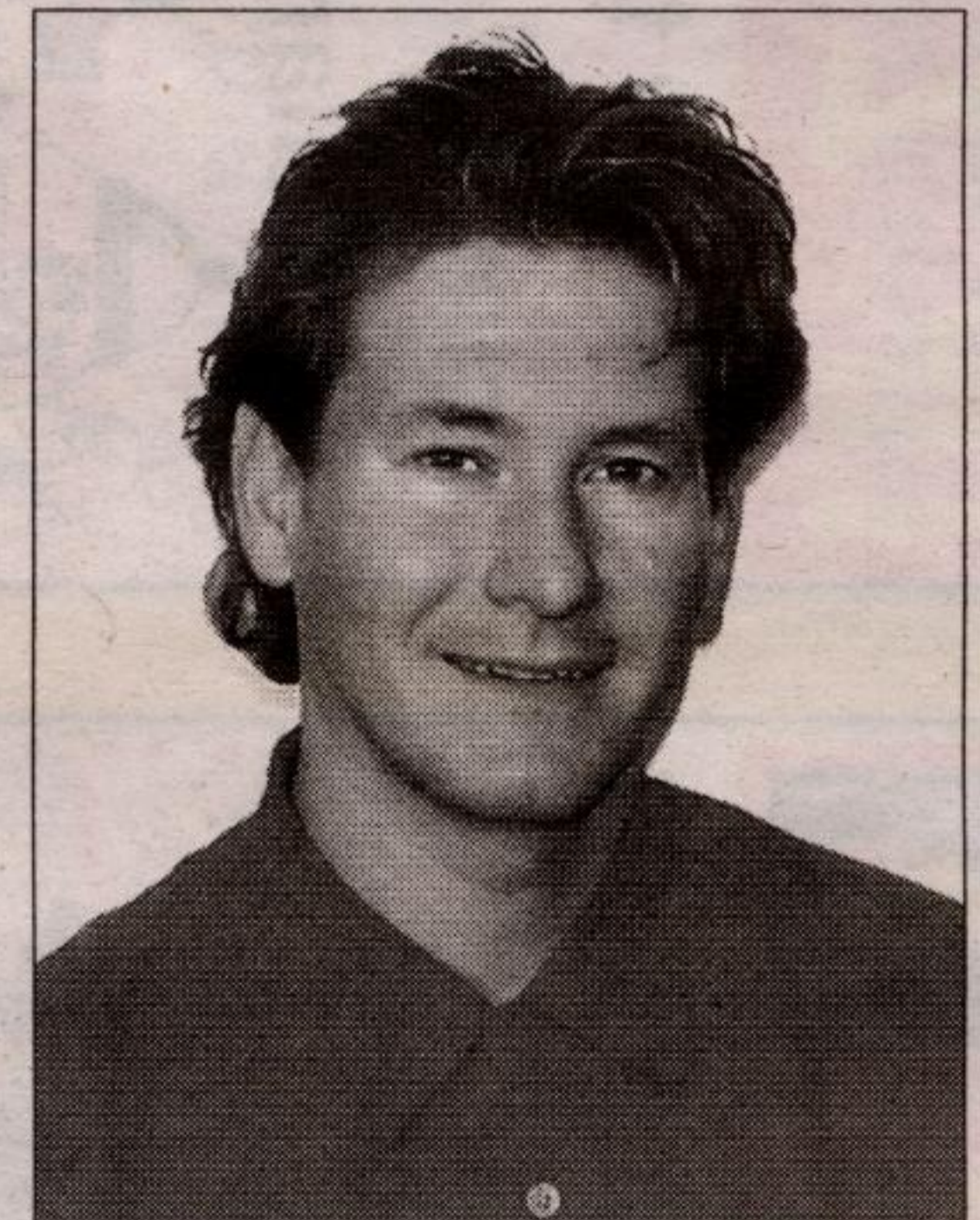
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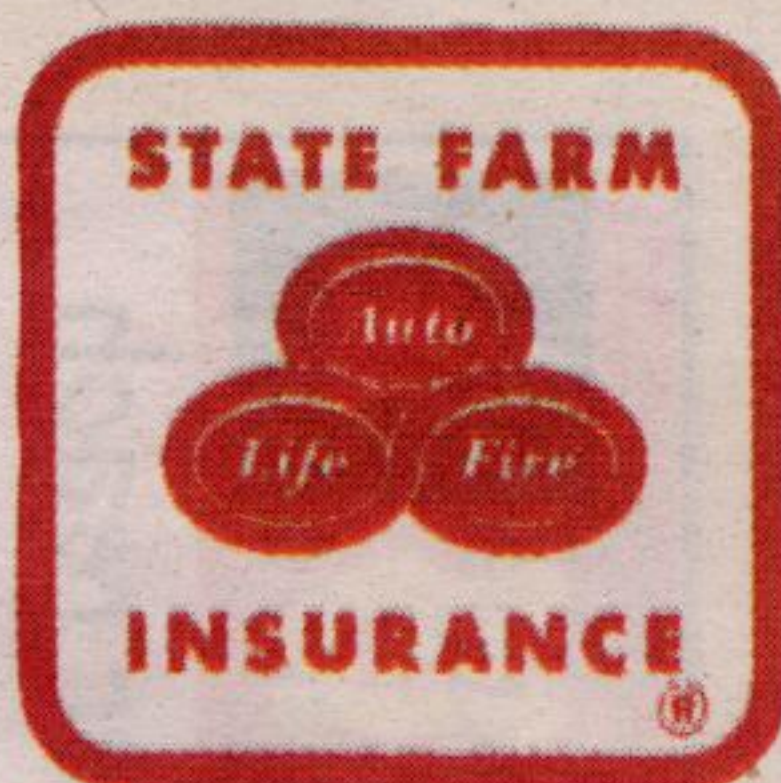
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