

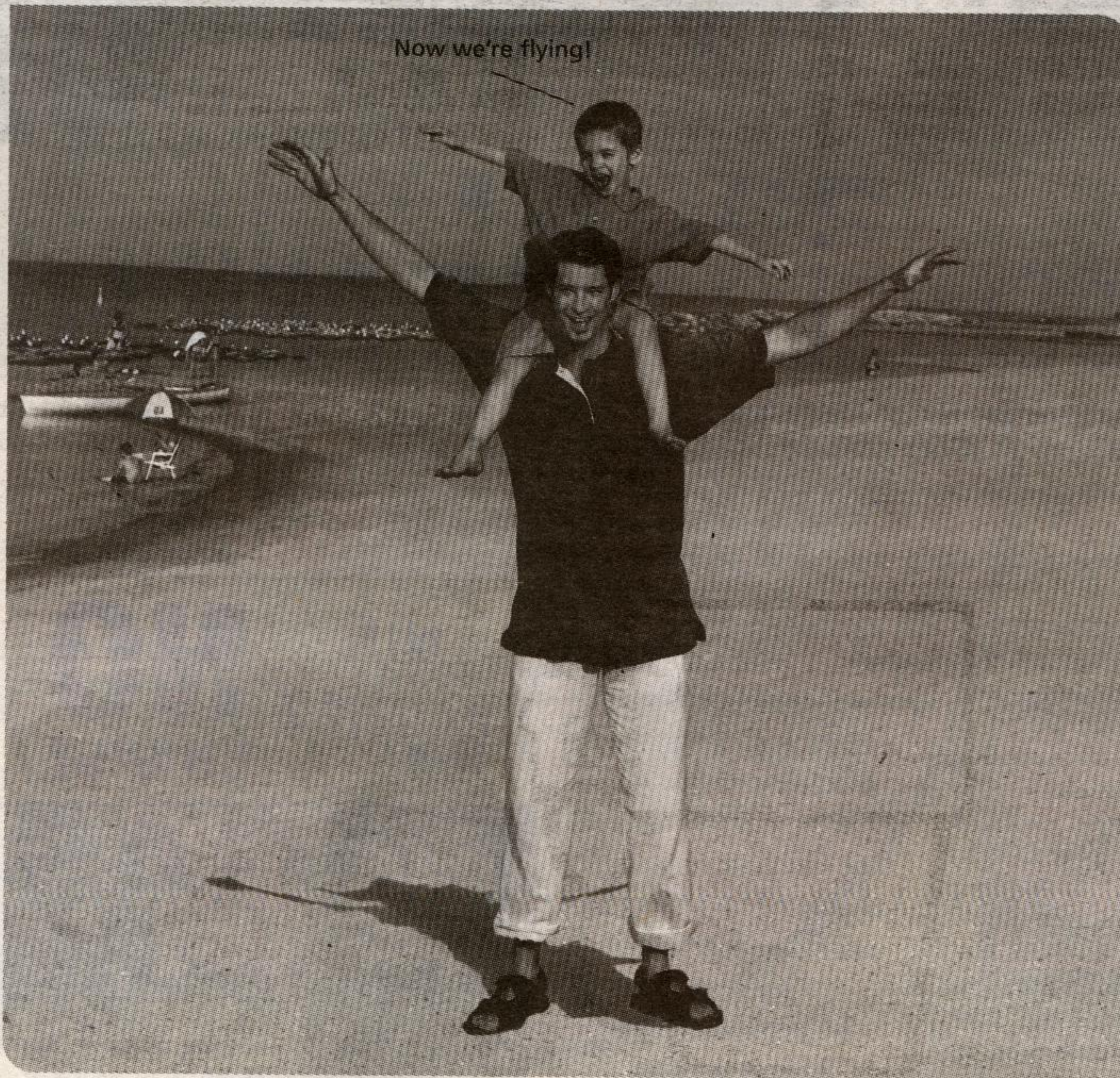
Sally Ann accepting donations for quake victims

The Salvation Army is appealing for financial donations as it provides relief to the victims of the massive earthquake in Pakistan.

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Province is responsible for Toronto trash problem regional officials declare

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The Region also gave the GTA municipalities a heads-up on the long and difficult process they'd have to go through to create their own future landfills and suggested they should start the process right away, but it seems none of them did.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz and Burlington Mayor Rob MacIsaac also opposed Halton accepting Toronto's trash with MacIsaac adding he thought the message the Region was sending to the Province wasn't complete, so he added a paragraph to the resolution that urges it to take responsibility for averting the "looming crisis" in waste management in Ontario.

It goes on to say that this could be done through the Province researching and mandating sustainable waste management practices and solutions for Ontario, including more aggressive waste reduction and diversion measures and the consideration of a broad array of waste disposal techniques.

"For us just to say, 'Not here' is not going to work. It's not enough," MacIsaac said. "It's also important to say, 'Look Province, take responsibility for this.'"

Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline shared similar sentiments, noting she thinks MacIsaac's amendment is an appropriate recommendation that she hopes spurs the Province into leading and contributing to solutions for the waste problem.

The resolution that council approved Wednesday also calls for regional staff report on the issue to be forwarded to Halton's MPPs, the four local municipalities, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

The report explains Halton's landfill currently has room for 2 million tonnes of waste. With local residents' garbage, that capacity is expected to be reached by 2022, but if waste from GTA municipalities were redirected to Halton, the landfill would reach its limit in less than three years.

It also says that about 150,000 tonnes of industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) waste generated in Halton is shipped each year to the United States for disposal. So, if the border closes to Canadian waste and Halton's ICI garbage is diverted to the local landfill, it would reach capacity in about seven years.

And if all ICI waste from Halton and GTA residential garbage were to be sent to the Region's landfill, its capacity would potentially last little more than one year.

The Region and its residents have endured a long and arduous process in developing Halton's landfill that included a 10-year environmental assessment that cost \$8 million.

—By Melanie Hennessey, special staff writer with files from Lisa Tally and TorStar News Service

Region eyeing 211 information service

Local residents looking for information on local services could soon just dial 211 to get their answer.

The number—which is being proposed for Halton—would connect people to non-emergency community, government, health and social services 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The project is being guided by a steering committee comprised of representatives from the United Way, local municipalities, the Region, Halton Regional Police and various service providers through-

out the region.

The group has developed a 211 model of service delivery that would involve establishing a newly-incorporated non-profit entity with registered charitable status and partnering with the Region to use its existing call centre technology and Halton information providers to use their database of resources.

The next steps in the project include securing funding and applying for accreditation and licensing to become a 211 service provider, with the goal of publicly launching the service in Halton November 2, 2006.

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