

She overcomes obstacles to embrace the martial arts

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Hogarth. "However, Quinn has an amazing spirit and she puts forth the extra effort needed to succeed."

Although a relative newcomer to the local club, Quinn's involvement in karate goes back six years to when she was living in Victoria, British Columbia.

Seeing the movie The Karate Kid was enough to get her hooked.

Mom and dad had serious reservations. Not surprising since their youngest daughter had just recently lost her hearing and was struggling with balance — resulting from a lengthy bout with meningitis.

Determined not to shelter Quinn, the couple found a caring, understanding instructor who bit by bit helped improve his silent student's balance and self-esteem.

Her martial arts training continued after the couple relocated to Toronto and later to rural Milton.

"My mother sometimes attends the classes and interprets for me but often I'm there by myself," said Quinn, who attends E.C. Drury School for the Deaf. "That's okay because sensei Hogarth is a wonderful instructor."

"A boy in the class has a sister who is deaf and he can sign so that helps too."

While Hogarth is her third instructor in the past six years, he's the first who has encouraged her to venture beyond the inter-club competition level.

His confidence and her ability translated into success last month at an open tournament in King City. Quinn collected three top-10 finishes, including a second place showing in junior sparring.

"I was so happy when they gave me the trophy that I almost cried," she recalled. "There was a blind student competing (in forms) as well. After the competition I went up and told him how much of an inspiration he was to me."

Over the years her list of athletic activities has grown to include basketball, volleyball, softball, soccer, swimming and just recently tennis.

Said father David, "Basically, if there's a sport out there Quinn wants to play it."

Quinn was scheduled to be tested for her next colour belt — green with a black stripe — this week.

Looking good for games

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into her third Ontario Senior Games qualifying berth.

"I started to daydream a little at the end," she said of her recent regional performance.

While the years may have slowed down Poland a little, she says swimming eight lengths of any pool — which makes up 200m — is still a piece of cake.

"I do three times that during my regular swims each week," she added.

Also representing Milton at next

month's Ontario Senior Games will be three-kilometre walk winner Chris Langridge, as well as Ruth Ford and Frances Clements, who combined to win the cribbage competition.

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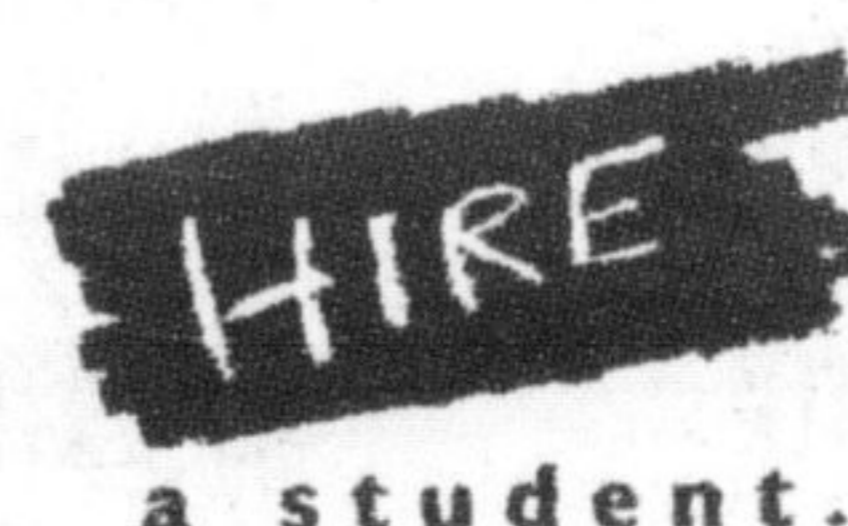
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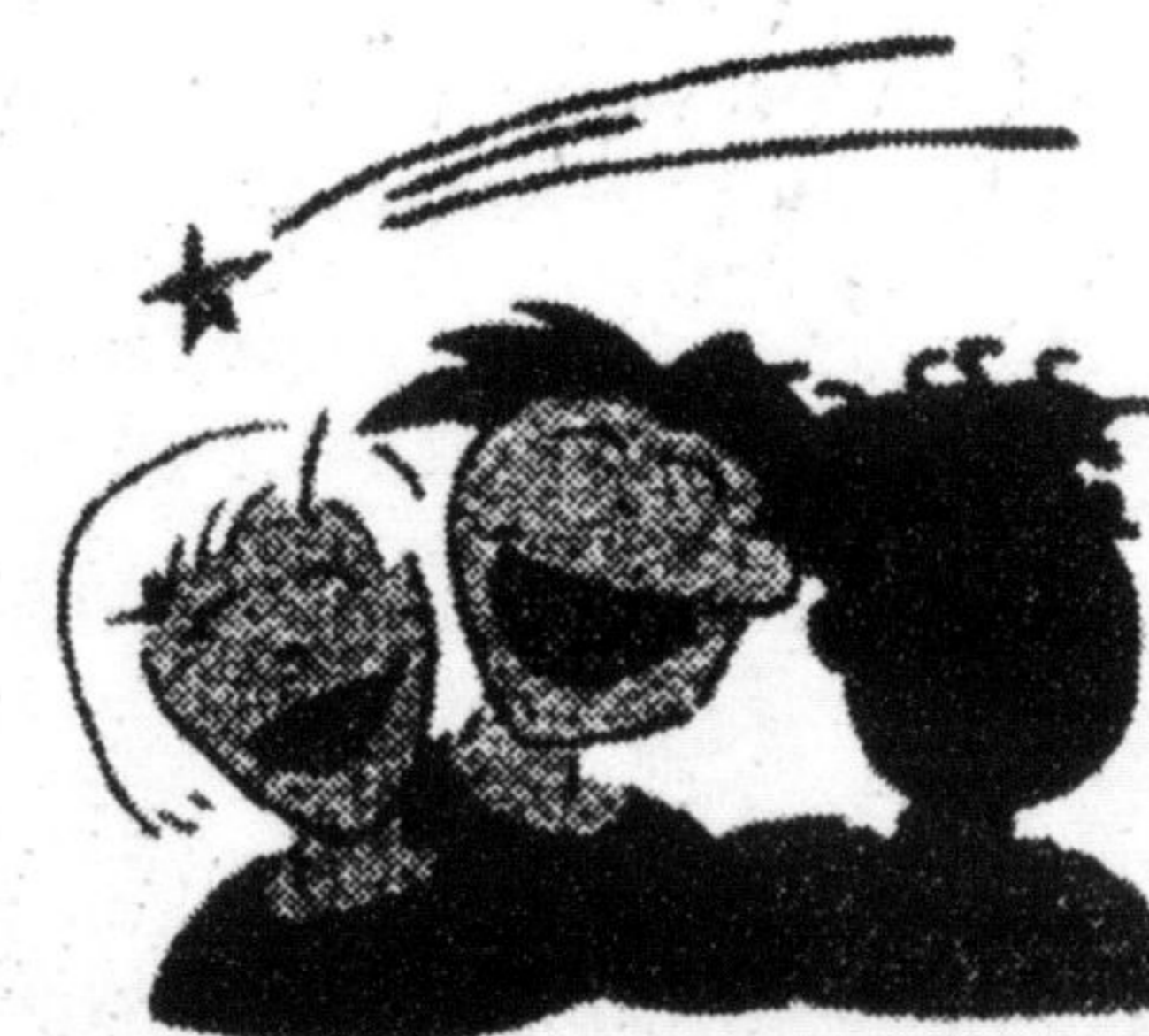
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