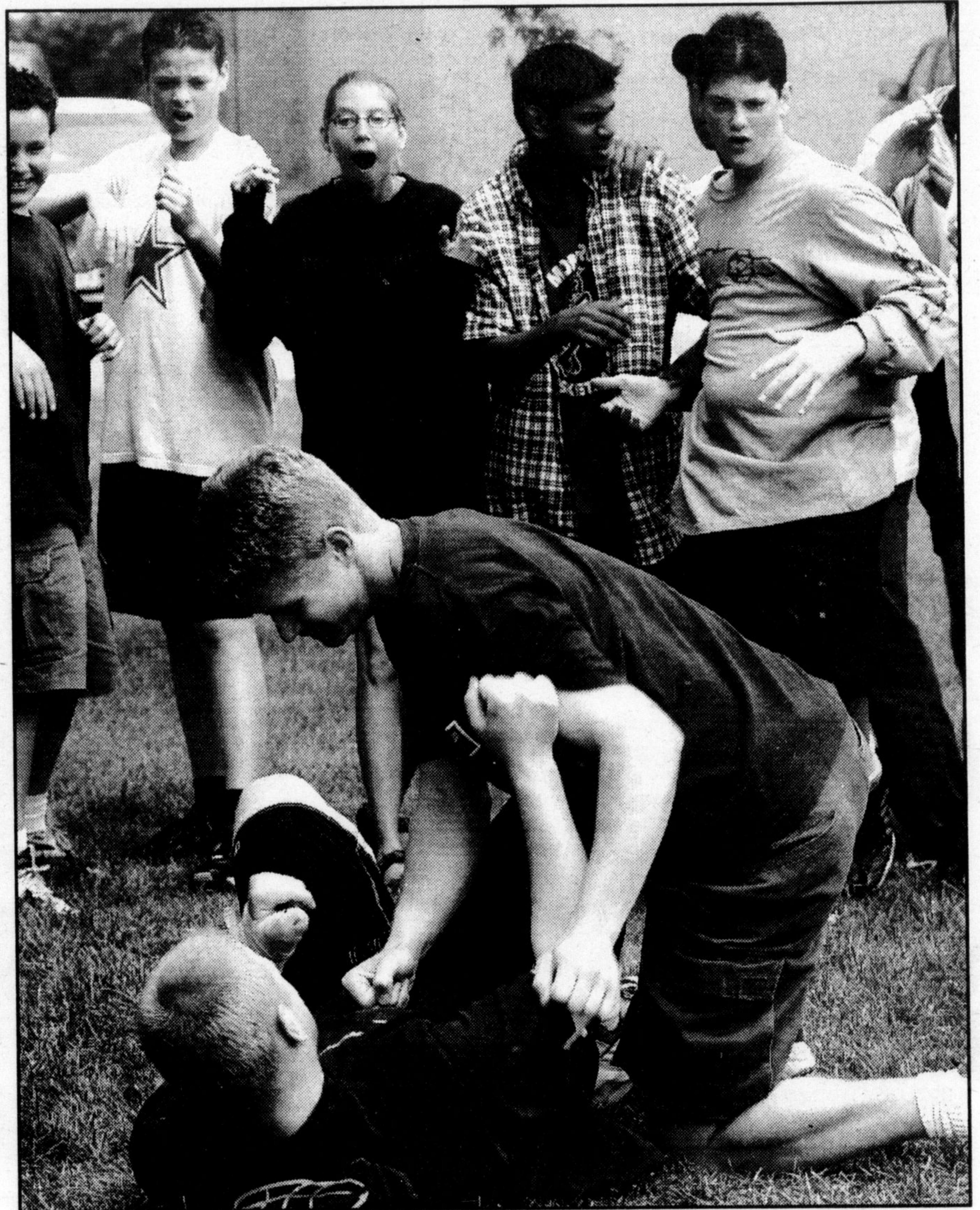
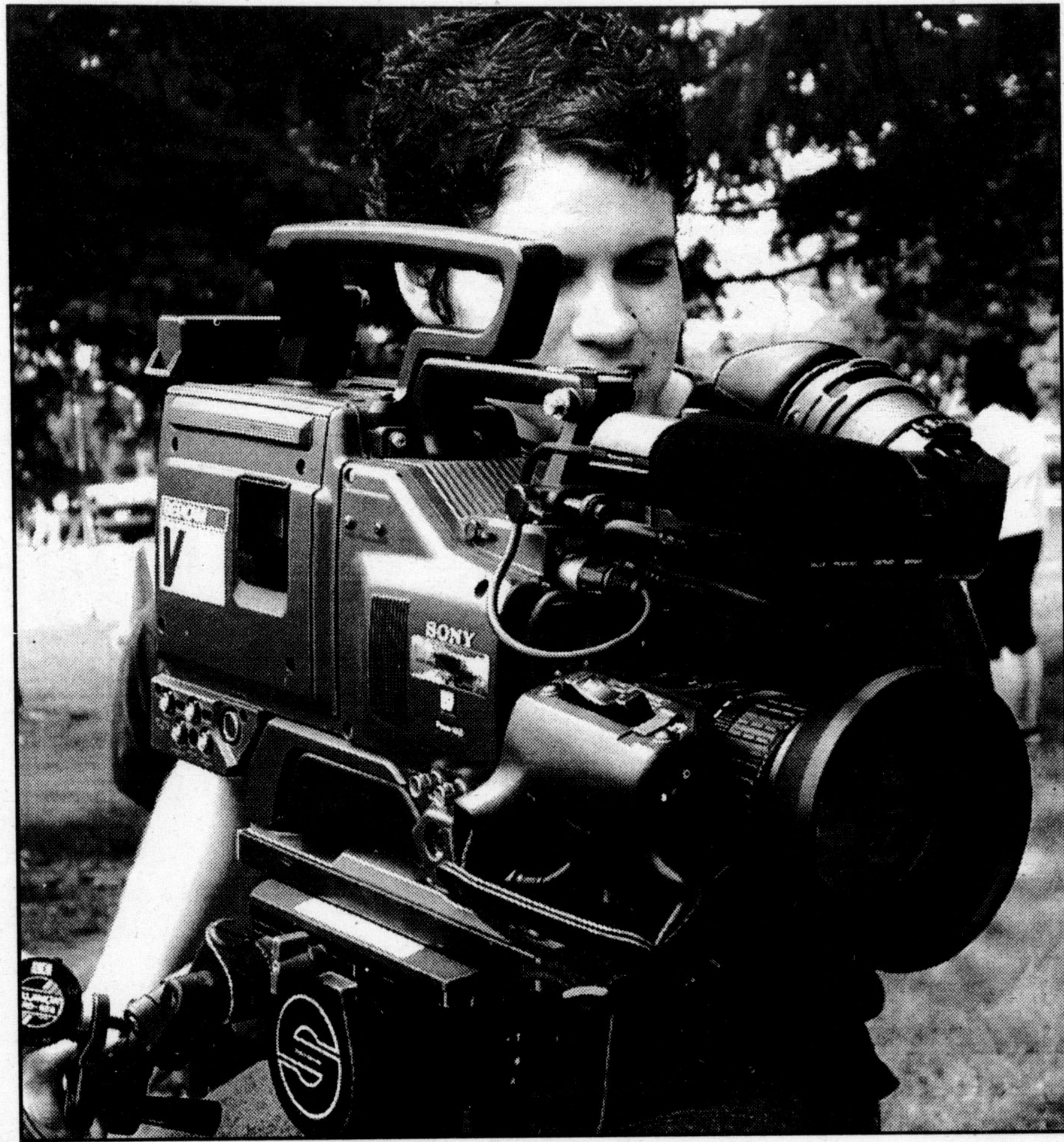




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Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf students (right) Mike Weisner and Andrew Goure act out a fight scene while other students look on during the filming of a deaf peer mediation program video currently being produced. Student Cheryl Small (above) films the scene.

Deaf peer mediation program puts grant money to use in creating 25-minute film

A 25-minute film on peer mediation techniques from the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf is being produced thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The film is an offshoot of a unique and successful program at the Provincial school called Peer Helping — Peer Mediation.

The first of its kind in Ontario, the program trains selected students to act as neutral mediators between conflicting peers.

The idea is to reduce discord and violence within the school system by helping students resolve their differences without adult intervention.

The trained mediators also help counsel students troubled by issues such as difficulties at home.

Harassment, gossip and misunderstandings

make up the majority of cases that go before peer mediators.

But if the situation is too volatile to be handled without grown-up help, the mediator acts as a bridge between students and adults.

Participation in the program is voluntary.

But since taking its first baby steps in 1995, more than 90 per cent of cases at the school have been amicably resolved through peer mediation.

The film will be the first to explain the program to the deaf in Canada, and will be written,

produced and directed by students. Scenes were recently shot outside the Ernest C. Drury School for the Deaf.

The film will be distributed to schools and facilities serving deaf youth throughout Ontario.

An accompanying guide will help explain the program further.

The Trillium Foundation grant is part of its 'Get Up, Stand Up' program.

That's designed to help young people take charge on issues affecting their lives.

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Tuesday, June 20th

10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm Plugged In!
6:00pm Seniors Showcase
7:00pm The Local Scene
8:00pm Halton Hills Council & Awards - June 19th

Wednesday, June 21st

10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm Plugged In!
6:00pm Cable in the Classroom
7:00pm Swap Talk - Live!
8:00pm Milton Council - June 12th

Thursday, June 22nd

10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm Plugged In!
6:00pm The Local Scene
7:00pm Money Week
8:00pm Halton Regional Council - June 21st

Monday, June 26th

10am, 11am, Noon Plugged In! Encore
5:30, 6:30, 7:30pm Plugged In!
6:00pm Living on The Edge
7:00pm The Issue Is...
8:00pm SportsZONE Live

Feature this week: "Seniors Showcase" Final Episode this season! Tuesday, 6 pm