## Safety council honours heroes who saved lives

They say bravery is part of the job.

On October 27, Const. Dave Laus, formerly of Halton Regional Police in Milton, walked into a burning building to rescue a man who lay unconscious.

The heavy smoke that wafted through all of the apartments above Milton's Knight Cap pub also disoriented a woman who the rookie officer found struggling to keep her balance on a stairwell.

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police officer (he now works in York Region), Const. Laus went back inside the building to check for other tenants.

When fire crews arrived, Const. Laus headed to hospital to check on the health of the man and woman who he's happy to report have fully recuperated.

"For me it was a great opportunity for the public to see police officers in a positive light. I was only doing a held at Halton Regional Police head-

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dutifully step up to the plate to do."

While dining in Gravenhurst last November, Jack Durante, a Town of Milton employee, saved a choking woman by competently using the Heimlich maneuver.

The two men, as well as 10 other heroes from the region, were honoured Thursday night by the Halton Region Safety Council.

The lifesaving awards banquet was

Above right, former Halton Regional Police Constable Dave Laus (right) accepts his award from Halton Police Deputy Chief Gary Crowell and, bottom right, Jack Durante (right) is presented his award from Oakville Fire Department Deputy Chief John deHooge. The pair are local heroes after bravely saving the lives of others.

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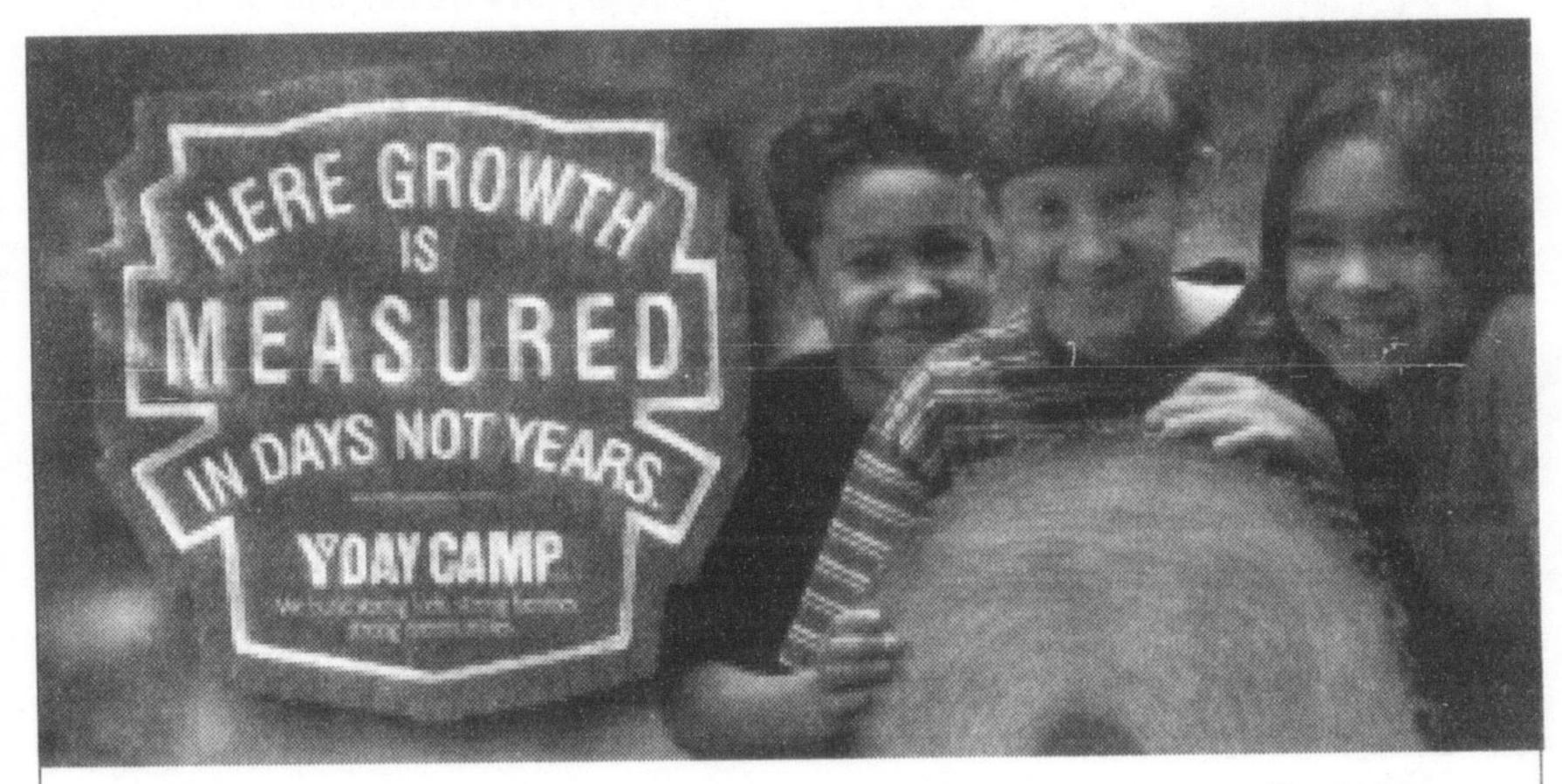


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