

Arts Entertainment

Milton's Steve Belford pursuing movie acting career in big way

By FANNIE SUNSHINE
The Champion

Even though Steve Belford has been acting for the better part of his 21 years, he only became serious about the craft a year ago.

"My mom got me into commercials when I was young and then I stopped doing them for awhile," he said.

His big break came several months ago when he successfully auditioned for a Helman's mayonnaise commercial and a chocolate milk ad, both of which are currently running.

"In the mayonnaise commercial I drop my pants and yell 'hey ladies!.' Some people have recognized me from it."

But the chocolate milk ad could be the one Mr. Belford is most recognized in, since the close up of his face is plastered on buses throughout the Greater Toronto Area and on screens in movie theatres.

"I was driving to a class one day and I looked at a bus and saw the ad. I thought 'yeah right.' Then I called my mom."

Eventually the actor would like to head out to Los Angeles or New York City, but for now is concentrating on mastering his skill.

In fact, Mr. Belford is currently in Australia for the next four weeks studying acting at the National Institute of Dramatic Arts.

"I want to do it all," he said, adding he's taken various acting classes for over two years. "I've always been interested in acting and dancing."

The E.C. Drury High School graduate recalled his first encounter with movie making.

"In grade 8 we had to make a commercial. My friend and I made one for special soda pop. I was the director and camera man. I really liked the experience."

Maybe that's why Mr. Belford feels so comfortable surrounded by cameras.

In 1997 he landed a non-speaking role as a family member in the Dennis Rodman Story, he continued.

"It exposed me a lot to the process of making a film and being on the set. Being on a set is something you have to experience. I never thought acting was so in-depth. When you do a scene, it's not a case of getting the lines and reading them. It's not so cut and dry. There are reasons why an actor is looking in a certain direction or why his stance in the way it is."

Going through his list of acting credits, Mr. Belford said his proudest moment was landing the Helman's commercial.

"It was tough competition," he recalled. "I was confident with my audition but there were guys there that had more experience than me. I was surprised when they told me I got it."

Although he doesn't know what's in store for him in the future, he said acting is definitely in the stars.

"You have to put everything into it. You have to have a do-or-die attitude and you can't give up after a couple rejections."

Police chorus holds fundraising concert

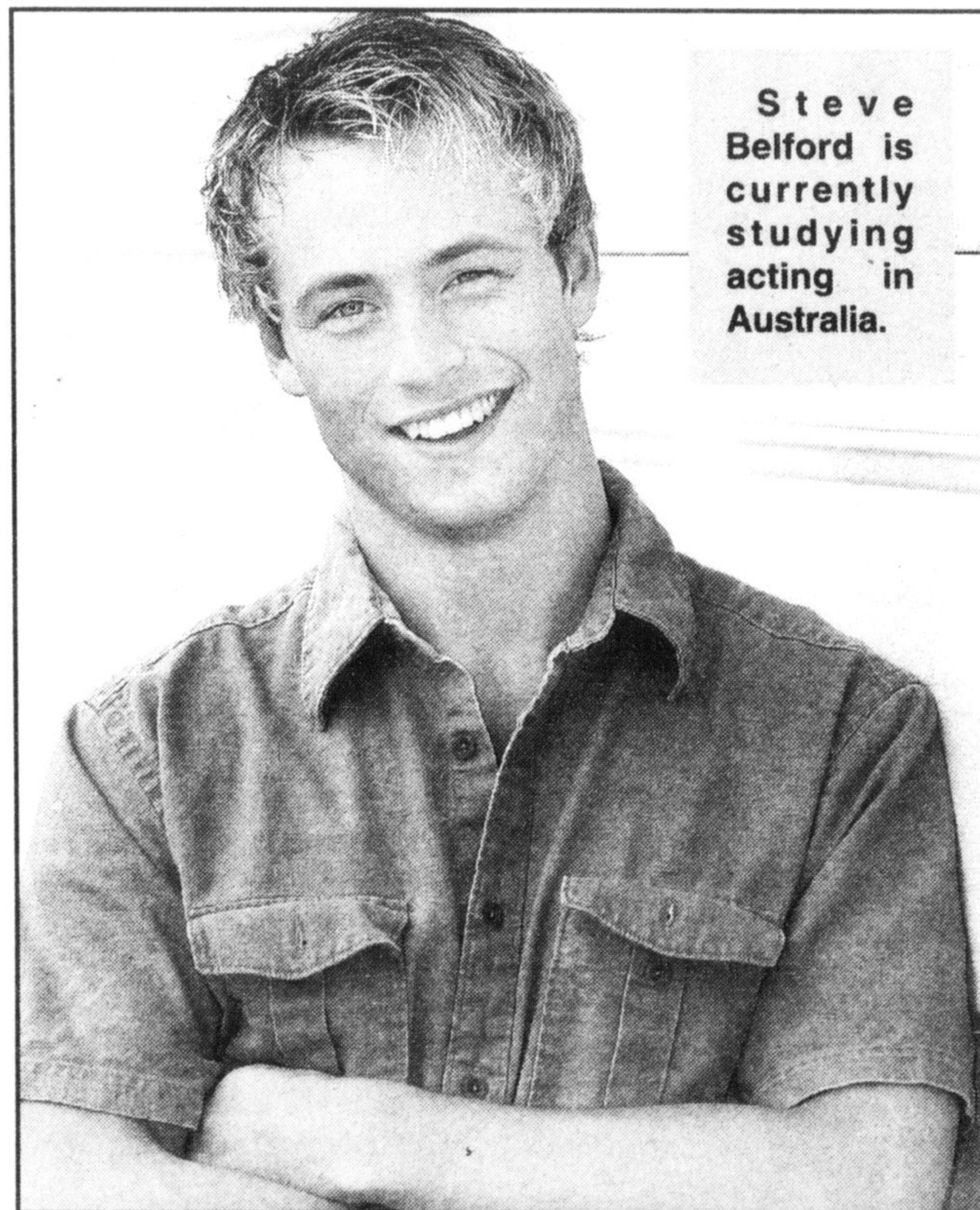
The Halton Regional Police Chorus will present Harmony in Blue, a concert featuring a variety of police bands and dance groups in Georgetown on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The 7:30 p.m. concert will feature the Halton Regional Police Chorus, Halton Regional Police Pipes and Drums, Peel Regional Police Chief's Ceremonial Band, York Regional Police Male Chorus, Aspects of Dance and the Georgetown School of Highland Dancing.

Proceeds from the concert will enable the police chorus to travel to memorial services, sing at seniors residences, and police and community functions.

On Sunday, the chorus will be singing at the Ottawa Police Memorial Services in front of the Parliament Buildings. Over the next couple of months, the chorus will also be participating in concerts in Newmarket and Ingersoll, and hosting its own Christmas concert.

For more information or to reserve tickets call The John Elliott Theatre at (905) 877-3700 or Joan McWilliams at Halton Regional Police Service at (905) 878-5511, ext. 5112. Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for students.



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Arts and Crafts Tour Oct. 5 and 6

Art lovers are invited to view the work of 33 local artists during the fifth annual Arts and Crafts Tour presented by the Fine Arts Society of Milton next month.

On October 5 and 6, individuals will be welcome to tour the 22 stops in town from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art work on display will include paintings in oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolour, sculpture in clay, stone, wood, cement, pottery, photography, blown glass and garden furniture.

The locations on the free, self-directed tour will be marked with blue, yellow and white balloons along with a studio tour number sign in the driveway.

The tour map is available in town at the Milton Public Library, Tourist Information Centre, Milton Leisure Centre, Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, Town Hall, Artistic Frame, Halton Hills Fine Jewelry, Wakefield Dentistry, the Harrop Restaurant and Gallery, Springridge Farm, Credit Creek Art Gallery, Curves for Women, the Milton Mall information board, Unique Frame and Art, Loblaws, La Toscana Ristorante, Zak's Pharmacy and Galactic Art Glass Studio.

In Campbellville, the map can be found at Dars' Delight, Angel Rocks, Maranatha Log House, Antique Stained Glass, 1846 Log House Craft Gallery, Long Lane Orchard, Country Laine Cafe and Tea Room, and at Lott's and Lots Fine Bakery and Tea Room.

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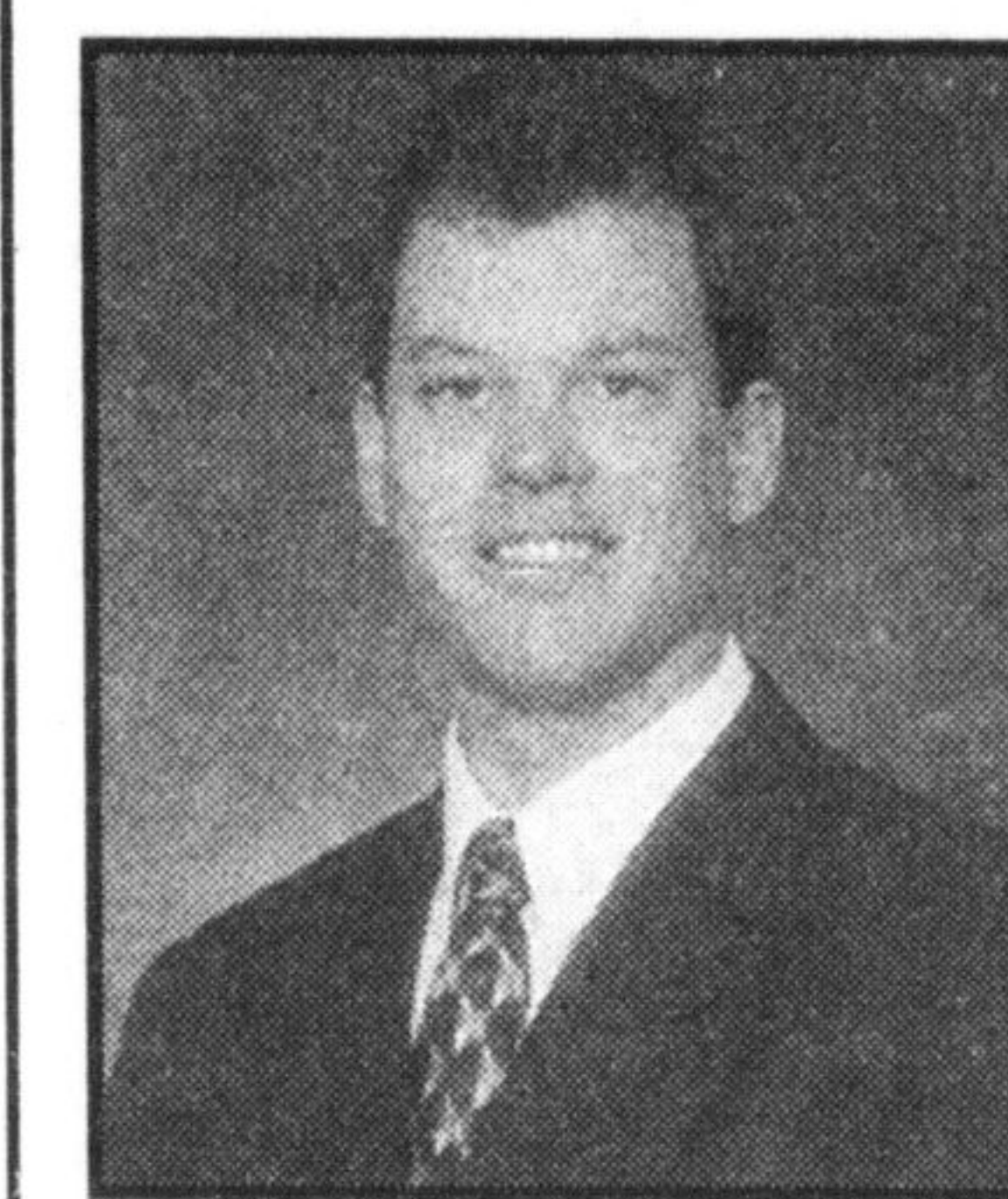
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The Town of Halton Hills is in the process of undertaking an Official Plan Review. An important aspect of the Review is to obtain input from the community to help guide the future direction of the Town. As part of the process, the Town has issued four Discussion Papers for the purpose of attracting community input. The four Discussion Papers are focused on *Environment, Growth, Management, Economic Development and Housing*. We are inviting you to contribute your views on the Discussion Papers by no later than November 1, 2002.

The Discussion Papers are available at <http://www.town.halton-hills.on.ca> in the "Planning & Development Services section". Copies are also available for purchase at the Planning Department in the Civic Centre. We value your input and hope that you can provide comments. Comments should be forwarded to John Linhardt, Manager of Planning Policy (johnl@town.halton-hills.on.ca) or Steve Burke, Policy Planner (stevebu@town.halton-hills.on.ca)

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