

Public invited to fire station

Raising awareness of fire safety and being able to recognize fire hazards in the home are part of Fire Prevention Week October 6 to 12.

The Milton Fire Department will be hosting an open house at Central Station on Steeles Avenue Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Individuals will be able to watch firefighters in simulated situations, visit with Sparky the Safety Dog, tour the fire trucks and learn about fire safety.

Demonstrations will include water rescue, auto extrication and rappelling/high angle rescue. Firefighters will also demonstrate how the thermal imaging camera and fire extinguishers work.

The Ontario Fire Marshal urges everyone to take responsibility for fire safety in their own home by following these three simple steps:

- Hunt for home hazards to prevent fires from happening in the first place. Search out dangers such as matches and lighters left within the reach of children, carelessly discarded cigarettes, objects too close to space heaters and extension cords used as permanent wiring.

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Test your alarms at least once a month and replace the batteries every year, or when the low-battery warning chirps.

- Develop and practice a home escape plan with your entire family. Everyone in the household must know at least two ways out in the event of a fire. Choose a safe meeting place outside and call the fire department from a neighbour's home.

For more information, call the Milton Fire Department at (905) 878-9251.

Communication plan aims to link Halton

By RICHARD VIVIAN

The Champion

Halton Region is looking to improve access to both government and businesses services through the development of a new communication strategy.

"This begins the process to connect us all," Regional Chair Joyce Savoline said during the launch of the Connecting Halton program Wednesday.

"This will allow us to interconnect our lives, our services through a single Internet parcel."

Once complete, it's hoped the initiative will enhance local economic development, make government services more accessible and improve the quality of life in Halton, the chair added.

There are currently \$100,000 earmarked for the program — half of which was provided by the Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation and half from previously-secured community donations.

The Region is currently in the midst of collecting ideas from community groups, businesses and others on what the system could do and how it might work.

"We need your ideas here. This could become anything from a virtual mall, provide health information, government information, anything," Ms Savoline said to the packed house at the Oakville Conference

Centre.

"This will change and grow into what people want it to be."

Over the next month, a series of stakeholder group meetings will be held in order to collect ideas and theories from those who wish to be involved.

The brainstorm list will then undergo a technical review to determine if the concepts are technologically feasible at this time. Through the stakeholder input, a community vision is expected to be complete by December, with implementation to follow.

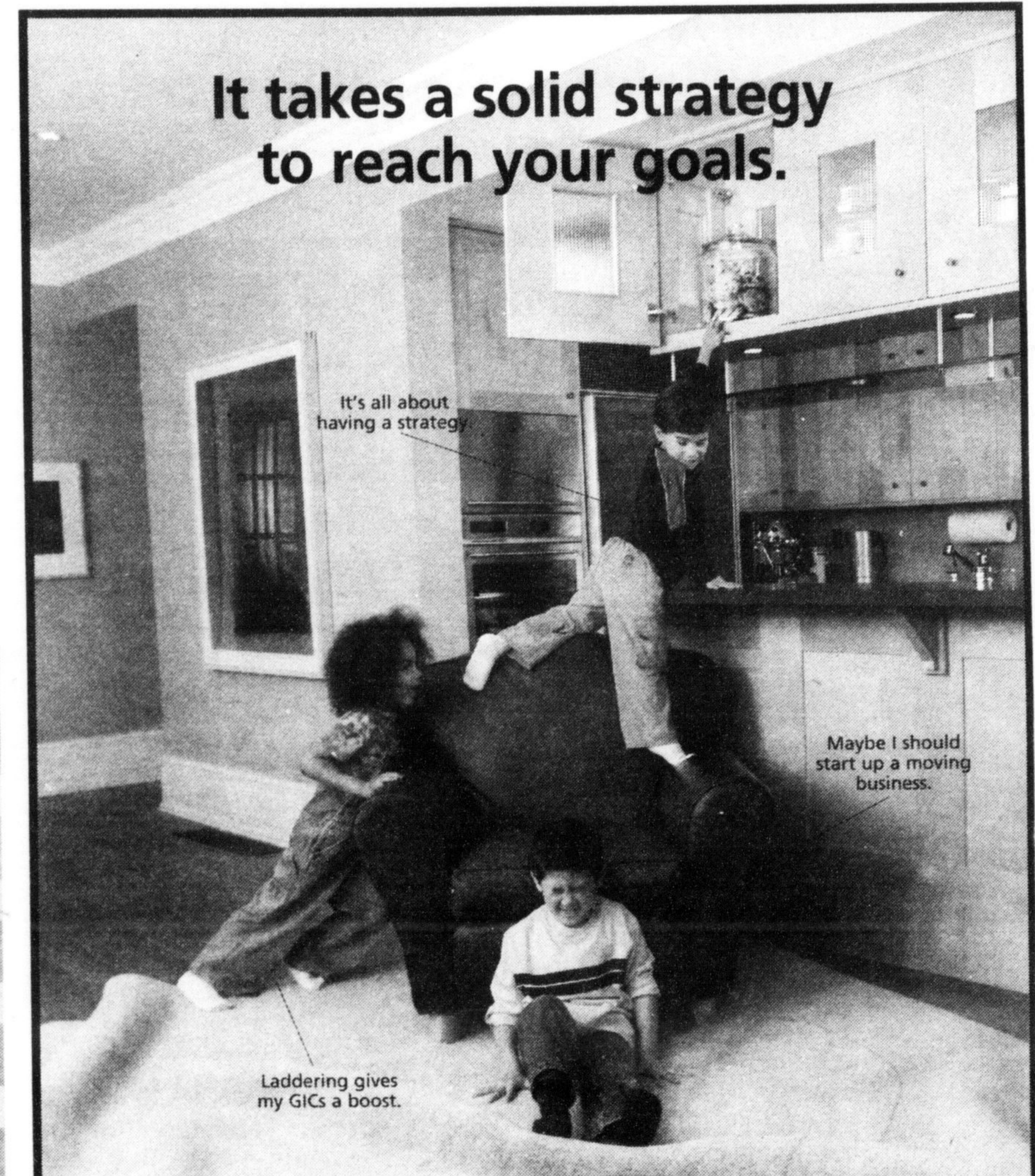
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THE 1ST ANNUAL HALTON TALENT CONTEST

AUDITIONS: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 5-9PM
AND SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 9AM-1PM
FINALS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2:30-5:30

City Parent is pleased to present our 1st Annual Halton Talent Contest held at Sheridan College Oakville Campus. The Contest is open to all children 5 to 12 years of age. There are four categories: Instrumental, Dance, Vocal, other and two age divisions five to eight, nine to 12 year olds. Contestants will have a maximum of 3 minutes to perform on the stage. First, Second and third prizes will be awarded in each age category. Each participant will receive a recognition trophy. An award for overall outstanding performance will be presented.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- A completed registration form must be sent to City Parent with the registration fee.
- Registration fee is \$25.00
- Fee includes admission for one guardian.
- The registration fee is non-refundable
- A photo of the contestant must accompany the registration form
- Photos of the contestants will be published in the programme guide
- Children must be of appropriate age of category specified.
- ID will be checked
- Prizes may alter without prior notice
- City Parent is not responsible for any lost registration forms
- All entrants must have a legal guardian/parent sign the waiver form No Guardian consent, no performance.
- Registrations will not be accepted at time of talent search and must be submitted by **NOVEMBER 1, 2002**.
- Photocopies and faxes of registration forms will not be accepted. Authentic signatures are mandatory.

REGISTRATION FORM:

Name _____
Contestants Name _____
Age of Contestant _____
Address _____
City _____
Prov _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____

CATEGORY (check one)

Dance Instrumental Vocal Other

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT OPTION:

Name of Credit Card Holder _____ Credit Card # _____
Expiry Date _____ Signature of Credit Card Holder _____

I hereby give my consent as legal guardian of the above named contestant to the use of his/her name and photograph for advertising/promotional purposes in the Halton Talent Contest. I claim no compensation in respect of such use, or for any damages, arising therefrom. I also agree to the rules and regulations stated above. Judges decisions are final and binding.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

MAIL COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM
WITH CREDIT CARD INFO OR MONEY ORDER BY NOVEMBER 1, 2002 TO:
HALTON TALENT CONTEST, C/O CITY PARENT, 467 SPEERS ROAD, OAKVILLE, ON L6K3S4

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 905-815-0017 (DO NOT MAIL CHECK)