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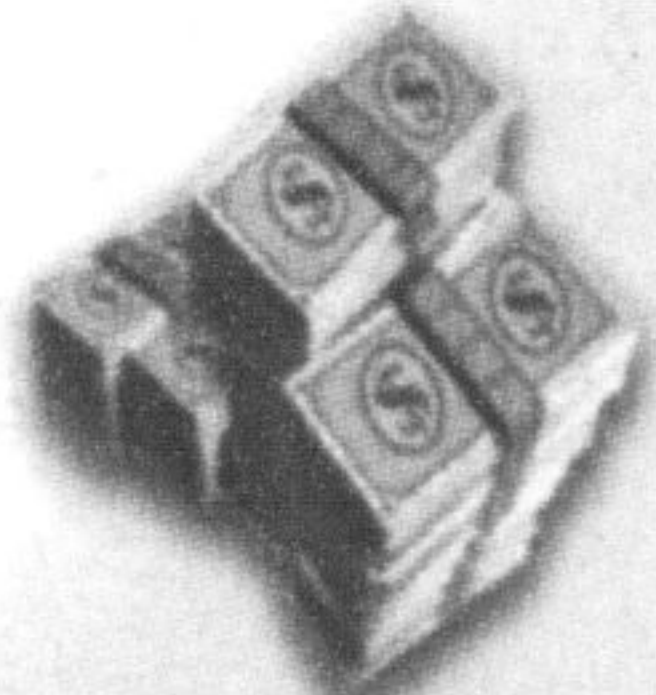
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May 24 - June 23, 2004.
11:00AM - 8:30PM

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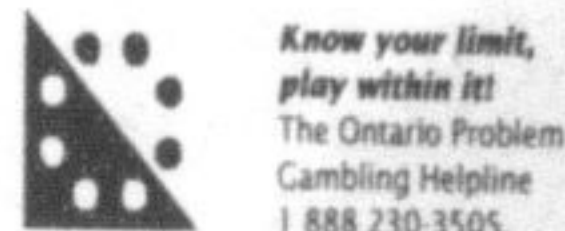
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
June 28, 29, 30, 2004
6:00pm



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Thank you for the walk in the park, brave soldiers

The older I get the more I seem to appreciate the past.

I felt that way during the 60th anniversary festivities of D-Day.

The week before I had seen part of a documentary on a failed Canadian war effort. It wasn't Dieppe, but something else, and I turned it off in disgust.

For some reason Canadian media wants to recognize our failures more than our successes. I don't recall any American or British movies about their failures, and they had a lot more than us.

We don't need the media to make us proud of our country's war efforts, but a week of D-Day specials on the History Channel did a good job of it, which was a nice change.

Canadians had a major part in the biggest invasion in history - there were 18,000 of us. The Americans had two beaches, the British had two beaches, and we had Juno Beach. And we were arguably the best that day, advancing further than anyone else.

That's the stuff we should be making movies about.

In any event I watched the ceremonies on CBC Sunday, as well as the movies, and all the documentaries. I watched the veterans marching in Ottawa, some of them hobbling, some of them in wheelchairs. I watched a veteran wipe tears from his eyes as he remem-



*On the
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bered that day. I watched veterans recalling their experiences and breaking down when talking about their friends getting killed right beside them.

One of the documentaries featured a camera inside one of the boats landing on Juno Beach, and they didn't look as scared as they must have been. One by one they left the boat and went into the water. Nobody hesitated.

We can watch the movies, such as Saving Private Ryan and The Longest Day, but we can't imagine the horror of running up on a beach into the face of machine gun fire, not knowing if you'd live for more than a couple of steps.

Many of them didn't. My uncle ran up on Juno Beach and was shot in the leg. He was one of the lucky ones. He still limps to this day, but I've never heard him complain about it. They did what they had to do, and they didn't question it.

That's unlike some wars. My cousin was killed in Vietnam and

my uncle was upset about it until his own death. He never understood why his son had to die.

The Second World War was different. Everybody knew. Everybody understood. People sacrificed their lives for others. Canadians did that. Soldiers from Milton did that.

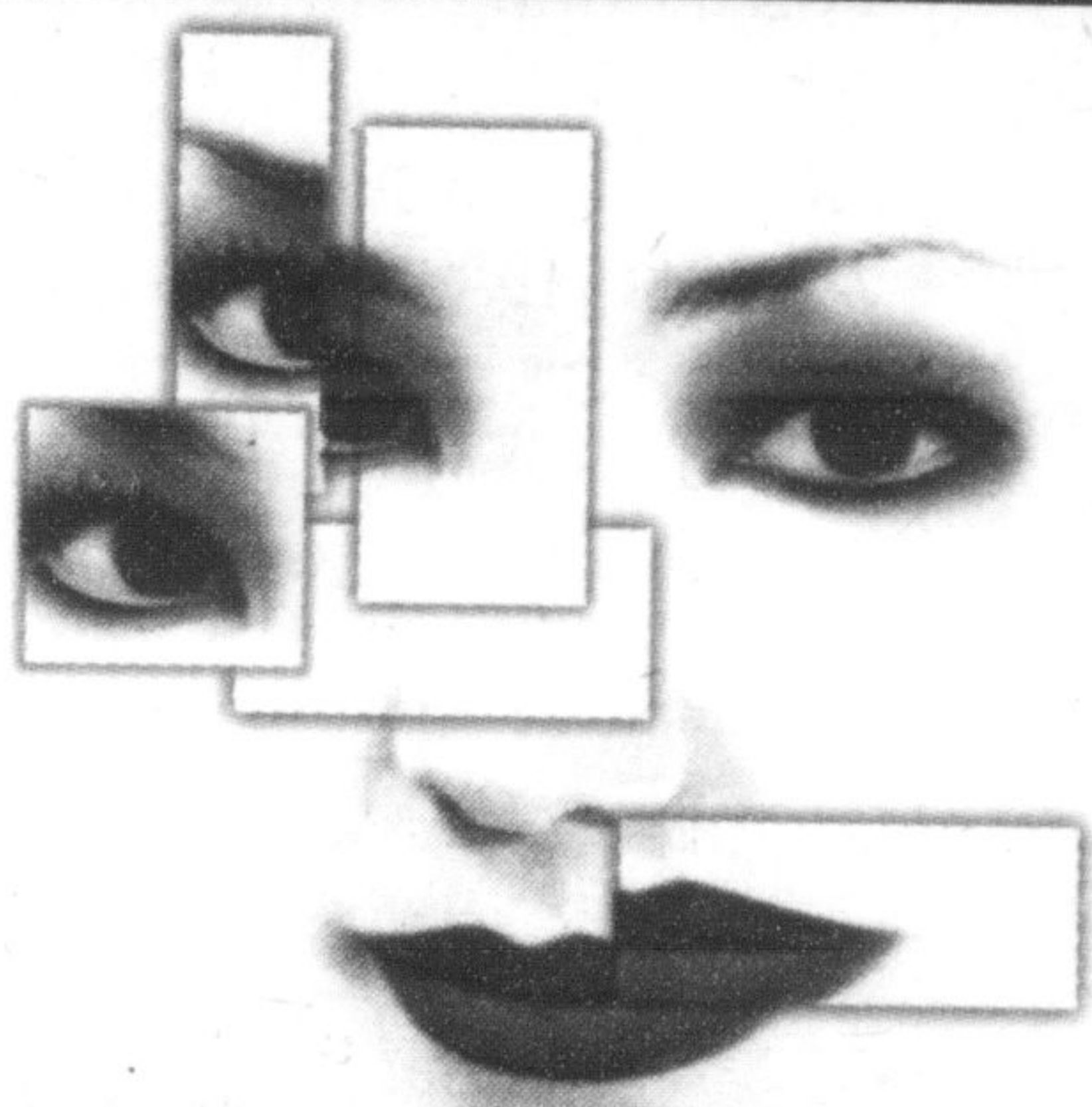
They displayed a bravery few of us can even comprehend. When I was 19, my main concern was when the next party was going to start. Not those people. Their worry was considerably more important.

I took my granddaughter for a walk in her stroller Sunday. We went to Victoria Park. She likes to watch the water fountain, but this time we spent some time at the war memorial.

It was my first time looking at it, and I read over the names carefully, from Allan to Walsh. Others had familiar Milton last names, such as Robertson.

I don't know who among them died on D-Day, but as I looked at my granddaughter, I knew this. My father was in the Royal Canadian Air Force in the Second World War. If he had died, I wouldn't be here, my kids wouldn't be here, and my granddaughter wouldn't be here.

These men never got to bring their grandchild for a walk to the park. But because of them, I did.



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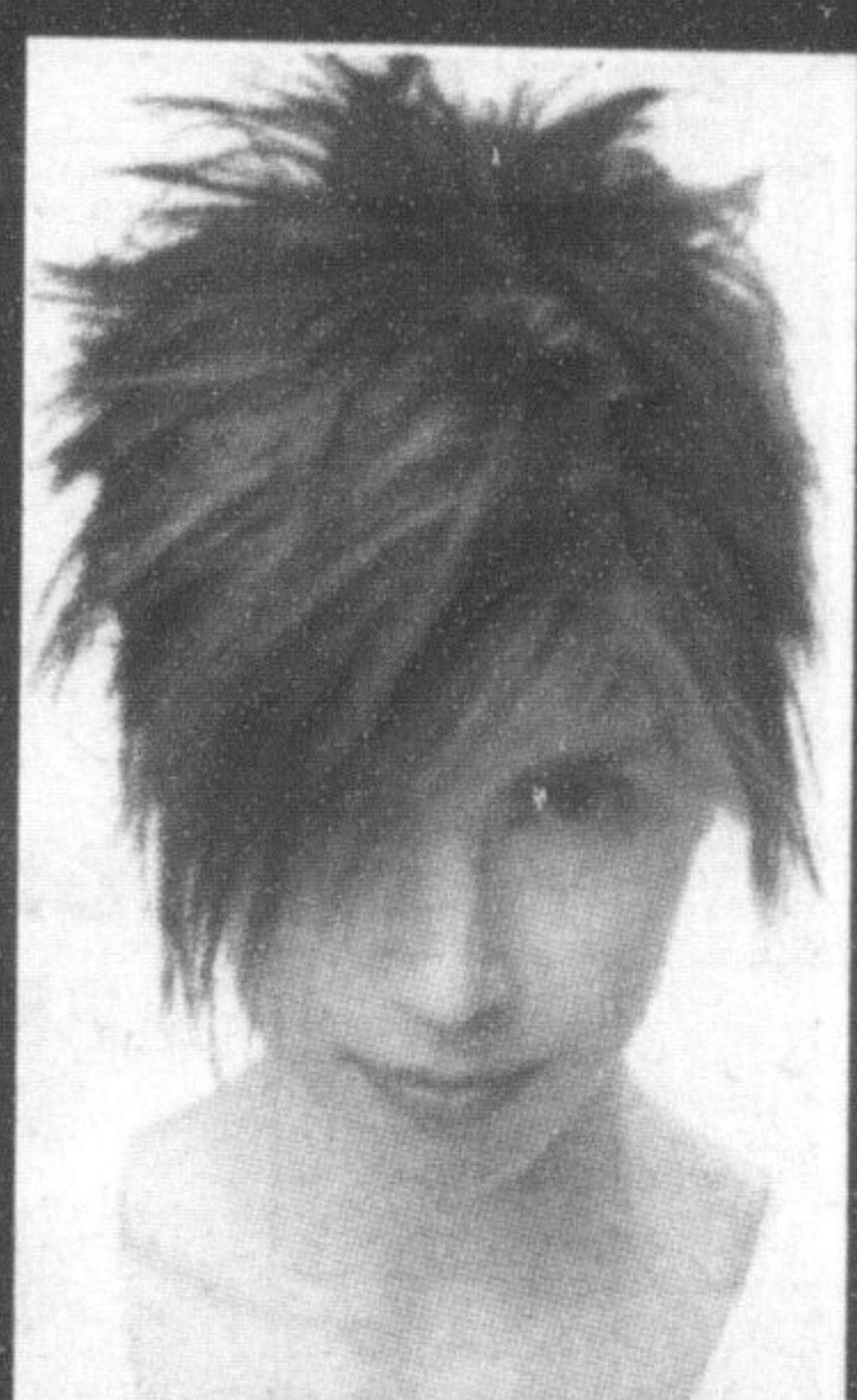
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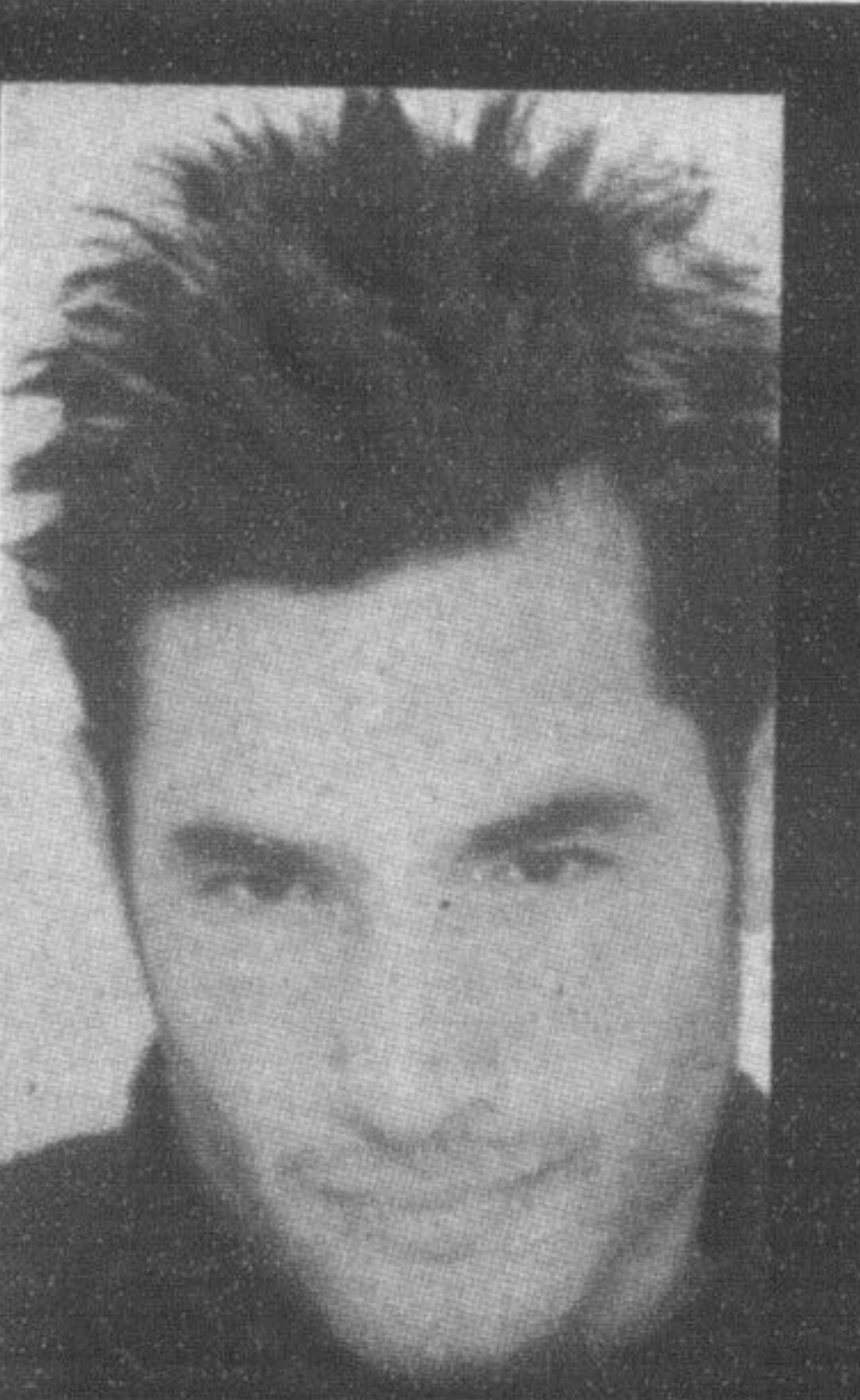
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