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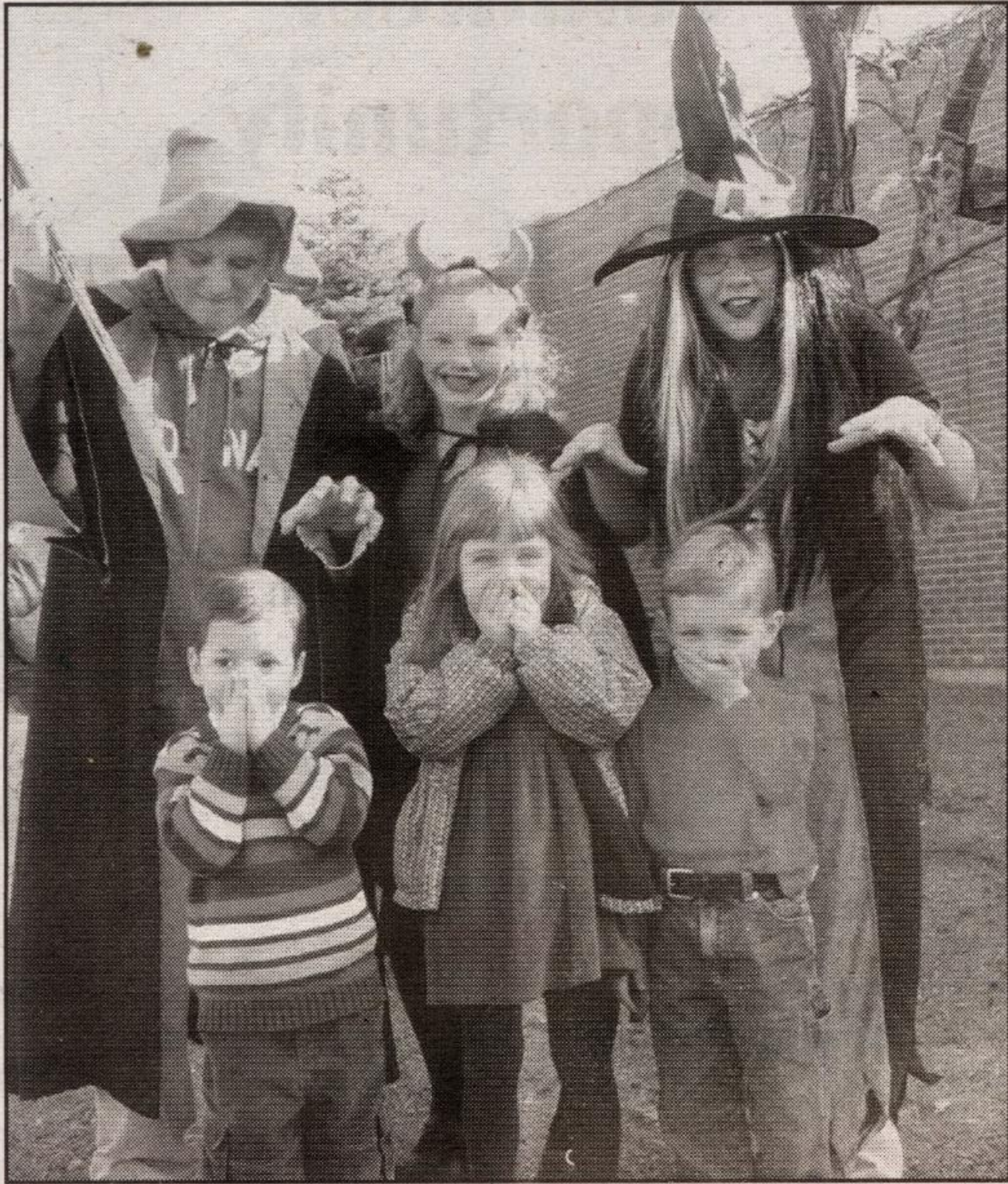


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Brookville School students (front, left to right) Xander Ewing, Olivia Traetto and Antonio Traetto stand spooked by ghouls (back, left to right) J.D. Wallace, Kathleen Dennis and Megan Kados. The Grade Eight students at Brookville School planned and hosted two days of Halloween fun at a Carnival to raise money for their upcoming trip to Quebec.

Meeting diversity challenges in Halton schools

By JUDY SCANNELL

Since the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council was formed in 1993, we have had the pleasure of working closely with the Halton District School Board and would like to commend the board's administration, trustees and school staffs for the following:

- Collaboration on many visionary projects, such as *Traveling through Diversity*, *Faces of Islam - Breaking down Stereotypes*, *Taking Action Against Hate*, and Citizenship Ceremonies. These are initiatives that promote acceptance and respect, which in turn help create safer and more inclusive school environments;
- Accessibility of the board's Director of Education and administrative staff;
- Hiring of a Diversity Consultant to support staff and students on all issues of diversity;
- Creation of programs that

promote respect for differences, promoting anti-bullying strategies, establishing student diversity councils in high schools, and so on;

- Fostering a collaborative approach by trustees who have worked well together for all Halton students.

Staff and students at HDSB have continued to rise to meet new challenges and opportunities during the past three years - and we hope that the new board of trustees is given the chance to continue working to improve education for all students. This is even more important now given the changing face of Halton's population. Each of our municipalities is experiencing rapid growth, and this will bring even more diversity to our schools.

Judy Scannell is a board member with the North Halton Cultural Awareness Council.

More Milton mayoralty candidates

By DONNA DANIELLI

As the November 10 municipal election rapidly approaches, the race for Milton Mayor becomes more heated. Along with incumbent Mayor Gord Krantz, current Regional Councillor Rick Malboeuf, David Lloyd and Vito Agozzino, both Al Volpe and Las Polcz cite frustrations with the current level of administration as one of the reasons they are seeking Milton's top spot.

Mr. Volpe has conducted business in Milton for over 20 years as a real estate advisor, financial planner and consultant. He is concerned about transportation issues facing Milton and calls for a comprehensive transportation infrastructure plan to deal with grid lock and slow road upgrades. It is his intention to promote small business development by offering tax incentives, grants and reward programs to business owners. He is blunt in his call to Town Hall to become less bureaucratic saying "that no longer will the concerns of large developers be expedited while many residents and small contractors wait six to nine months to get a simple building permit."

Equally outspoken in his criticism of Milton's policies is fellow candidate Las Polcz, who says he

will ask developers to re-visit problem areas with real solutions. "I will let them know that campaign donations or donations to the Choristers will not solve the parking situation," he explains. Mr. Polcz plans to draw on his Ball State University degree in Political

Science, his experiences as an owner of three allied manufacturing companies and as District Manager for Halton of the Canadian Taxpayer's Federation to deal with such issues as rapid growth and the revitalization of Milton's downtown.

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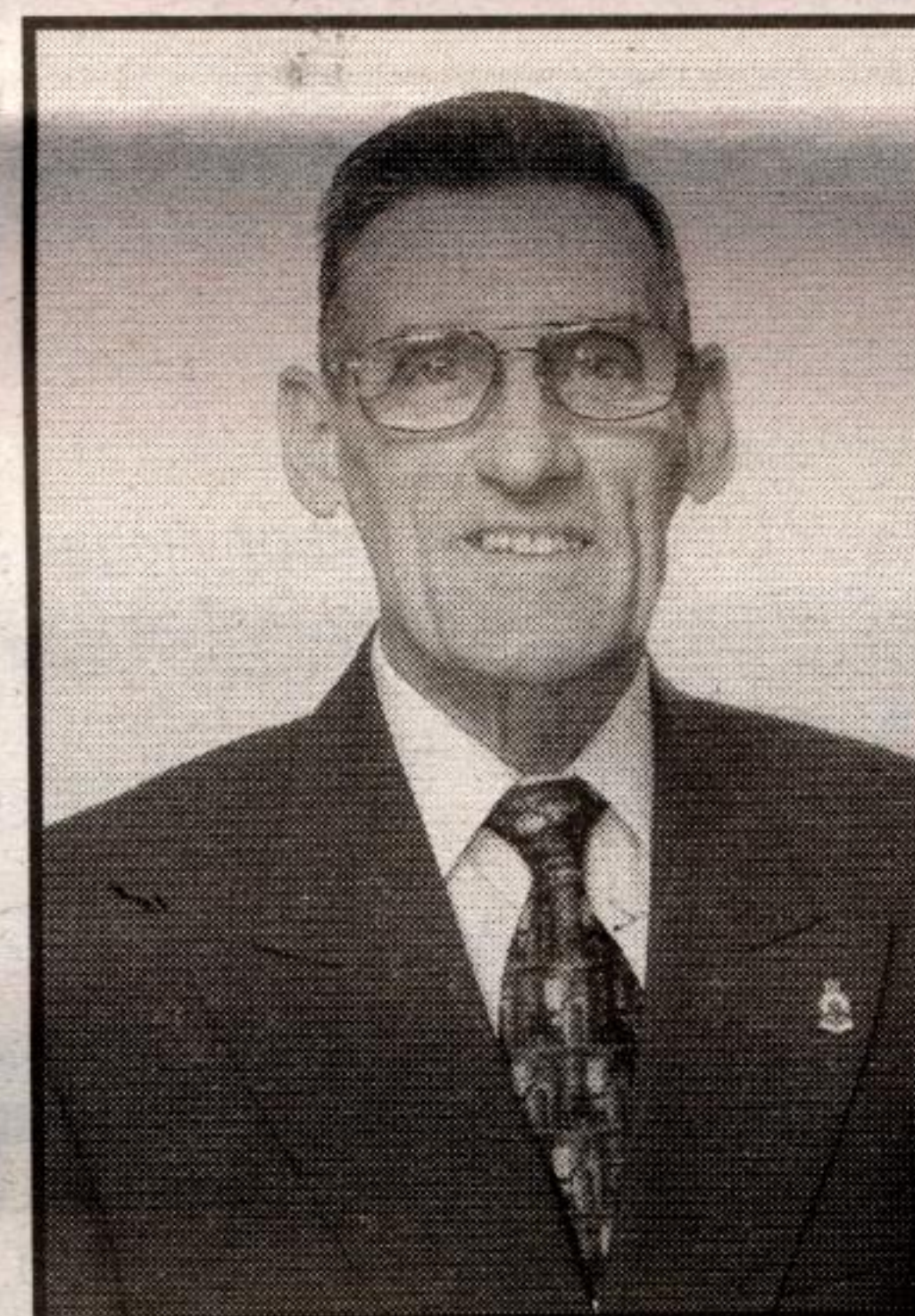
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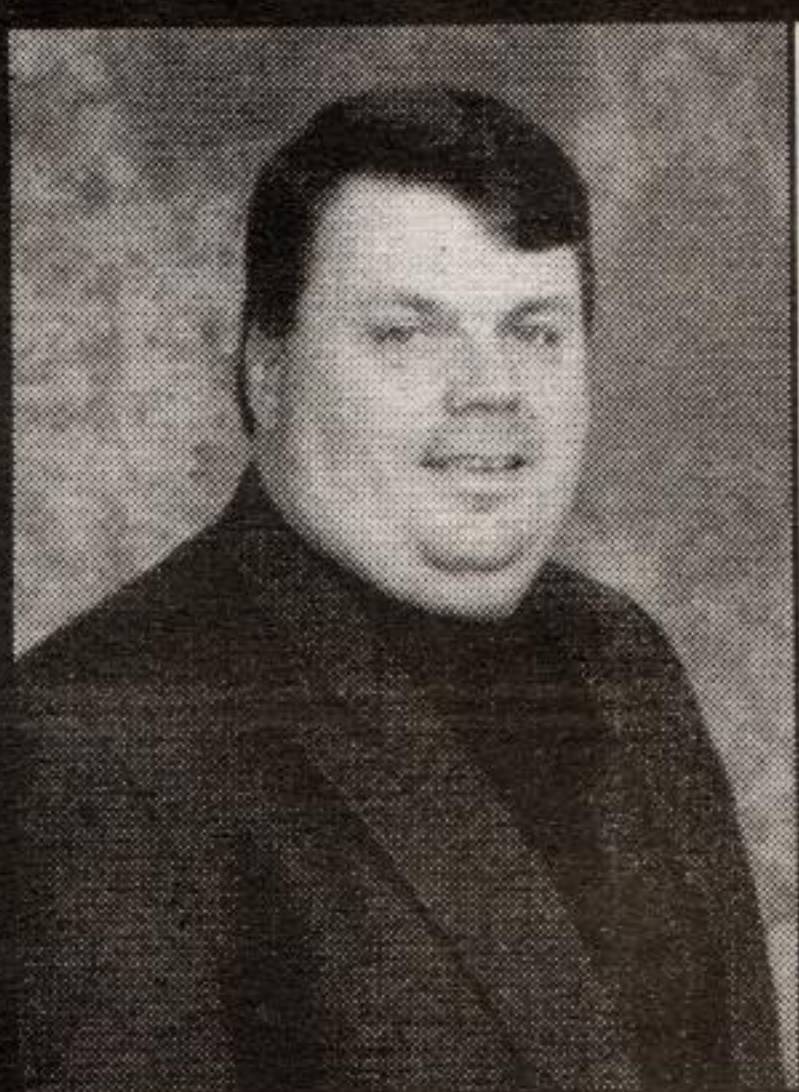


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