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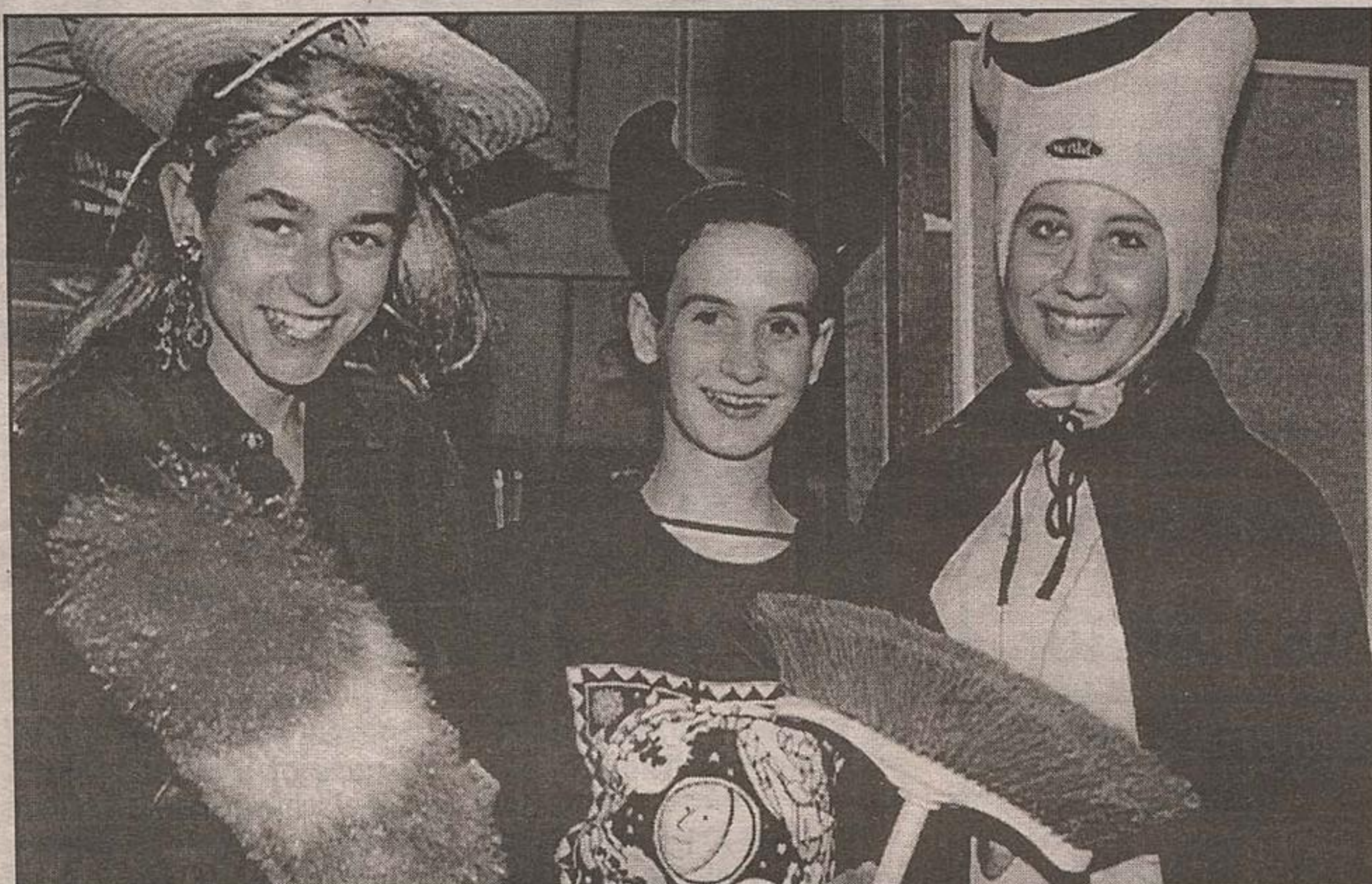
## Is it time for a new belt?

**QUESTION:** I drive a 1995 neon with a 2.0 litre engine and a standard transmission. My maintenance schedule recommends that I replace the timing belt with my next service, which will be 85,000 kilometres.

Could you tell me if this is necessary and if the timing belt was to fail, would it hurt the engine?

**ANSWER:** According to the shop manual, your timing belt should be changed 160,000 kilometres or 6 years, whichever should occur first.

You may be following a maintenance schedule created by the car dealer. This generic schedule covers a vast number of car lines. The Laser and Talon with Mitsubishi engines require timing belt replacement at 80,000 kilometres. Check in the maintenance section of the Chrysler Owners Manual that came with your car for your specific engine.



THE FARMER, THE Devil and the Happy Face also known as Peter Glatt, Lucy Horvat and Shelley Dagenais were helping clean up the portables at St. Joseph's School on Slave Day. — Angela Tyler photo

## ACTON SENIORS' RECREATION CENTRE

By DOT REDEKOP

We had nine tables at the euchre on Wednesday night. There is still room for more people.

**Winners:**

- High men's**  
1. Ernie Pearce  
2. Charlie Rocher

- Ladies**  
1. Edna Nellis  
2. Dorothy Jordan

Jack Kearsy and Eileen Wedge each had seven lone hands, low score was Bea Breton. The next date is Wednesday, June 3 at 7:30 p.m.

The newsletters are now in and can be picked up at the centre.

The board of the Seniors Centre is running a lawn sale at the centre on Saturday, June 13 starting at 8. If anyone who has any usable items to donate, please drop the off at the centre. If you need to have them picked up, phone the centre at 853-5951 and they will be picked up, Friday, June 12.

There will still be time to pick up the bus for the Symphony of Fire Cruise and a buffet supper.

Don't forget the "Formal Dance" (suit and tie) on Friday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m. Price \$12 a person.

The summer dates for Rama are; Tuesday, May 19 and Tuesday, June 30. Includes a half hour boat cruise, Wednesday July 29 and Wednesday, August 26. Cost per trip is \$7. Come and join our Min-

gle and Chat program on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Barb and myself are putting together all items of our past and present. If anyone has anything in the way of photos or write ups they could constitute we would be glad of the help. Thank you.

The Niagara Blossom Tour is Friday, May 15. We leave the centre at 8:30 a.m. We visit Niagara-on-the-Lake, then on to the Victoria Park Cafeteria for lunch on your own, then on to the Greenhouses. Cost \$23 per person.

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## Council worries about high fees

By FRANCES NIBLOCK  
The New Tanner

Increases in development application fees in Halton Hills will be capped at 100 per cent as politicians try to cushion a hike in the price of doing business with the Town.

Without the cap some fees would have increased by as much as 254 per cent.

Town staff claim the fees are fair and expect few, if any, complaints from local developers, but some councillors, including Acton's Norm Elliott, worried the increases could make Halton Hills unattractive to developers.

"Not only are we charging more than anyone else in the area...the philosophy of 100 per cent (cost) recovery wasn't something that necessarily has to be done in every case," Elliott said at last week's general committee meeting

One fee that worried several councillors was the Town's charge of \$1,535 to process a minor site plan. Milton charges \$200 and Burlington charges \$680 for the same processing.

Only the Town's Building Department recovers its operating costs through building fees while some Recreation and Parks programs operate on a full cost recovery basis and show a profit.

When several councillors suggested that the development fee increases could be

capped or phased in, Elliott argued for a deferral of the issue.

"I think that some of the increases are extreme and some of them we would be charging the highest rates in all of Halton Region and in one specific instance five or

six times more for a minor site plan application," Elliott said.

Although general committee members voted to bring the issue back on May 25, on Monday night council approved the 100 per cent cap on fee increases.

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