

## Town donates \$5,000 to aid storm victims

The Town of Halton Hills has donated \$5,000 to the Canadian Red Cross for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

Council voted on the contribution at Tuesday's meeting, after a minute of silence in respect for the victims of the hurricane, which devastated the Gulf coast region of the United States. The money will come from the council's own contingency fund.

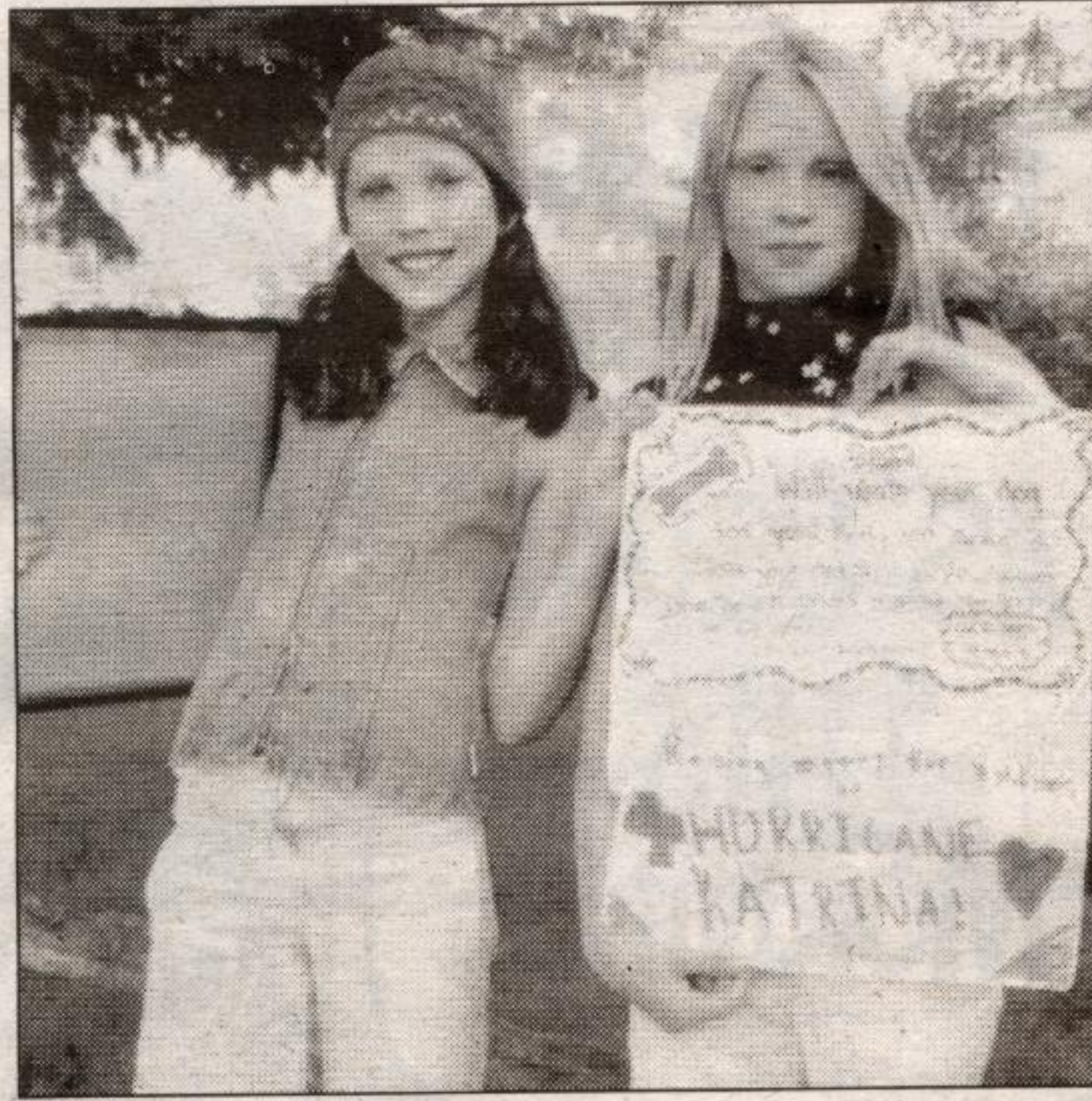
Mayor Rick Bonnette called it a business investment so "our friends south of the border can pick themselves up."

He pointed out the hurricane has had a major impact on the American economy and that is now trickling north to Canada, first seen in high fuel prices.

Ward 3 Councillor Mike Davis wondered about fast-tracking aid such as Town personnel and snow plows to New Orleans to help with the cleanup. But Regional Councillor Clark Somerville said emergency aid was being co-ordinated by Emergency Management Ontario, through Halton Region.

In correspondence issued to all heads of councils across Ontario, Julian Fantino, Commissioner of Emergency Management for the Province, advised that any relief efforts to address the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina will be co-ordinated by his office.

"Halton's Emergency Management staff is in daily contact with the Ministry," said Brent Marshall, Chief Administrative



Local youths Jackie Johnson and Kody Mackay walked dogs to raise \$207 for the Canadian Red Cross-Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. Submitted photo

Officer. "Our staff is well prepared to assist in whatever way necessary."

Persons wishing to make a financial donation, may do so through the Canadian Red Cross at 1-800-418-1111 or [www.redcross.ca](http://www.redcross.ca). An information line to handle general inquiries about the relief efforts has been established by the Province and is operable Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at 1-888-886-3998.

Meanwhile younger members of this community continue to offer their contributions. Jackie Johnson and Kody Mackay of Georgetown spent the Labour Day weekend walking dogs around their neighbourhood (Garnet Dr. and Delrex Blvd.) to raise money for Hurricane Katrina Relief. Neighbours, who did not have a dog, still made a pledge. The girls raised \$207, which was sent to the Canadian Red Cross-Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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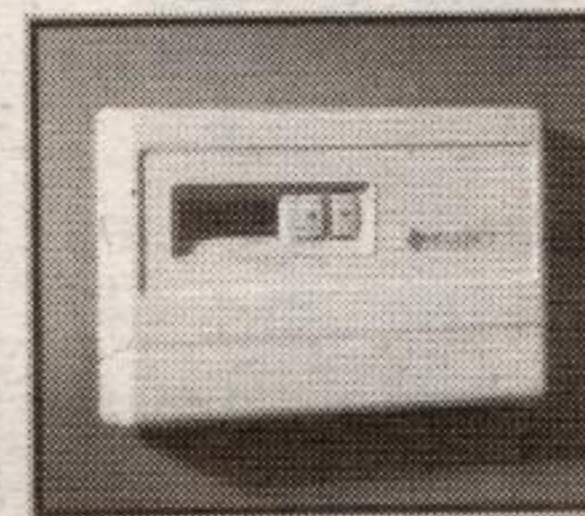
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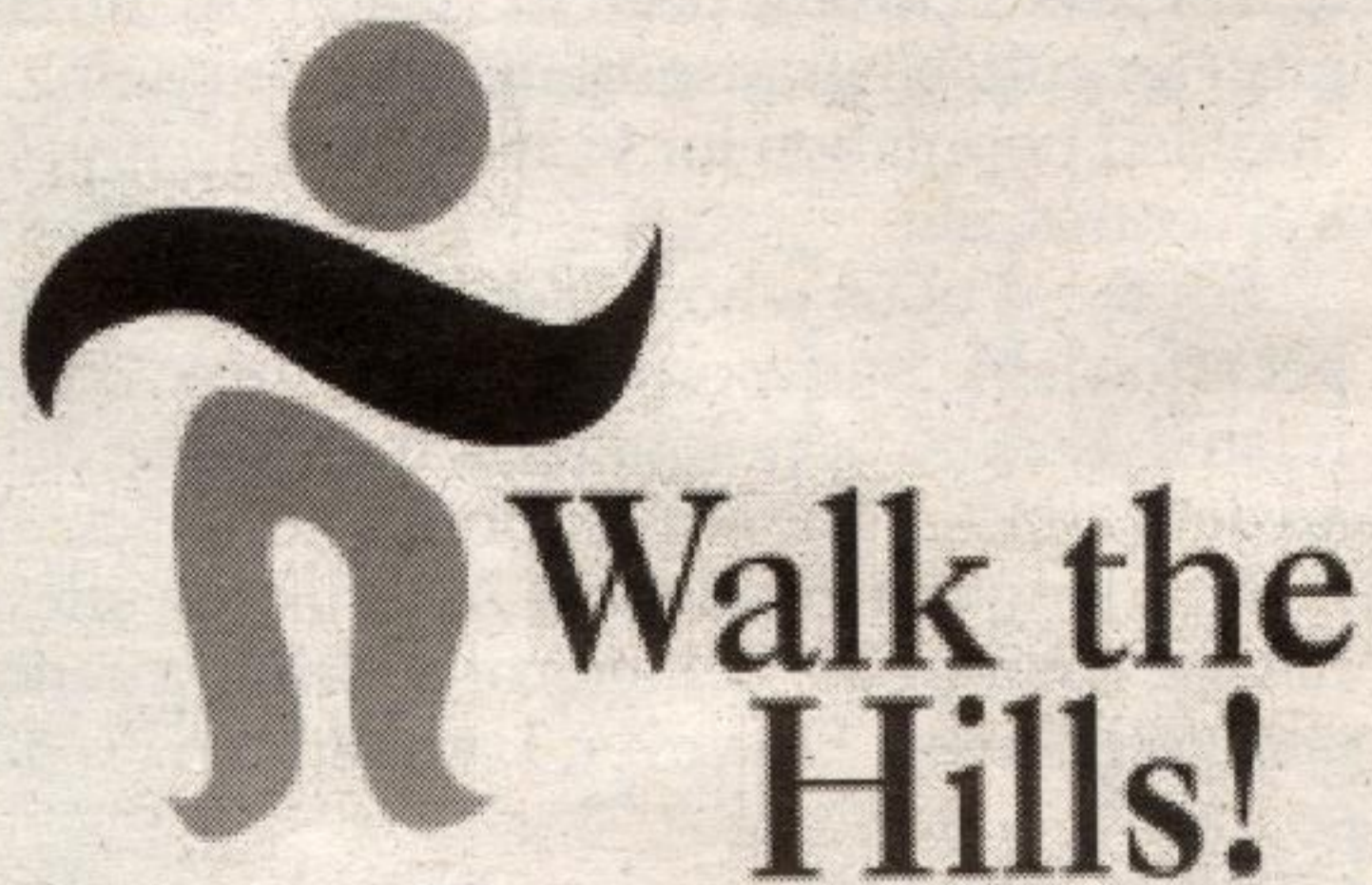
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## Congratulations to all of the 'Walk the Hills' Summer Challenge Participants!

This campaign got Halton Hills moving! The 'Walk the Hills' Challenge logged over 396,399 minutes! That's 275 days or 39 weeks of continuous walking!

Here are the winners from the Summer Challenge:

Top Adult Walker: Clark S \* Top Older Adult Walker: Pauline N  
Top Youth Walker: Tylor S \* Top Family Walkers: The Reinhardts

- DON'T FORGET -

The Fall Challenge begins Monday, September 12th and runs for 8 weeks! Pick up your walking log at any Town Facility or visit the 'Active Halton Hills' section of the Town of Halton Hills website at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca)! Lots of great prizes!

