

Region to host second workplace health networking meeting

The Halton Region Health Department will host its second workplace health networking meeting September 27.

The session is designed for human resource professionals, occupational health and safety staff and wellness committee members.

"Employee health is critical to sustaining a productive workforce, which in turn supports a healthy Halton economy," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"Our previous experience has shown us that Halton employers have an understanding of the benefits workplace health can have on an organization and their willingness to become engaged on this issue."

The meeting will provide a forum to network for other professionals, as well as an opportunity to discuss workplace health issues and share success stories and suggestions for implementing workplace health programs.

Presentations will also be made by local organizations on the implementation of their workplace health programs.

There's no cost to attend the meeting that runs from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Halton Regional building, 1151 Bronte Rd., Oakville.

Representatives from 37 organizations attended the first workplace health networking meeting held in May. Those attendees identified a need to continue to meet with local business representatives.

"It's great to see so much interest from the business community on workplace health issues," said Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal.

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health programs not only has a positive impact on organizational issues such as recruitment and retention, but also helps to improve the health of employees and their families."

The Region's health department says a focus on workplace health benefits employers, employees and the community. Organizations that implement workplace health programs can benefit from reduced absenteeism, increased productivity and reduced benefit costs.

Employees who participate in these programs can benefit from improved health, increased job satisfaction, decreased risk of injury and/or illness and an increased ability to balance work and family responsibilities.

For more information or to register for the networking meeting, contact the Halton Region Health Department by September 23 at (905) 825-6000, ext. 2904 or visit www.region.halton.on.ca.

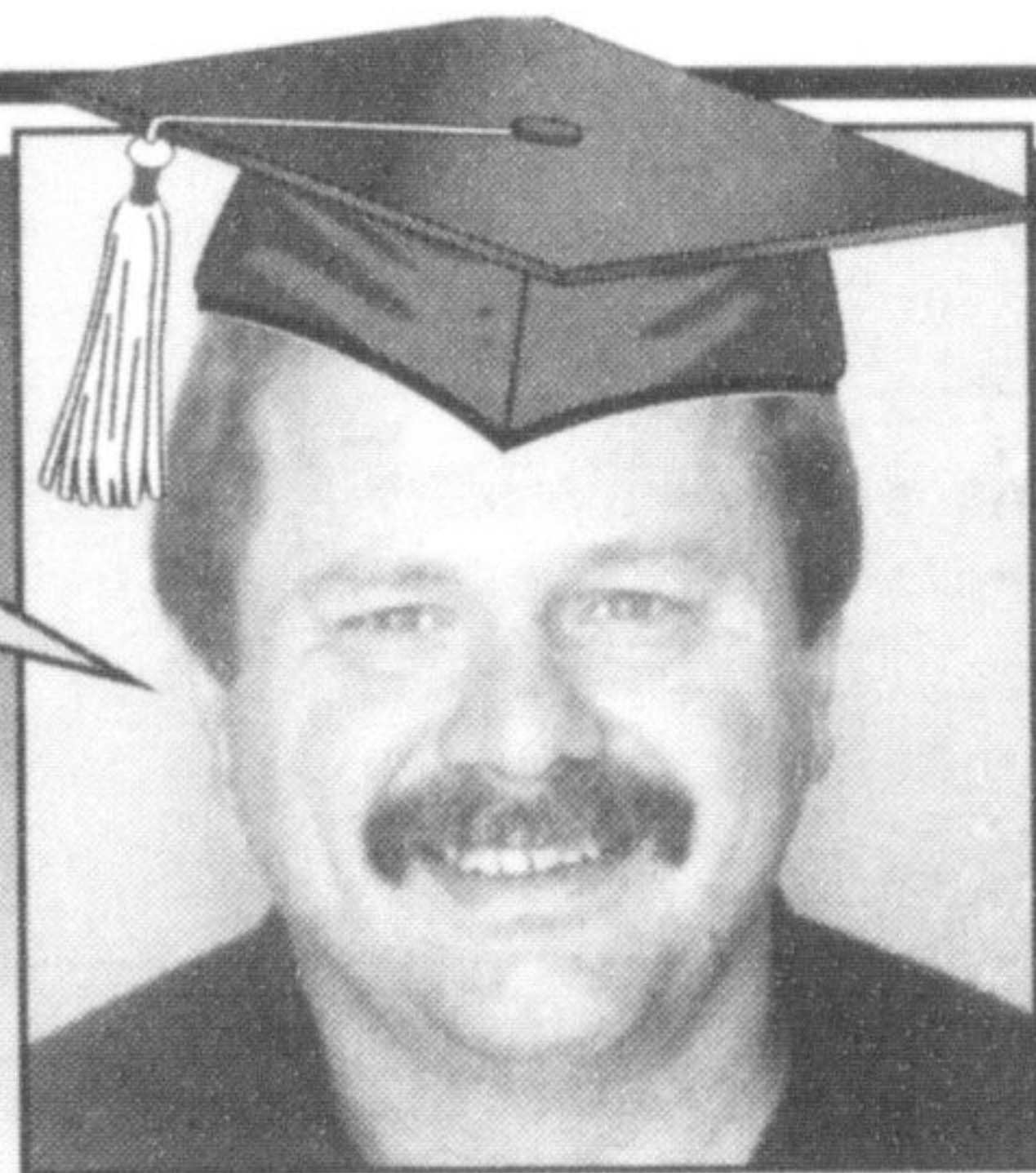
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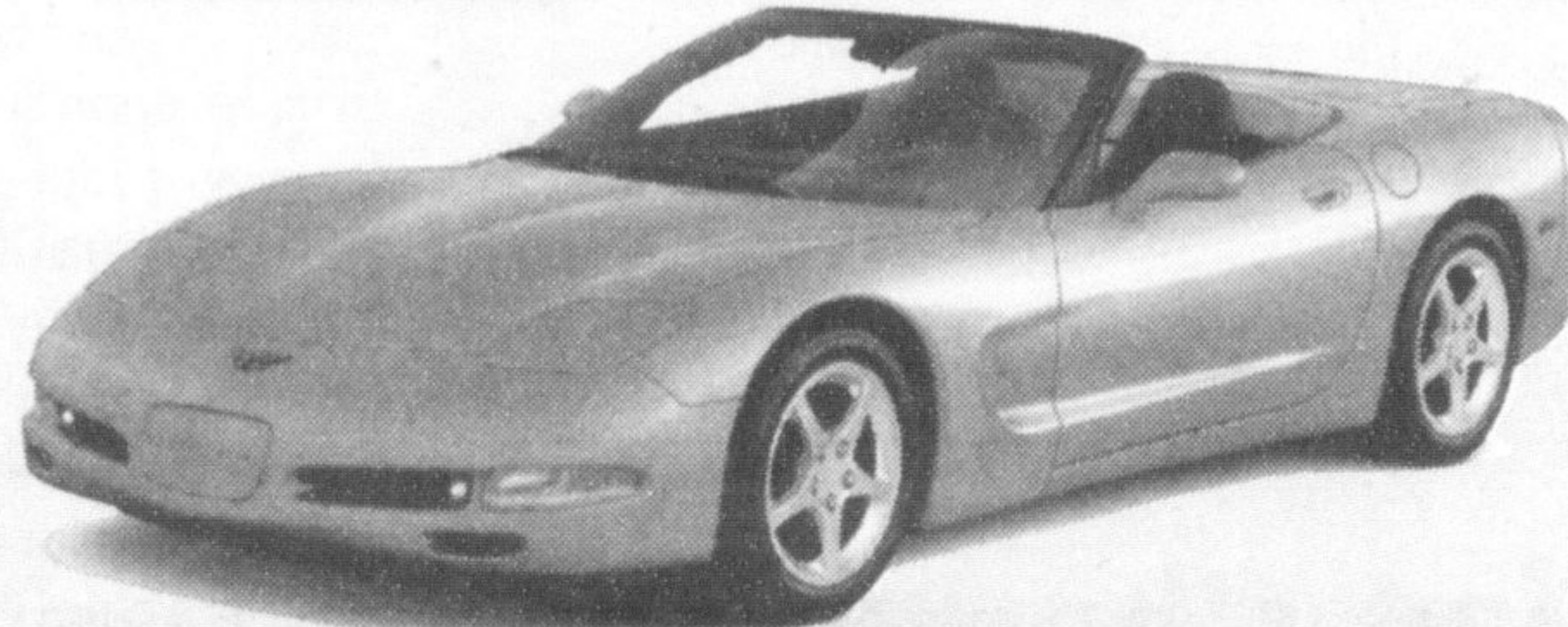
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