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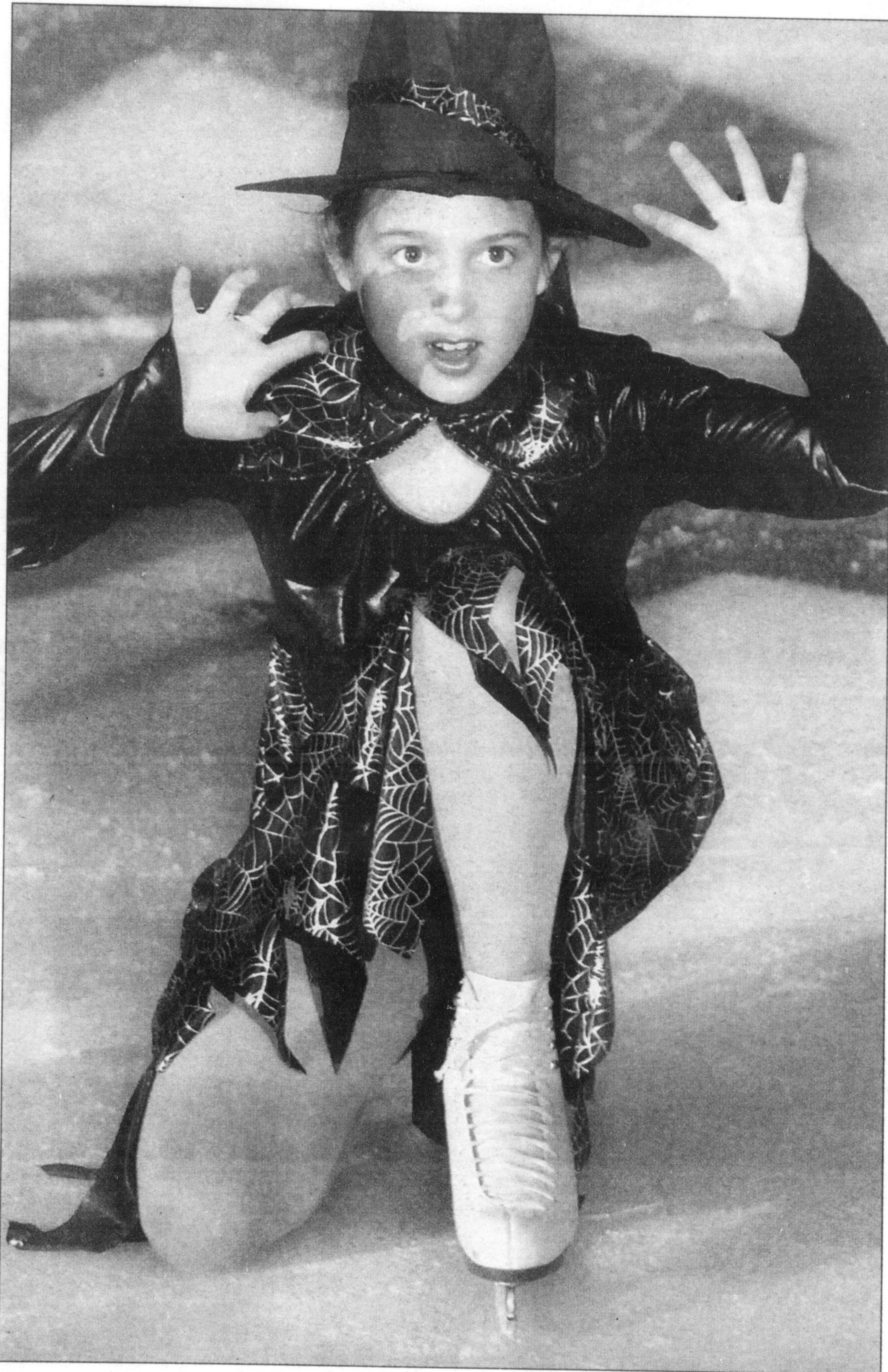
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SCARY SKATE: Storm Burgoyne plays a witch in a segment of the Milton Skating Club's carnival — put on every two years — held last weekend at John Tonelli Sports Centre. See more photos on page A21.

OMB approves initial phases of subdivisions

The first phases of two residential subdivisions proposed for west Milton have been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB).

The recent decision gave the go-ahead to approximately 1,300 homes planned for the northeast corner of Derry and Tremaine Roads and about 500 houses slated for the south side of Main Street West abutting the CN rail line.

Both developments — proposed by Fieldgate Homes and Main Street Milton Corp. respectively — were actually appealed to the OMB by the developers themselves.

This was done largely because the Milton Heights Landowners' Group said if a cost sharing system wasn't negotiated with other area landowners

to pay for necessary regional infrastructure, the group would appeal all subdivision plans as they come forward. A cost sharing agreement has since been reached.

Fieldgate ultimately wants to create 1,845 houses at Derry and Tremaine consisting of a mix of single detached, semi-detached and townhomes. Its plans also call for two village square parks, a woodlot, greenlands and parcels set aside for a new elementary school and commercial development.

Meanwhile, Main Street Milton Corp. intends to build a total of 608 houses on Main Street West — also being a mix of single detached, semi-detached and townhomes — along with a village square, two parks, two woodlots and greenlands.

Only the first phase of both subdivisions could be approved at this time since there's currently water and wastewater capacity available for them.

Citizen tries to restrain car thief

Police are looking for a suspect after a man caught someone trying to break into his vehicle Monday and unsuccessfully attempted to apprehend him.

At about 5:45 p.m., a Mississauga man was returning to his Chevrolet Trailblazer in the area of Hwy. 407 and Britannia Road after walking his dog. He saw a man smash the window of his vehicle and then get inside, Halton Regional Police said.

He confronted and attempted to restrain the man, who began swinging a screwdriver at the vehicle owner.

The owner released the man, who fled the area in a green van. Police later determined the van had been stolen earlier that day in Peel region.

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