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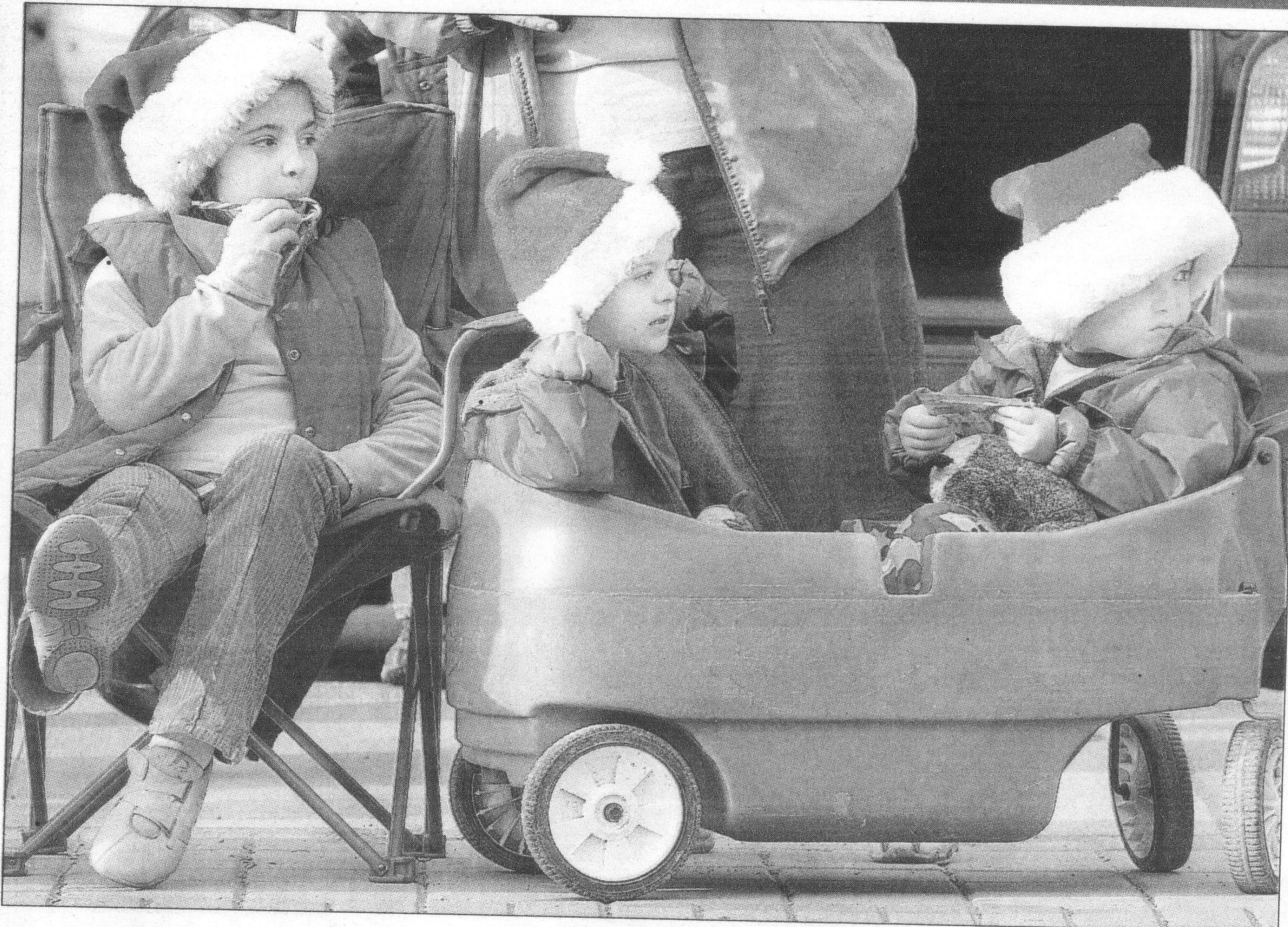
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WAITING FOR SANTA: Isabelle Mangeri, 9, along with her four-year-old twin brothers Matteo and Victor watch the Milton Santa Claus Parade Sunday and wait for the star of the show, Santa of course, to arrive. See more photos on page B1.

BARRIE ERSKINE / SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

Gunman holds up drive-thru

By Stephanie Thiessen
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

A 17-year-old Tim Hortons employee found himself staring down the barrel of a gun through an open drive-through window Saturday night.

Just after 8:30 p.m., a vehicle with two occupants entered the drive-through of the Tim Hortons on Trafalgar Road, just south of Steeles Avenue. The driver placed an order at the speaker and then proceeded to the pick-up window, Det. Sgt. Peter Hodgson said.

At that point, the driver pointed a black automatic handgun at the employee — a Mississauga resident — and demanded money. The employee gave him an undisclosed amount, and

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Town purchases property for parking

The Town has bought up a Main Street property to ultimately expand the available parking downtown.

The municipality purchased the existing parking lot at the corner of Main and Brown streets and plans to reconfigure it to add more spaces.

The CIBC kiosk currently located on the corner of the property will remain for at least another three years under a lease agreement with the Town.

"The expanded parking area will be a wel-

come contribution to downtown parking and will make more efficient use of the existing space," said Mayor Gord Krantz.

"Maximizing the amount of parking downtown will also support visitors to Town Hall, located just south of the block."

Land cost \$225,000

The land was purchased from CIBC for \$225,000 — money that mainly came from the Town's cash-in-lieu-of-parking fund.

The dollars in the fund are from local busi-

nesses that are unable to provide the required number of parking spaces under the commercial zoning bylaws. Those businesses instead pay a certain amount per space to facilitate public parking.

"I commend the Town for making this wise decision to enhance the downtown," said Glenn English, chair of the Downtown Business Improvement Area.

"This will add a gateway to the expanded Town Hall and allow Victoria Park to be better utilized."

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