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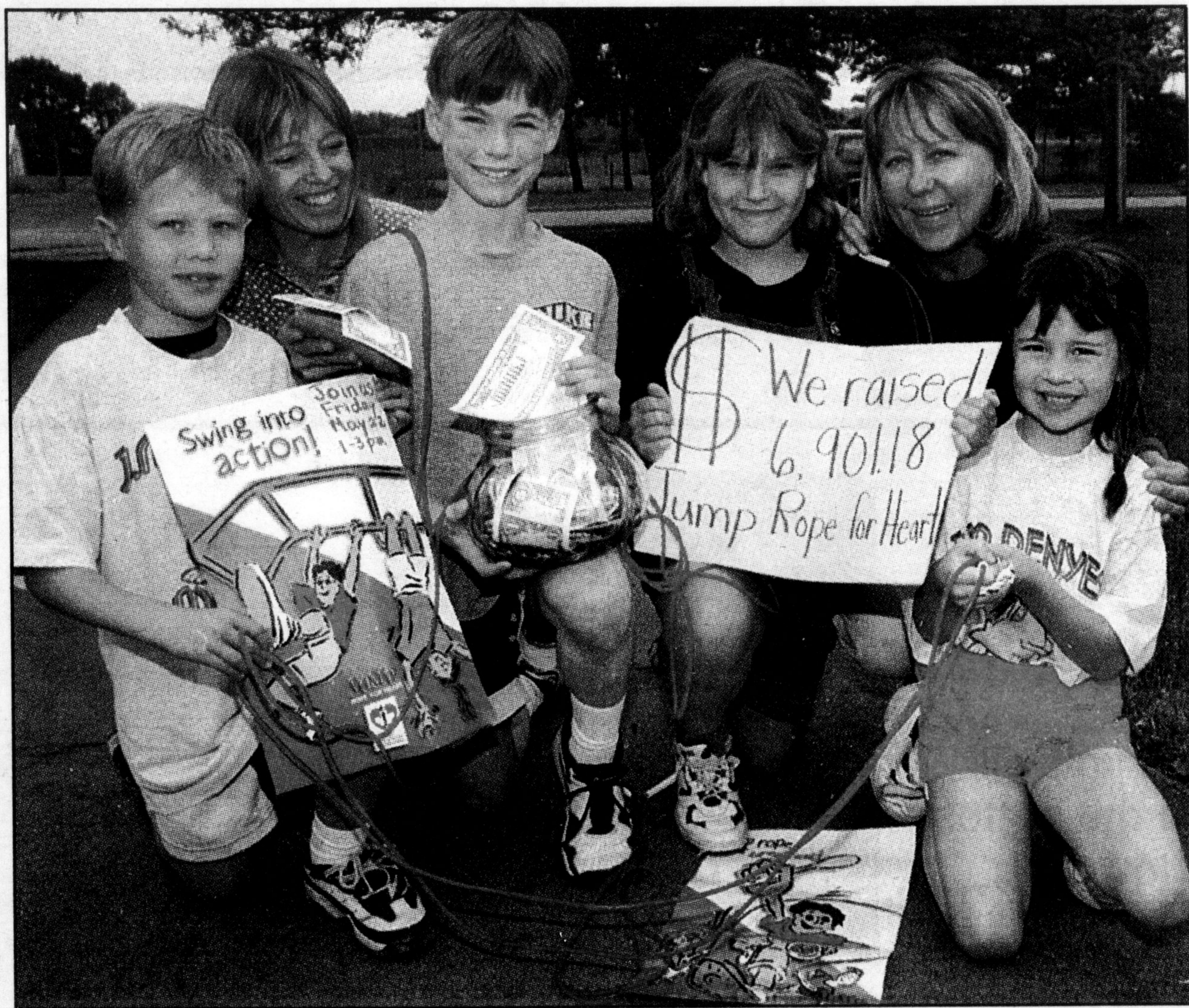


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Where there's rope, there's hope

J.M. Denyes School students (in front, from left) Brett Hodgins, Dale Herom, Theresa Drew and Nicole Pealow were among those who helped raise \$6,901.18 through Jump Rope for Heart pledges. Organizing the fundraising initiative were (in back) teachers Peggy Neely and Connie Kent.

Region gives approval to the expansion plan

By BRAD REAUME

The Champion

Halton regional council has leapt a major hurdle along the path to growth in Milton. But Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, while clearly pleased and apparently relieved, isn't throwing a victory party yet.

The east-southeast development plan passed scrutiny of a joint meeting of Halton's administration and finance committee and its planning and public works committee on Wednesday afternoon.

It would appear that the plan is also a financial go, given that landowners have provided enough guarantees to fund the critical initial stage of development.

The Halton Urban Structure Plan (HUSP) still has several hurdles to overcome, however Mr. Krantz called the Wednesday vote "a giant step forward in the process."



Gord Krantz

"This was a giant leap of faith and it means that development in Halton Region is secure. But it's not time yet to break out the champagne," he said, preferring to wait until the first shovel is in the ground before celebrating.

Mr. Krantz also seemed surprised at the relative ease with which the proposal passed the joint committee. Oakville and Burlington councillors had expressed some reservations over the potential costs of growth to existing residents. Yet they seemed content to await the June presentation of detailed financial aspects of the \$100 million project.

"I'll support this now but I want to be very clear," said Oakville Councillor Kevin Flynn. "If there is not a zero impact (on property taxes for current residents) I don't want it."

Mr. Krantz explained after the meeting that there will be some cost to current residents but it will be minimal.

"It will have a small impact, maybe only a nickel. To say there will be no impact, I can't do that, but I've said all along there will be no big negative impacts. New growth should pay for itself."

According to Dave Birkett, Halton's director of budgets and the chair of the HUSP technical committee, there will be no burden to current residents on the Halton portion of their property taxes but there could be some on local property taxes due to the way development charges are levied.

Mr. Birkett explained that development charges for soft services are not allowed in provincial legislation. Given that population growth will mean increases in these services, such as libraries or parks, the expansion could trigger slight tax increases to current residents. Generally it is felt that new homes will provide taxes enough to pay for increased services, he explained.

Mr. Birkett said enough developers have come forward to

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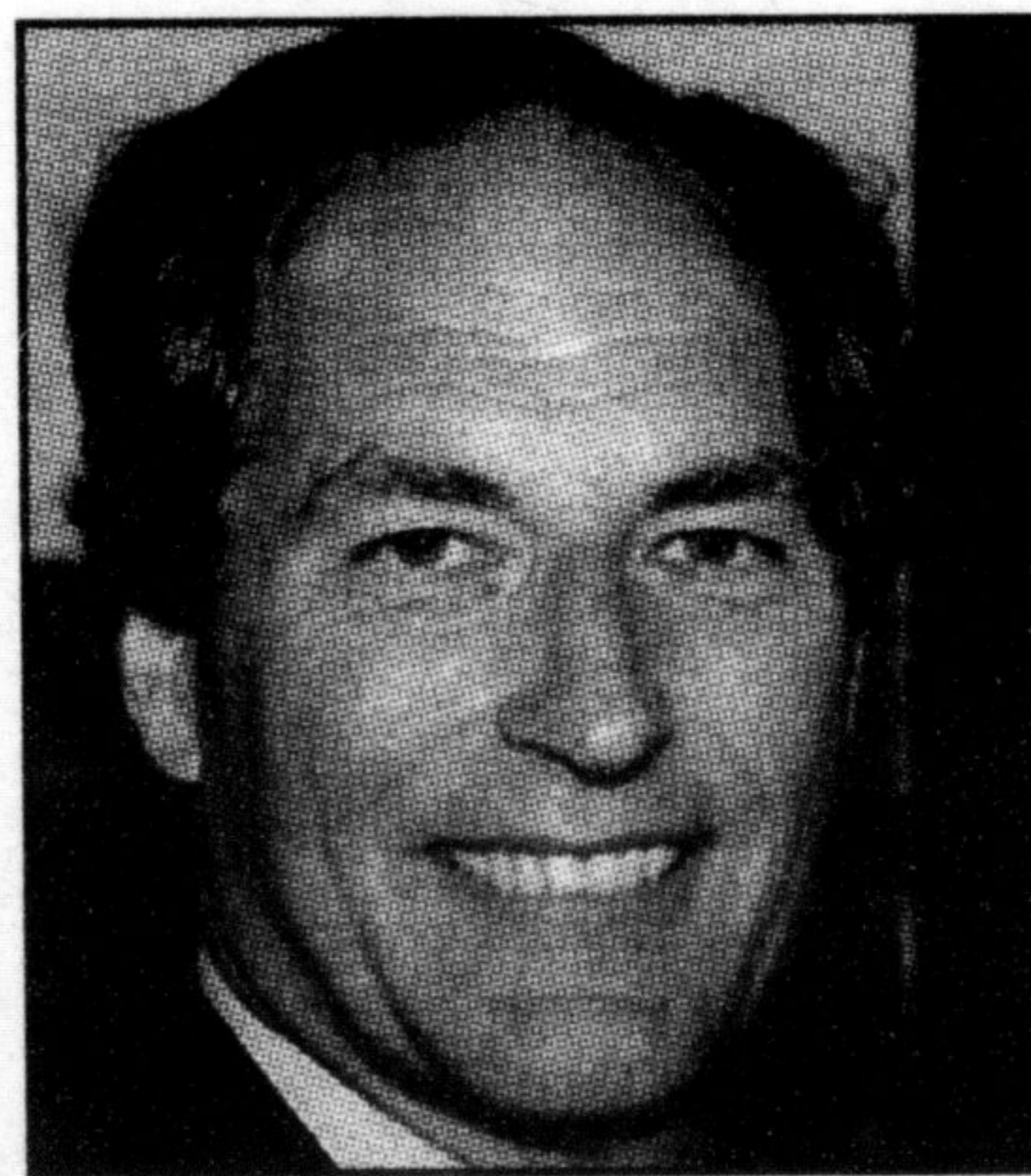
Docs to talk hospitals

Milton residents can learn more about how the Milton-Oakville hospital amalgamation will affect local health care during a meeting at the Optimist Centre on Friday, June 12.

Health care experts will discuss proposed changes and address concerns during the public forum.

Invited panelists include Liberal Party Health Critic Gerard Kennedy, Halton North MPP Ted Chudleigh, NDP Health Critic Marion Boyd, Milton Medical Staff Association President Dr. Walter Koslowski, plus representatives from the Milton Ratepayers Association, the Ontario Nursing Association and senior citizens groups.

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m.



Ted Chudleigh: Invited

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