



## REUNION

We're invited  
to Drury reunion  
this weekend  
—10



## FARMIN'

Rural dwellers  
will get lesson  
on farming  
—17

Ont. Community Newspaper  
Box 451  
OAKVILLE, Ontario C  
L6J 5A8

# The Canadian Champion

Wednesday edition A Metroland Community Newspaper  
serving the town of Milton

**10.9%**  
financing on Selected  
Models - Full Size Pickups.  
**RICHARDSON**  
Chevrolet Oldsmobile  
Hwy. 25 at Derry 878-2393

VOLUME 131, NUMBER 44

MILTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY MAY 30, 1990

40 CENTS

48 PAGES

## Exhibitors gain despite smaller Showcase turnout

By KAREN SMITH

Organizers of this year's Milton Showcase held on the weekend are calling the event a great success even though attendance was down considerably from 1988.

The exhibition by more than 140 local merchants was especially successful from an exhibitor's point of view, said Peter McCuaig, Showcase chairman.

Because the aisles were less crowded, he said, visitors to the show avoided getting lost in the shuffle and were able to receive more personal attention.

In turn, local business was well promoted and exhibitors established good contacts at the Memorial Arena event, he said.

Showcase happened to fall on one of the warmest weekends so far this spring which may have contributed to the decline in attendance, said Mr. McCuaig.

An attendance figure wasn't  
see Caribbean on page 2



Photo by JOHN WARREN

Showcase visitors were entertained not only by the many exhibitors at the consumer show but by several acts on stage over the weekend. Among the entertainers were band members (from left) Andrew McTavish, Mark Lonergan, Jason Hildebrand and Bill Hunt.

## Consultant hired to raise \$1.7 million for rec centre

By ROB KELLY

A professional fundraising company will drum up contributions for the new leisure services centre project and Monday night at municipal council Ronald McClory, president of The Martin Group, did everything but guarantee success.

And that is a tall order, if the initial

skepticism of municipal councillors is warranted. Mr. McClory plans to raise \$1.7 million in 14 months, a sprint through the often difficult field of charitable donations that would mean all the private money the Town needs for the centre would be in place. The remainder of the \$8.4 million budget is provided by various levels of government.

The flagship leisure services centre, to be built beside the new Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School on Main Street just east of Thompson Road, will house a 25-metre pool, a gymnasium, a fitness centre and a meeting room. It is Milton's most ambitious recreation project to date, and the fundraising goal is also the community's most ambitious, eclipsing the \$1.3 million raised for Milton District Hospital's new wing.

Mr. McClory is undaunted by the challenge. In somewhere between 70 and 80 fundraising projects The Martin Group has known nothing but achievement, he said. "I can look you clearly in the eye and say we have never failed."

His success is not cheaply harnessed. Mr. McClory will charge

\$99,000 for six months of full time assistance and a further six months spent working for the Town approximately four days per month.

Mr. McClory told council "at the end of six months we could be look-

ing at "five to seven hundred thousand dollars in cash and pledges."

"I'm concerned that we raise \$600,000 (all told) and out of that there's the \$100,000 fee and we don't

look too bright," said councillor Bruce Attenborough.

Town administrator Roy Main, who sits on the committee which opted to recommend The Martin  
see REC on page 5

Do it!

## It's Participaction Challenge Day

The Participaction Challenge today provides a chance for Milton residents to make up for a dismal loss last year.

As part of Canada's Fitweek, do a minimum 15 minutes of physical exercise and call town hall at 878-7211 between 9 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. to report your participation.

Once again, Milton has been challenged by Newmarket (they figure they can beat us just as easy this year). The town with the highest percentage of the population participating in a physical activity will win.

Residents can do their 15 minutes exercise by themselves or join in on the second annual Milton Mile. Walk from the town hall parking lot to the Milton Mall food court.

The event, which begins at 7 p.m. includes prizes

for participants who wear the wackiest outfits, or just do something plain different.

Other events around town today include Spacewalk 2000 — a walk for those aged 50 years and over around the Mill Pond area at 1:30 p.m.

Also, instructors and students from Karate World are performing a workout at Rotary Park at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to join in.

E.C. Drury High School is holding a twist-a-thon at 1:45 p.m. and Milton District High School students will jump rope for two hours, followed by a twist-a-thon.

Milton District Hospital is organizing two bike rides which begin in front of the hospital at 3:30 p.m. Let's get moving and win the challenge.



Champion  
recycles

INSIDE: POLICE 4, DATELINE LS8, CLASSIFIED ADS 23-27, REAL ESTATE RE1-RE12.