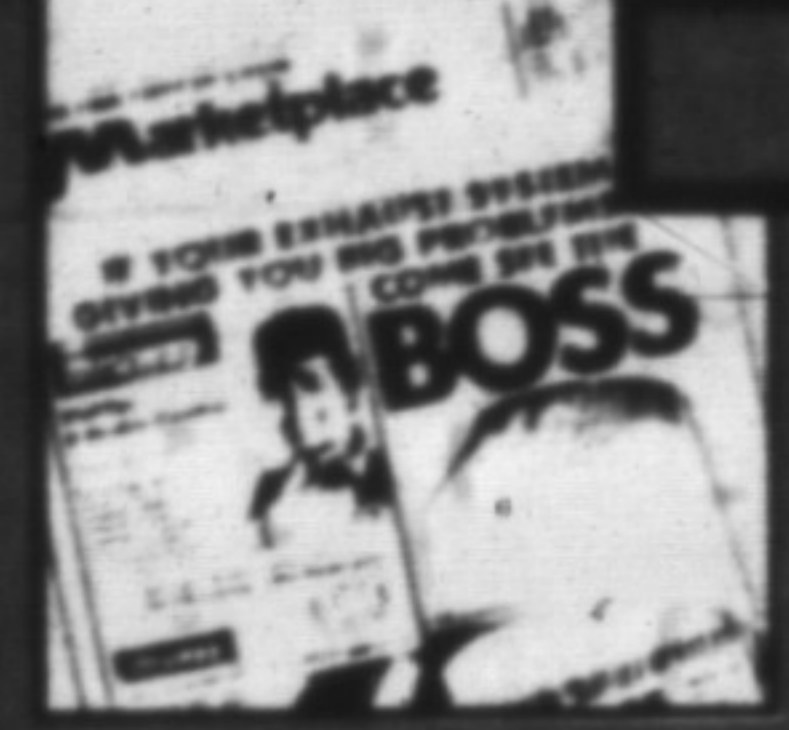


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Culinary king cooks up a gold

By KAREN SMITH

Marc Zechel vowed to show Americans what Canadians are made of when he left Milton to attend a culinary arts competition in Oklahoma.

The E.C. Drury High School student kept his word. He came home with a gold medal hanging from his neck.



E.C. Drury High School student and amateur chef Marc Zechel took home the gold after competing in the culinary arts category of Skill Olympics in Oklahoma.

He competed in the culinary arts category of the 25th annual Leadership Conference and United States Skills-Olympics held in Tulsa June 25-29.

The 18-year-old showed Americans what southern cuisine is made of as well. An aspiring chef, Marc was required to prepare a specified meal of soup, salad and entree — southern style.

Among 43 other secondary school students from North America, he was also required to complete the assignment in two-and-a-half hours.

Marc did not know what he would be asked to prepare until 10 minutes before he started.

"It was challenging," Marc explains. "You didn't have time to stop and think. You just had to keep moving."

There was only one downfall to being Canadian, Marc says. Although he won top honours, only an American was allowed to win the top prize — a \$25,000 scholarship to attend the Culinary Institute of America near New York City.

An agreement that "nothing could be taken away from the Americans" was established when Canadians approached the organizers of the event requesting permission to compete, says Margot Walker, head of the E.C. Drury Food School.

"When you win it hurts a little bit (knowing the prize)," adds Ms Walker who attended the competition with Marc. "We are extremely proud of Marc and of all his achievements. Marc is definitely a chef of the future."

He qualified to compete in Oklahoma after succeeding in a Skills Canada competition at Mohawk College. Before that, he participated in the Halton Technical Olympics organized by the Halton Board of Education.

Marc has been a student at E.C. Drury since September 1989. He transferred from Acton High School to take the program in chef training.

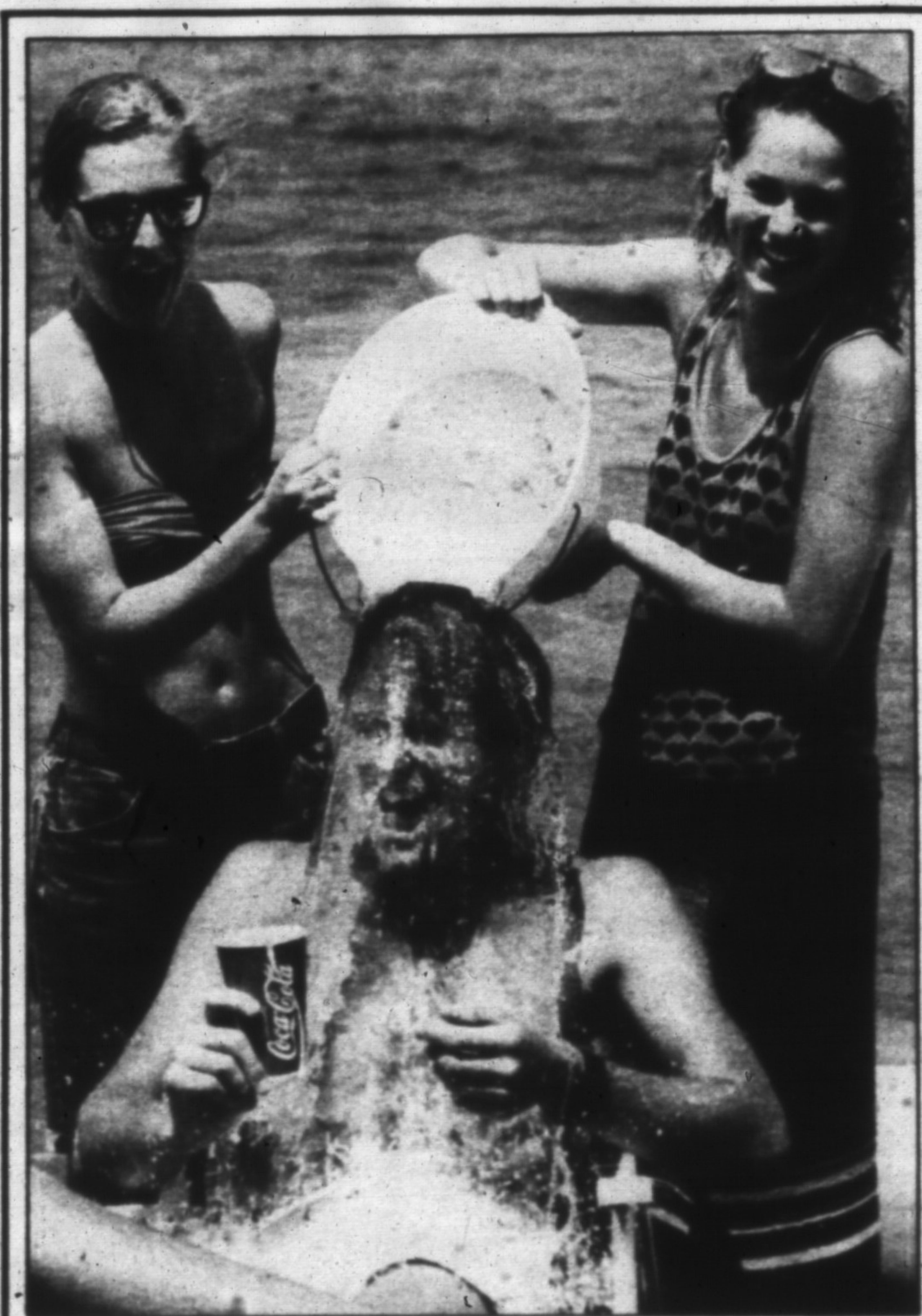


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He's cool

The population at Kelsco beach rises proportionately with the temperature and Wednesday's heat wave proved it. Just in case Kirk Lovely couldn't figure out how to cool himself, he got some help from his friends Liz Town (left) and Wendy Pos (right). The local conservation area is the place to be for hot fun in the summer time.

Dump cost may triple, Region told

Halton Region will be paying a lot more for its Milton landfill than originally forecast.

Initially estimated at between \$12-\$15 million, Halton Region's chief administrative officer John Fleming confirmed it has "grown by a factor of two or three."

A detailed report will be presented at this Wednesday's planning and public works committee meeting.

He singled out two factors: escalating real estate costs, and additional requirements imposed by the Ministry of the Environment on the building of the landfill.

Milton Mayor Gord Krantz said "I'm not surprised costs have escalated — I'm surprised to the degree in which they've escalated."

The mayor was still bristling from last week's regional council meeting where, he said, the "finger seemed to have been pointed at Milton for driving up the costs of getting a landfill in place."

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Merchants launch major food drive

A major food drive to help less fortunate people in Halton will be launched by merchants at Milton Mall tomorrow.

The drive, organized by mall management, will continue throughout the month. Residents are being asked to donate items.

Bins for non-perishable goods will be set up in the mall near the bus stop entrance, says Helena Moniz, the mall's director of marketing.

"All year we encourage the community to support the mall. This is our way of giving something back to the community," she says.

All donated goods will be forwarded to the Salvation Army.

Items especially needed are spaghetti sauce, pasta, peanut butter and toiletries such as facial tissue, toilet paper and dish soap.

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