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MEADOWVALE THEATRE

Doing what they 'can-can'

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

These Milton dancers from Audrey Meredith Dance Centre were on stage with the Mississauga Opera Company for its recent production of the *Merry Widow* at Meadowvale Theatre. Their instructor, Kim Jasch-Bevedere was the show choreographer. The high stepping ladies will again be featured at Las Vegas Night, a fund-raiser for the new leisure centre September 12 at Pineland Farm in Hornby. The can-can dancers are from left: Brigitte McCann, Marnie Palmer, Deanna Nascimben, Amber Payle, Keill Bellamy and Christine Houle.

NEWSLINES

Knife-wielding youth gets six months

A 15-year-old boy who forced a Milton woman into her car and threatened her with a butcher knife was sentenced Friday to six months secure custody at a youth centre.

The 18-year-old victim, an employee of Belamy's Restaurant, was walking through the parking lot of an Ontario Street and Derry Road mall in March at 8:15 p.m. when she was approached by a youth who pushed her into the passenger seat of her car.

Declaring he wanted to steal the vehicle, the boy threatened to cut the woman's throat and attempted to bind her hands with electrical tape.

The screaming victim managed to honk the car horn and escape the vehicle. The suspect fled, but later turned himself into police.

Judge James Fuller also gave the youth, whose name is protected under the Young Offenders Act, 18 months probation.

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Safe or Out?

Milton third baseman Justin Mastrangelo gets hit with the ball during a game with Georgetown recently.

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Man killed by train was trying to cross tracks

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

The Victoria Day weekend turned into tragedy for family and friends of an 18-year-old Milton man who was killed by a train at the Steeles Avenue rail crossing Saturday night.

Jamie Harper of MacDonald Crescent died after being hit by a CP-Rail train west of First Line — the fourth accident and second death on Milton railway tracks this year.

The Grade 12 E.C. Drury High School student was killed while attempting to run across the double tracks, according to a Halton Regional Police press release.

Mr. Harper and three youths riding in a white Ford Tempo had stopped at the Steeles

Avenue railway crossing barriers at about 9:50 p.m. waiting for a train to pass when the 18-year-old jumped out of the car and ran onto the tracks, police said.

With horn sounding, the train approached and hit Mr. Harper who appeared to be playing a daring game with the train. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The group of friends in the car — Mr. Harper, two other male youths and a girl — had been drinking beer earlier in the evening, police said.



Jamie Harper

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Food bank users will reap the harvest of 'Feedback'

Some people travel to Third World countries to help the hungry feed themselves. Sherilyn Kirkpatrick and Murray Russell have started a grassroots organization to do that job and more, at home in north Halton.

They founded Feedback Canada four months ago and with funding from Canadian Save the Children and much community support, are now awaiting the harvest.

There are 17 acres spread around Halton from Norval to Oakville, where a variety of vegetables are being grown for area food banks. The harvest is expected to be 100,000 pounds of vegetables, including cauliflower, broccoli, peas, lettuce, cabbage and beans.

Indoor growing kits with materials for creat-

ing container gardens are available through Feedback Canada, as well as instruction in windowsill and backyard gardening. Food banks have received 3,000 kits for growing pole beans, tomatoes and sprouting alfalfa.

The organization is also encouraging farmers to donate surplus crops or to intentionally "throw in some extra seeds", says Mr. Russell. Through the Feedback Canada Surplus Campaign, food bank recipients and other volunteers will harvest and distribute the crops. Farmers interested in taking part may register by calling toll free, 1-800-387-1221 or 873-4607, the number at the Georgetown office.

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Student remembered for sense of humour

By KAREN SMITH

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Jamie Harper will always be remembered dressed in his favourite hockey sweater and baseball cap which were known around E.C. Drury High School as his "informal uniform."

Friends of the Grade 12 student, who was killed by a train Saturday, also won't forget his ability to make people laugh, said Brenda Kearney, principal at E.C. Drury.

The 18-year-old had a "tremendous sense of humour," said Ms Kearney who recited a memorial in Jamie's honour over the school intercom yesterday, the first day back following the Victoria Day holiday weekend.

"Kids speak generally very well of him," she said in an interview.

Flags were flying at half-mast at the Ontario Street high school yesterday morning. The school also paused for a minute of silence in Jamie's memory.

Several students and teachers in need of help dealing with the tragedy were "in and out" of a room set up for counsellors from the Halton Board of Education's Tragic Events Response Team. The counsellors were also on hand in classes which Jamie would have attended.

Before first attending E.C. Drury in 1988, Jamie was a student of Robert Baldwin and W.I. Dick schools. He was an average student and most enjoyed outdoor education, said the principal.

The funeral takes place today at Grace Anglican Church at 1 p.m. followed by burial at Evergreen Cemetery.

Jamie is survived by his mother Carol, sister Wendy, and brother Glen. His father, Donald Harper, passed away several years ago.