



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Jason Higgins of Bishop Reding Secondary School helped lead Milton to victory over Halton Hills in the Participation Challenge Wednesday. Jason completed 105 minutes of non-stop rope jumping without missing a step. Here, he gets a lift from physical education teachers Joanne Mastrolusi and Brian Arsenault as well as the Heart and Stroke Foundation's Totally Crossed Out gang. Hundreds of Bishop Reding staff and students took part in the Jump For Heart fundraiser.

Participation — we did it

Miltonians put an end to a nagging losing streak after edging past Halton Hills in Wednesday's Participation Challenge.

The community pulled together to ensure a victory in the Challenge — the main focus of Canada Fit Week — by exercising for 15 minutes and reporting it to Town Hall.

"It was close all day," said Barb Kwado, of the Town's leisure services department. "Our phone rang all night."

While 34.9 per cent of Miltonians took part in the Challenge which is tallied by percentage of population participating, Halton Hills fell short by two per cent with 32.9.

That means 10,943 Milton residents reported their physical activity to Town Hall compared to 11,695 in Halton Hills.

Last year when 9,597 Miltonians called in, Milton lost to New Market in the Challenge, and has also fallen short in previous years.

Choristers swing into spring with big band era review

The Milton Choristers are in fine tune for their annual spring concert tonight and Saturday at Bishop Reding Secondary School.

The community choir will show its lighter side with a salute to the best of the big band era.

"The best way to describe this concert is to put on your tapping shoes and a smile and come prepared to have some fun," said president Don Clements.

"We let down our hair and pull a few spoofs

with this cabaret program."

The program will include a tribute to many golden oldies including *Ain't Misbehavin*, *Mood Indigo*, and *It Don't Mean a Thing*.

"You might want to pull out your bobby socks for *Mister Sandman*, or sit on the edge of your seat for a new version of *When the Saints Go Marching In*," he added.

A sense of humour will be required for spoofs on PDQ Bach in a rendition of *The Seasonings*.

The line-up will include such songs as *Bide thy thyme*, *Open Sesame Seeds*, and *By the Leeks of Babylon*.

Admission for the 8 p.m. concert costs \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

Tickets can be purchased at Delacourts on Main Street, Peggy's at the mall, or at the door.

The Saturday night performance will be followed by a dance.

New dump blamed for farm water woes

By ROB KELLY
The Champion

A Milton couple say Halton's gain has been their loss.

Ray and Annette Winter, who operate a 60-head cattle farm just south of Halton's new 250-acre landfill site off Highway 25, say their water supply has been tainted and lessened by construction work at the dump.

After more than a decade of legal infighting that resulted in all Halton garbage being shipped as far away as New York for disposal, Milton was finally chosen over Burlington to play host to regional garbage for the next two decades. The 4-million tonne capacity dump is slated to open in November, and large-scale excavation work is ongoing at the site.

The Winters contend that such work is responsible for the deteriorating quality and quantity of their water. They currently only drink bottled water, and they want Halton to pick up the tab for the money they've already spent attempting to cope, and to underwrite the cost of a cistern and guaranteed fresh water supply.

Regional officials are wary about doing any of that, since it could amount to assuming legal liability for compromising area water, and

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Correction

Last week's front-page story about an 18-year-old Milton man killed by a train incorrectly stated that three youths with him at the scene of the May 16 accident had been drinking beer earlier in the evening.

In actual fact, only the deceased, Jamie Harper, and one other male youth with him at the time of the accident had been consuming beer.

We apologize for any anguish the error caused.

NEWSLINES

Pot grower gets 90 days

A Milton pot grower has been sentenced to 90 days in jail in addition to the four months he has already spent in custody, a judge ordered Wednesday.

Abbas Ali Khan, 31, pleaded guilty to cultivating marijuana May 7. He was charged by Halton police in February in connection with one of the largest marijuana busts in the history of the region.

Drug squad officers entered Mr. Khan's Trafalgar Road home with a search warrant February 1 and discovered bags of marijuana and equipment related to the manufacture of weed oil. He was arrested and has remained in custody.

Judge William Sharpe said it is obvious Mr. Khan, who is on welfare, was growing the marijuana for the purpose of selling it.

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The efforts of volunteers at Milton District Hospital were rewarded last week.

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