



### Hair today, gone tomorrow?

Doing a before and after pose, Heather Vanderweide, Norm Paulsen (left) and Clark Somerville are now sporting a somewhat trimmed look after Monica Galway of Profile Hair Salon in Acton cut their locks as part of the challenge to raise the most money for the Canadian

Cancer Society. The trio collectively garnered \$2,450 and in the interest of fair play, all were shaved to celebrate the event at the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament at Blue Springs Golf Course Monday.

Photos by Ted Brown

## Most drivers buckled up during seat-belt campaign

Only a small percentage of motorists stopped in Halton Regional Police Service's recent two-week seat-belt campaign failed to buckle up.

Sgt. Trevor Hay said the compliance rate in Halton was very high—ranging from 95 to 98 per cent.

During the campaign which ran from April 13 through April 27 Halton Police stopped a total of 21,542 vehicles across the region, laid 289 seat-belt charges and 271 seat-belt cautions.

In north Halton, which includes Milton and Halton Hills, 6043 vehicles were stopped and 65 seat-belt charges were laid. There were 78 seat-belt cautions issued.

Ontario Provincial Police called the campaign a huge success.

During the two-week campaign, which focused on the proper use of seat-belts as well as child restraint systems, across Ontario more than 852,000 vehicles were stopped, resulting in nearly 15,000 seat-belt charges and another 281 child seat related charges.

"These numbers show we still have some work to do," said OPP Sgt. Chris Whaley. "No one would choose to unnecessarily endure the grief associated with the loss of a loved one, but that's the risk you take if you don't ensure everyone in your vehicle is properly restrained."

The next two-week seat-belt campaign is planned to begin September 28.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Recreation centre could open by late fall next year

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"The Town of Halton Hills is pleased to have the federal and provincial governments as partners in this project," said Gastle in a press release. "I look forward to the construction of this important facility, which will respond to local needs."

Planned for the \$11.3 million facility, which Andrews said they hope to have open late fall 2003, is a six-lane 25-metre competitive pool, a therapeutic pool, a sauna and a leisure pool with a water-slide. The facility will also feature a multi-purpose hall with serving kitchen, offices, meeting rooms and change rooms. The lobby will house a museum display to

promote awareness of the history and heritage of Halton region.

"Without this money we would have had to cut back on the scope of the project," said Andrews.

"It will enable us to build what we want to build to serve the public well for now, and years to come," said town facilities manager Paul Stover, who added there was lots of input from the public on the recreation centre.

Andrews explained the quality of the finishes in the facility have improved, there will be more glass, making for a brighter facility, a bigger parking area, bigger lobby, larger community space and more extensive kitchen facility.

He said with the pools being separate it will allow the town to have two different temperatures in the pools, and the one pool is designed so several swim classes can be held at once.

The town has been awaiting news on the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program (SuperBuild) funding since last fall and was unable to start building the facility because it would disqualify the project from the funding.

Andrews, who said they plan to tender the project in June, said construction costs have dropped since their peak of December 2001 so this is a great time to tender.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

## Optimists revive Bang-o-Rama bash for Victoria Day

The Georgetown Optimist Club has given Halton Hills residents a reason to stay home this holiday weekend—Bang-o-Rama is back!

After several years hiatus, the club resumes its the traditional carnival day and fireworks show at the Georgetown Fairgrounds on the Victoria Day holiday, Monday, May 20. The day goes on rain or shine, said Danny Edwards, Bang-o-Rama co-ordinator.

"We're bringing it back because we feel the demand is there. The town is growing and the people want it," said Optimist Club vice-president Floyd Nelson. Bang-o-Rama ran for about 18 years during the 1970s-'90s before it was discontinued because it was losing money for the club.

The two-hour fireworks show will start at 9:30 p.m. conducted by a licensed Optimist member. It will be a two-part show involving low level fireworks set off in the Fairgrounds, and then high-level fireworks set off on nearby Civic Centre lands (where there's more clearance and they will shoot up high into the sky). "It's going to be right over top them (at the fairgrounds)," said Nelson.

The midway opens at 4 p.m. Friday and continues Saturday to Monday. Entrance to the midway is free (except on Monday when there's park admission to Bang-o-Rama).

On Monday, the midway and park opens at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. the classic car show begins.

During the day, starting at 3 p.m. music groups and bands take the stage. At 3 p.m. it's Big Sister

Laura, one of the first groups to call themselves a '50s to '90s variety act, followed by the Morris Dancers.

At 4 p.m. the Demolition Car Derby, part of a seasonal circuit, provides the thrills, followed by more entertainment acts at 6 p.m.—Royal Canadian Air Cadets 756 Squadron Band, Morris Dancers (6:15 p.m.); Big Sister Laura (7

p.m.) and the Diana Jade Show (8 p.m.).

Ticket prices are \$5 per person or \$20 per family (two adults with children). There will be two gates; Park Ave. (at Charles St.) and Hyde Park Dr. (at Park Public School).

Parking is limited around the Fairgrounds, and the club is urging residents to park elsewhere, and either walk or take shuttle transportation.

Discount Car & Truck will be cruising the downtown Georgetown area and picking up people as they walk towards the Fairgrounds. Meanwhile Laidlaw Transit will pick people up in three locations at: Georgetown Cinemas, GO parking lot and the Civic Centre parking lot.

—By Cynthia Gamble, staff writer

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