

## Police crackdown nets 377 charges

Halton Regional Police Service issued 377 charges for seat-belt infractions during its recent Spring Provincial Seat-belt Campaign.

While there were fewer charges issued than in last fall campaign, the compliance rate is the same—96 per cent—as more vehicles were stopped last fall as well.

During the spring campaign, which ran from April 16-24, police stopped 15,802 vehicles throughout the region and along with the charges, issued 179 warnings for seat-belt infractions.

During the fall campaign police stopped 20,343 vehicles and laid 417 seat-belt charges and 428 warnings. Last spring 19,995 vehicles were stopped and 544 charges and 536 warnings were issued.

## Two charged

Halton Police report two bicycles were stolen from a Church St., Acton garage Wednesday evening and the owner followed the two male suspects to the Mill St. area. Police were called, recovered the bikes valued at \$500 in total, and arrested two males.

Charged with one count each of break and enter and possession of property obtained by crime is Graham MacDonald, 18, of no fixed address, and a 17-year-old male of no fixed address.

# Public gets its first look at Gellert Monday

## New community centre to open its doors...unofficially

It's been a long time coming, but on Monday morning the doors will finally unofficially open at the much-anticipated Gellert Community Centre.

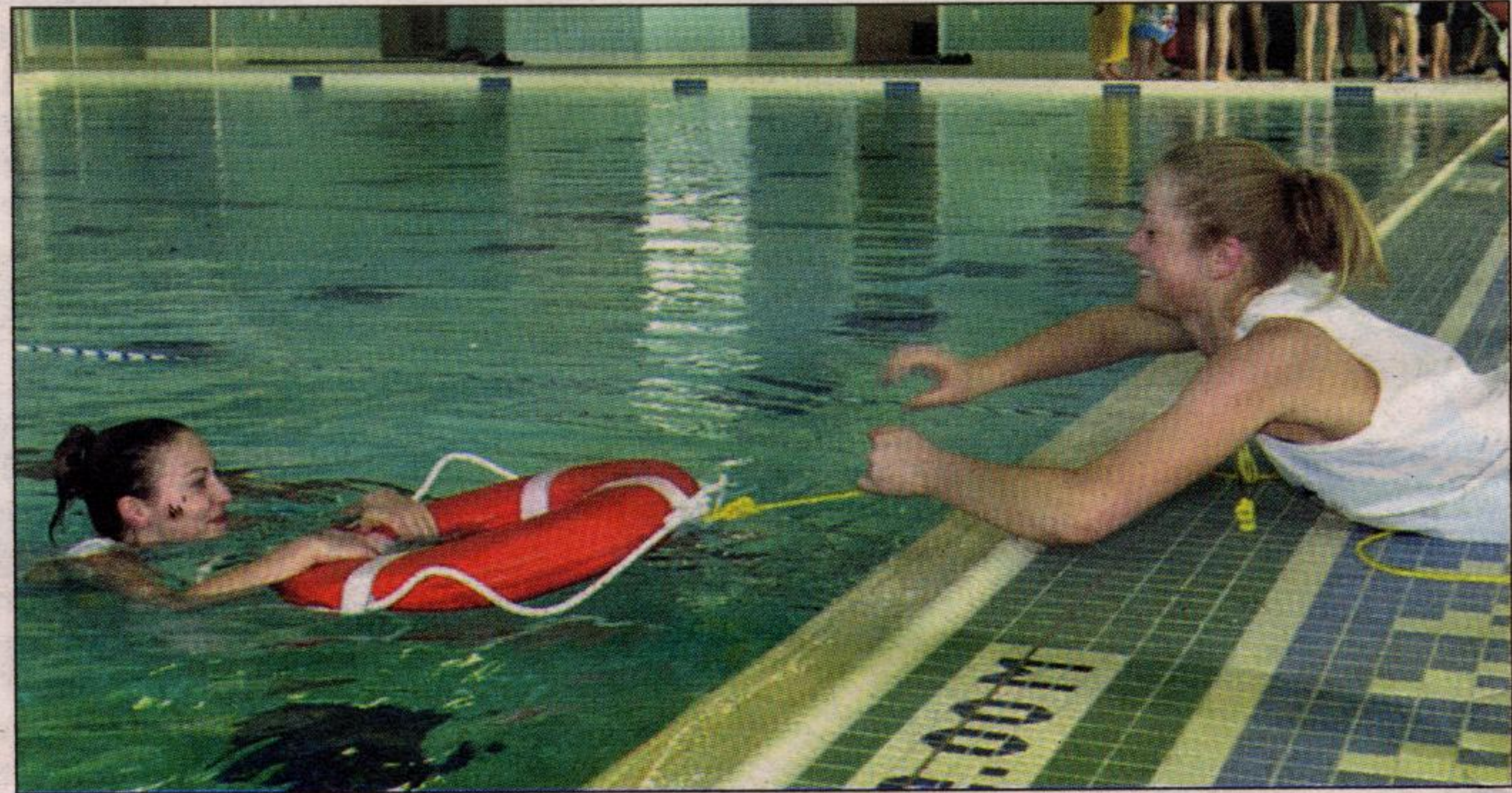
Opening day starts early with a 6:30 a.m. early bird recreational swim. The rest of the day will include refreshments, public tours and a visit from Halton Hills Mayor Rick Bonnette at 10:30 a.m. to welcome the public and choose the winner of the youth aquatic pass.

The centre will hold an official grand opening Sunday, June 13.

The 38,000 sq. ft. centre, located in Georgetown South at 10241 Eighth Line, features a six-lane 25-metre pool with play pool, including a Tarzan rope and flume slide, a hot tub, sauna, three changerooms, offices, and 250-seating banquet hall/multi-purpose space with kitchen, plus a smaller multi-purpose meeting room.

"This is an exciting day for the residents of Halton Hills," said facility supervisor Joanne Wilson. "This is an extraordinary, state-of-the-art facility offering something for everyone."

She said Gellert offers "flexible swim times, unique active programming including dance and kung fu, swimming lessons, pre-school, children and



As part of the preparations for the opening of the Gellert Community Centre, staffers Katrina Neeley (left) and Cristy Nurse were brushing up on their throw assist rescue skills at the pool. The centre unofficially opens to the public Monday morning. Photo by Ted Brown

youth programming, summer camps, facility rentals and much more."

Everyone is invited to stop by anytime to check out the new facility.

The opening week schedule is:

- Monday— mayor's visit at 10:30 a.m., public tours from 10 a.m. to noon and 6 to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday— \$5 family swim from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., public tours from noon to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.
- Wednesday— free cardio class from 6 to 7 p.m.
- Thursday— \$5 family swim from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., public tours from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Friday— mayor's walk between 9 and 10 a.m. with refreshments to fol-

low, free drop-in family playhouse from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

• Saturday— public tours from noon to 2 p.m.

Limited room is still available in the centre's aquatic and dryland teaser programs beginning the week of May 31.

For more information on programs offered at Gellert see pages 23-26 of the Town of Halton Hills Community Activity and Service Guide or visit the Town Web site at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca) for schedules and registration forms.

For more information call the program information hotline at 905-873-2601 ext. 2275.

—By Lisa Tallyn, staff writer

# It's my gellert, and it's opening May 17th!



## It's my every day, exploring place!

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| <b>Monday, May 17th:</b>    | Mayor Rick Bonnette to visit and draw the winner of a Youth Aquatic Pass at 10:30 am<br>Public Tours from 10 am to 12 noon & 6 to 8 pm |
| <b>Tuesday, May 18th:</b>   | \$5 Family Swim from 1:30 to 2:30 pm<br>Public tours from 12 noon to 2 pm & 6 to 8 pm  |
| <b>Wednesday, May 19th:</b> | FREE Cardio Class from 6 to 7 pm   |
| <b>Thursday, May 20th:</b>  | \$5 Family Swim from 1:30 to 2:30 pm<br>Public tours from 6 to 8 pm  |
| <b>Friday, May 21st:</b>    | Mayor's Walk from 9 to 10 am - Refreshments to follow<br>FREE Drop-in Family Playhouse from 9:30 to 11 am                              |
| <b>Saturday, May 22nd:</b>  | Public tours from 12 noon to 2 pm  |

It's my eventful, fun party place!  
Join us for the Grand Opening - Sunday, June 13, 2004  
Festivities are planned from 12:30 to 5:00 pm

## Test the Waters!



Bring this coupon in before July 1st 2004 and enjoy one FREE SWIM!  
Limit 1 per individual/family  
\*not redeemable at the Grand Opening on Sunday, June 13.

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Hours of Operation:  
Mon to Fri 6:30 am to 10:00 pm  
Sat 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Sun 10:00 am to 5:00 pm