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## FRIDAY...

Food columnist Lori Gysel discusses the seven deadly food sins of... ketchup. See Friday's recipe page for details.

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## Fountain of youth?

One-year-old Dylan Zunic wasn't really sure what to think of the spray at the Gellert Centre splash pad while he was there cooling off recently. The splash pad has been a favourite place for the little ones to beat the heat since the temperatures have soared. The Town of Halton Hills reminds residents to call the pool of your choice for recreational swimming schedules. Town pools are: Gellert Pool (905-877-4244); Dick Licata Outdoor Pool (905-877-1021); Acton Indoor Pool and Wading Pool (519-853-3140) or visit the Town website at [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca) for recreational swimming schedules.

Photo by Ted Brown

# Region-wide pesticide bylaw quashed

**MELANIE HENNESSEY**  
Special to The IFP

Local residents' push for a region-wide bylaw that would stop the cosmetic use of pesticides has proven unsuccessful.

A handful of Halton citizens turned out for regional council and its health and social services committee meeting recently to request that the Region get the ball rolling on such legislation.

While the individuals were ultimately told

that it'll be up to each local municipality to enact their own pesticide bylaws, they were still given the chance to make their case.

Area resident Tania Orton kicked things off at the committee session with her passionate plea to "stop the peddling of poisons."

"I believe we need a strong pesticide bylaw to protect our health, to protect our pets and to protect our environment," she said.

"We need our politicians at the municipal and regional level to step up like they have in Quebec

and protect us all from their unnecessary use."

Oakville resident Rosemarie Green shared similar sentiments, urging the regional councillors to take "the next step" and create a region-wide bylaw.

"Education programs work only to a point and that point has been reached," she said. "It's time to get into the new century, look forward and take responsibility for cleaning up the toxins in our badly neglected environment."

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