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WEDNESDAY...

Another group of Georgetown parents are ready to fight for busing for their children. See Wednesday's edition for details.

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Ahhh, that's the life!

One-year-old Ella Duley found the parent and tot swim class at the Gellert Indoor Pool both fun and intimidating as mom Sherry took her through the 'Motor Boat, Motor Boat' routine during the class. The classes run at various locations and times— mornings, afternoons

and evenings— running for nine weeks at a time. For more info, call the Town of Halton Hills recreation department at 905-873-2601, extension 2275.

Photo by Ted Brown

Provincial cash will help cops fight gangs

DAVID LEA
Special to The IFP

Halton Police are stepping up operations against local gangs thanks to a \$170,000 allocation from the province.

The money will cover the vehicle, equipment, personnel and investigative costs related to work in the Guns & Gangs Integrated Task Force, a police unit that spans many communi-

ty police services in an effort to snuff out the criminal activities of street gangs.

Halton Police Chief Gary Crowell notes that police initiatives like this one are necessary since the presence of a street gang in a community signal lots of trouble and danger for local residents and the police who protect them.

"These street gangs pose varying levels of threat. Some are loosely coupled groups, while others are well integrated with links to other

organized crime groups," stated Crowell in an information report to members of the Police Services Board yesterday (Thursday).

"Drug trafficking and involvement with the sex trade have also led to public violence over turf control, creating public fear and threatening community and officer safety. Street gang presence and violence, and their destabilizing effects, can be related to a number of street

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