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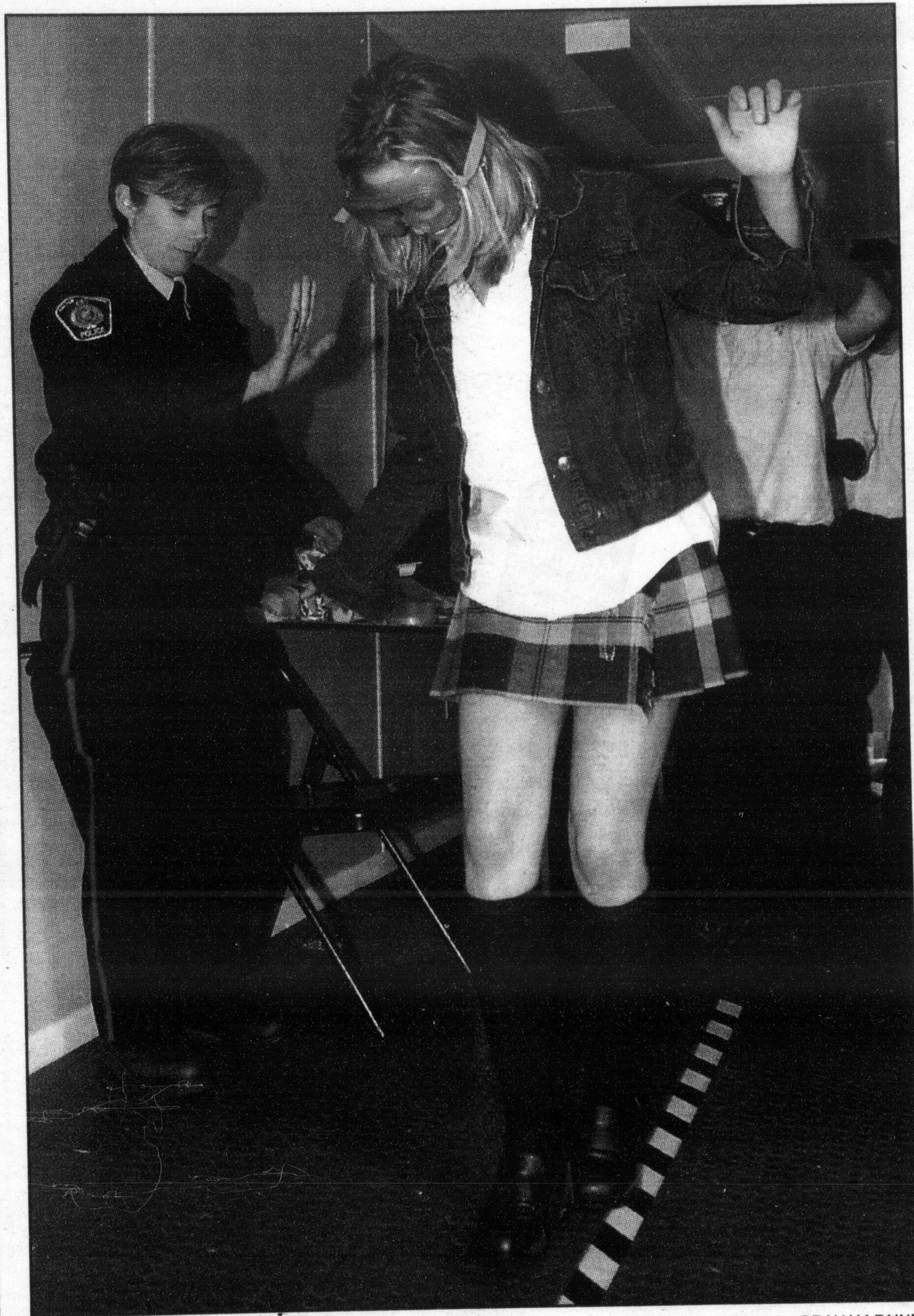


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## Steady, now

The Truck Safety Fair was held Tuesday at Bishop Reding Secondary School as part of Road Safety Week. Included in the fair was an event in which students wore goggles that distorted vision and then tried to walk a straight line. The purpose was to simulate impaired vision. Here, Melody Quinlan, 16, tries to walk the line while Halton police Const. Brenda Fraser reaches out to steady her.

## Water woes continue and no remedy likely on way anytime soon

By **STEVE LeBLANC**  
*The Champion*

Milton's water woes continue. Discoloured water — caused by naturally occurring iron and manganese deposits originating from the Kelso wellfield — has been flowing from local taps on and off for more than two years.

And last week the problem was on again as numerous residents, mostly in the downtown core, reported the murky water.

This time around the problem was caused by increased spring-time water use by residents, said Tony Smith, a supervisor with Halton Region's public works department.

Mr. Smith explained the extra demand forced the public works department to turn on another pump at the Kelso reservoir, further fueling the manganese onset.

He said his department is currently weighing options on how to battle the flow of manganese, which according to Region officials poses no health threat. The solution may require a special green fan filter installed at the reservoir — which would cost anywhere from \$5 to \$6 million.

But that hasn't been budgeted for this year, so they'll be no immediate solution for people like Ruth Baldwin of Martin Street. Over the past two-and-a-half years, she has had to deal with foul smells, regular visits from plumbers and most recently a skyrocketing water and hydro bill due to clogged appliances and toilets.

She said the Region has been fully supportive — both financially and with regular visits to her home — but added, "I'm not satisfied. I want clean water."

## Citizens round up suspect

A car theft suspect was apprehended at a local gas station by a group of citizens — one of them the car owner — Wednesday afternoon.

According to Halton police, a man was found pumping gas into a stolen 1988 Oldsmobile at the Shell Station on Steeles Avenue. The car had gone missing from a local business earlier in the day.

The vehicle was spotted at about 12:30 p.m. by one of the car owner's employees, who immediately called him to report the incident.

The owner — who wished to remain anonymous — said he and an employee drove to the gas station and found the man filling up.

Following a brief confrontation, the co-workers and another citizen managed to hold the man until police arrived.

"We arrive and here's buddy pumping gas into it. It seemed like he was on something," said the owner, who initially thought his brother-in-law had borrowed the car.

"A good citizen came to our help. There really wasn't too much to it (apprehension)."

A 31-year-old man of no fixed address was charged with theft under \$5,000 and breach of probation. He was held for a bail hearing yesterday.

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