



**IT'S OFFICIAL:** New owners at Blue Springs Flower Shop David and Susanne Keith flank Halton Hills mayor Marilyn Serjeantson as she cuts the ribbon to officially open their shop Saturday afternoon. - Maggie Petrushevsky photo

# Police Beat

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Street North home don't know who threw a baseball-size rock through their living room window at 3:15 on Saturday morning. The homeowners were awakened when two panes of glass were smashed, causing \$1,200 damage.

## Playground arson

Police have no suspects or witnesses after vandals torched playground equipment at Limehouse Public School. At 7:30 last Wednesday night, a neighbour reported the orange plastic tube slide was on fire. It was badly damaged when firefighters arrived at the scene.

## Speedy getaway

A thief got away with \$100 from the till after using a rock to break a window to enter the Silvercreek Service Centre on Highway 7 at Trafalgar Road last Thursday morning. The owner, who lives next door got a call from the alarm company at 4:13, but by the time he arrived, the suspect was long gone.

## Bonfires burn

Acton firefighters doused unattended bonfires at two locations over the weekend as the warm weather prompted several bush parties.

At 12:48 a.m. on Saturday, crews were called to a fire behind Elmore Drive. Neighbours, who saw youths in the area, had also called police.

At 12:10 p.m. on Sunday, crews put out an unattended bonfire on Main Street South between Brock Street and Cobblehill Road.

## Monitor error?

A fluctuating signal is the suspected cause of a false alarm at the Elizabeth Drive seniors building at 8:40 a.m. last Thursday morning. Although the monitor registered an alarm, the building alarm didn't sound and when firefighters arrived no one knew the alarm had been triggered.

## Motor error

At 2:18 last Thursday afternoon firefighters raced to Acton High School after

smoke was seen coming from the air vents in the main entrance corridor and smelled in the science labs. A faulty motor in an air exchanger on the roof was the cause.



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### Referendum

Although Queen's Park will now allow municipalities to hold binding referendums on municipal election ballots, you can bet there won't be one asking to reverse any forced amalgamation because the province gets the final say on the wording.

Halton Hills Mayor Marilyn Serjeantson had suggested during debate over the future of Halton that the peo-

ple be asked in a plebiscite. The proposed new Direct Democracy through Municipal Referendum Act says at least 50 per cent of voters must cast ballots and the majority must be 50 per cent plus one. It will up to the chief election officers to decide if a proposed question is clear, concise and answerable by yes or no.

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## No split decision

In a surprising move, the province delayed making a decision on the Flamborough's wish to become part of Halton, saying the issue is too complex and it needs more information. Flamborough wants to split among Burlington, Brant and Waterloo to avoid being merged into a Hamilton megacity. Halton opposed the plan, saying the dollars didn't make sense. The Minister of Municipal Affairs has the final word.

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