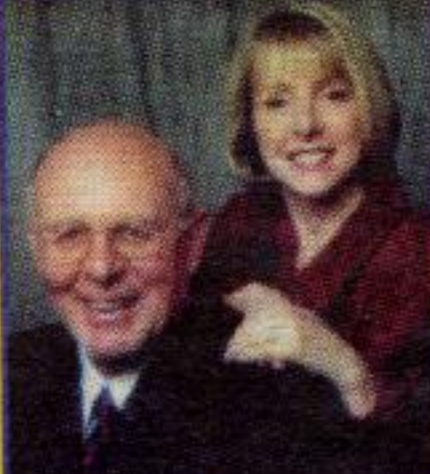


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## Sign bylaw gets approval

The Town of Halton Hills finally has a sign bylaw—a compromise solution between local businesses, town staff and councillors.

At the final council meeting of the 2000-2003 term, council formally approved amendments to the bylaw. This includes confirmation that portable signs can be displayed in commercial and industrial areas for up to four 60-day permits per year. This is a six-month trial until June 30, 2004, when the bylaw will be reviewed yet again.

Review of the bylaw began last spring when council passed a more restrictive bylaw that met with strong resistance from the business community. Businesses formed an ad hoc committee over the summer to find a compromise solution. After several revisions at meetings this fall, a compromise was reached at Monday night's meeting.

A moratorium was placed on the enforcement of the new sign bylaw until January 19. This will give town staff lead time to get computer software ready to

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## Acton woman injured

Carole Lavigne of Kingham Road, Acton was airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital with undisclosed injuries after her northbound van collided with a northbound tractor trailer, which was making a right turn on Regional Road 25 (Hwy. 25) south of Acton around 2:45 p.m. Tuesday. Det. Const. Paul Davies (left) and Det. Const. Steve Martin, both of Halton Regional Police, were busy investigating the scene at 25 Sideroad, which closed Hwy. 25 for several hours. Photo by Ted Brown

## Homeowner hears suspects but doesn't call police Thieves continue to target rural homes

Halton Police are urging area residents to keep their cars and houses locked, and to contact police if they see any suspicious activity in their neighbourhood after several more rural break-ins on the weekend.

Police believe the most recent break and enters (three into homes, three into vehicles and one attempted house break and enter) are related to the eight previous entries into rural Halton Hills homes over the past several weeks.

Halton Regional Police Detective Bob

Andrews recommends that in addition to making sure all doors and windows are locked, residents should also keep outside lights on.

"When the lights are on they may just shy away from the place," said Andrews.

He also says residents should call police immediately if they hear or see any suspicious activity near their home, particularly between 2 and 5 a.m.

An Eighth Line resident who heard male voices and saw a male shadow outside of her home at 2 a.m. Sunday did not

call police.

She later discovered someone had attempted to break into her home through her living room doors.

Halton Police report at about 2:50 a.m. Sunday another Eighth Line resident was awakened by a dog barking and saw someone in her yard, who fled on foot. She then checked her vehicle and found her wallet and keys and been taken. Police were called in this instance, and searched the area, but found no one.

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