

Charity ride coming through

Motorcycles from all over Ontario will be revving their engines for charity this September.

The fourth annual motorcycle ride for the TOMA Foundation for Burned Children will take place September 24 to raise money and awareness.

Additional riders are being sought to help make the day a success.

The ride is being spearheaded by chapter one of the Toronto Red Knights motorcycle club, and is supported each year by the Milton Fire Department.

The event starts at 10 a.m. when riders will depart from the Sears parking lot in Rexdale at 2200 Islington Ave. at Hwy. 401. Riders will run through Milton, make a pit stop at Country Heritage Park on Tremaine Road and end at Bayfront Park on Bay Street in Hamilton, where there'll be a barbecue and prizes for all the riders.

The cost of entering the ride is \$25 per rider and passenger — which includes the barbecue lunch — but the fee will be waived if the rider raises \$100 in pledges for TOMA.

The TOMA Foundation was created in 1997 to provide information about burn safety and fire prevention in the hopes of decreasing the number of accidents causing burns to children. It also provides financial and emotional support to children who've been burned and their families; many crucial medical supplies for burn victims aren't covered by the government.

For more information and a ride http://fondtomafound.org/english/Ride/ 2006/Index.htm, contact Jennifer at lindover@rogers.com or Terri at ride@fondtomafound.org.

Take Back the Night drawing near

In Canada, one in two women will experience at least one incident of physical or sexual violence in her lifetime. Locally, there were 175 reported cases of sexual assault in Halton last year alone.

In an effort to bring down these startling numbers, the Sexual Assault and Violence Intervention Services (SAVIS) of Halton will host its 16th annual Take Back the Night march for Halton.

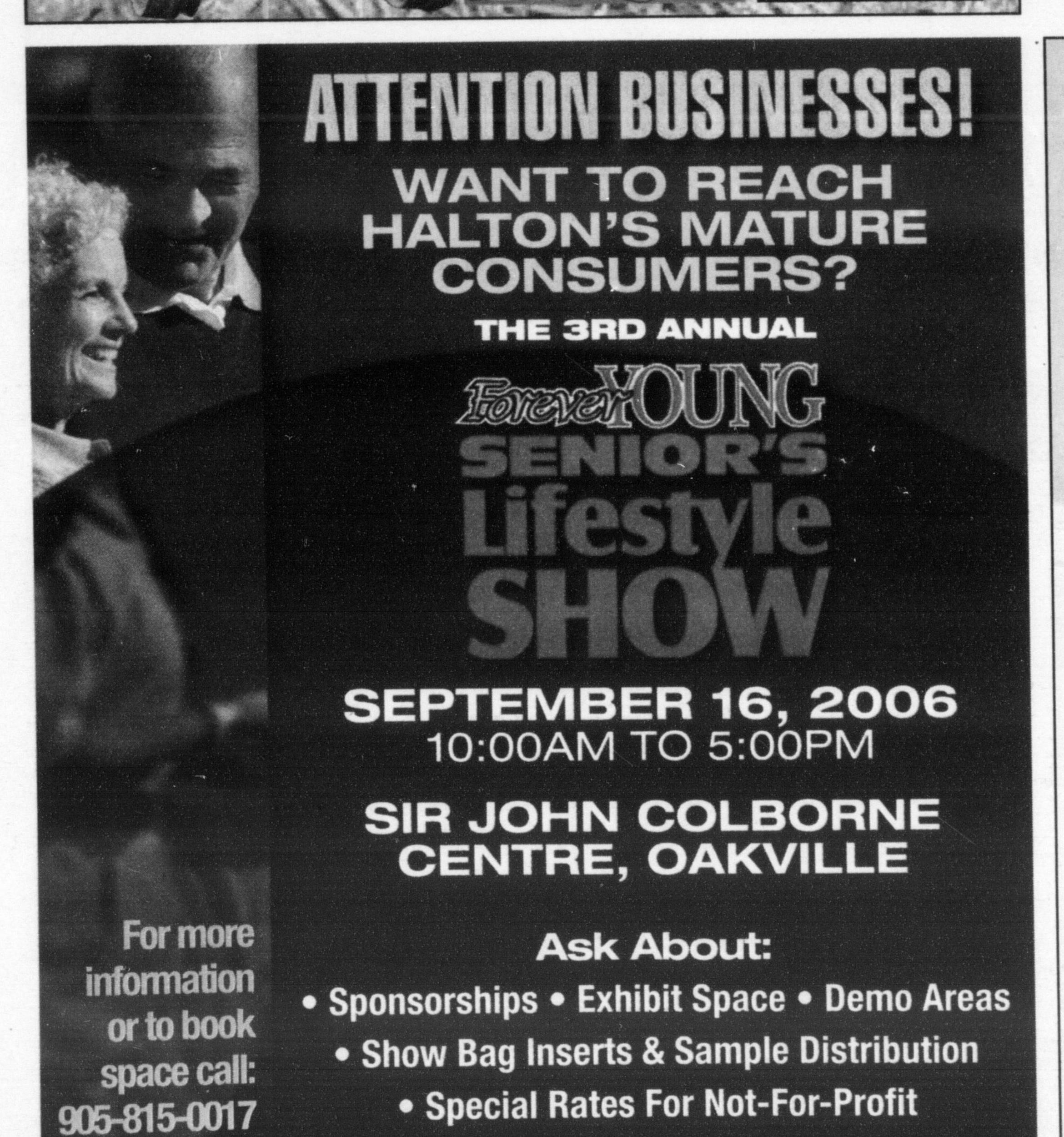
Each year, the event brings the community together in an effort to end violence against women and children. The march will take place September 14 at Coronation Park in Oakville at 6 p.m.

Participants will march down

Lakeshore Road by candlelight, and individuals will share how sexual violence has affected their lives and affects the community as a whole.

Guests will include keynote speaker Pamela Appelt, Canada's first black female judge in the Canadian Court of Citizenship, plus singer/songwriter Sarah Melody and poet Denise Anderson.

"The march is symbolic of our right as women to walk freely in our neighbourhoods without male accompaniment and fear of being a target of violence," said Zehra Haffajee, SAVIS public education co-ordinator.



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