

# Councillor happy AIDS poster pulled from campaign

Burlington regional councillor Ralph Scholtens is "delighted" that Halton's health department has pulled a controversial national AIDS Awareness Week poster from circulation.

Mr. Scholtens objected to the poster's slogan, "No more fear. No more ignorance" at a recent health and social services committee meet-

ing. The implicit message was "terribly wrong," he said, because it minimized the risks of catching the incurable ailment.

When it comes to AIDS, "the fear is real and should remain to be real," Mr. Scholtens told the committee.

People who are "promiscuous", male homosexuals and intravenous needle drug users must know the

disease risks, the councillor emphasized.

Long an opponent of all three types of behaviour, Mr. Scholtens stressed that AIDS "is a lifestyle disease" and given the new slogan, "we are not dealing with it."

The poster was distributed by the Canadian AIDS Society and was to be displayed in conjunction with

AIDS Awareness Week, which began last Monday.

Bob Nosal, Halton's health commissioner, was directed by the committee to downplay the poster exposure, but opted instead to simply not circulate it at all.

Because of the "ambiguity" of the slogan Mr. Scholtens objected to, "I think people can appreciate it", Dr.

Nosal said.

"It isn't all that big a deal," Dr. Nosal added. "We're talking about one little poster."

Regional officials attempt to keep AIDS in the forefront of public concern through a variety of programs throughout the year, Dr. Nosal said, not just during AIDS Awareness Week.

## Lawrence resigns from Chamber

The Milton Chamber of Commerce has accepted the resignation of John Lawrence as general manager of the Chamber effective immediately.

According to a Chamber press release, Mr. Lawrence has stated he will be pursuing other interests.

"Over the past nine years as general manager, I have enjoyed my involvement in many aspects of working for the Chamber, its members and the business and general communities in Milton and beyond. I have often marvelled at the devotion of thousands of volunteer hours of time, energy and resources by officers, directors and others for the benefit of the organization and the community," Mr. Lawrence stated in the release.

Chamber president Carol McDonald, on behalf of the board of directors said they wish Mr. Lawrence "every success in his new ventures and expressed their appreciation for his years of dedicated service."

### CRIME STOPPERS OF HALTON

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Halton Regional Police in Milton and Crime Stoppers of Halton are appealing to the public for assistance in identifying the culprit responsible for the robbery of a 91-year-old woman.

On September 23 at 11:30 a.m., the victim was on her way to pay a bill at the Canada Trust branch on Main Street opposite Carriage Square.

A male youth, riding a bicycle approached the woman from behind and pulled her purse out of her left hand causing lacerations.

A witness description of a suspect in the case was given to police investigators. The youth is described as male, white, 13 to 14 years of age, 5'7" to 5'8" tall with light brown hair and blue eyes.

He was wearing an emerald green kangaroo jacket, grey jogging pants, and white running shoes.

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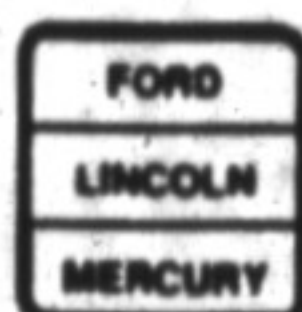
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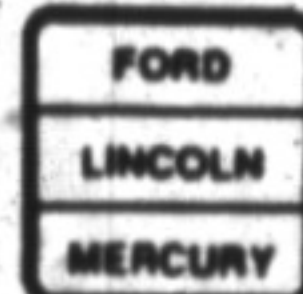
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