Outlook on Lifestyle

Palliative care group closes door

Over the past months we have witnessed the demise of several organizations. Prominent among these was one dealing with palliative care. Despite its million dollar plus annual budget, the folding of an in-

dividual organization is not usually significant when viewing the larger

Recent changes in the tax laws may add increasing pressures on existing organizations. Charities depend on donations. The income tax act allows donors to lower their taxes payable by substituting a percentage of tax with donations. This per cent is being lowered. Forecast effect is a \$50,000 decrease in contributions. The government is unlikely to fill this void.

Another change is the company



Against the odds

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cars. Until last June, limited domestic use did not seriously affect this taxable benefit. Now among other changes, driving to and from work is considered a domestic use

Unless one lives very close to work or takes alternative transportation (family ear, public transit) to and from work, it will become nearly impossible for many to keep the business use portion of driving over 90 per cent (the higher the domestic use - the higher taxable benefit).

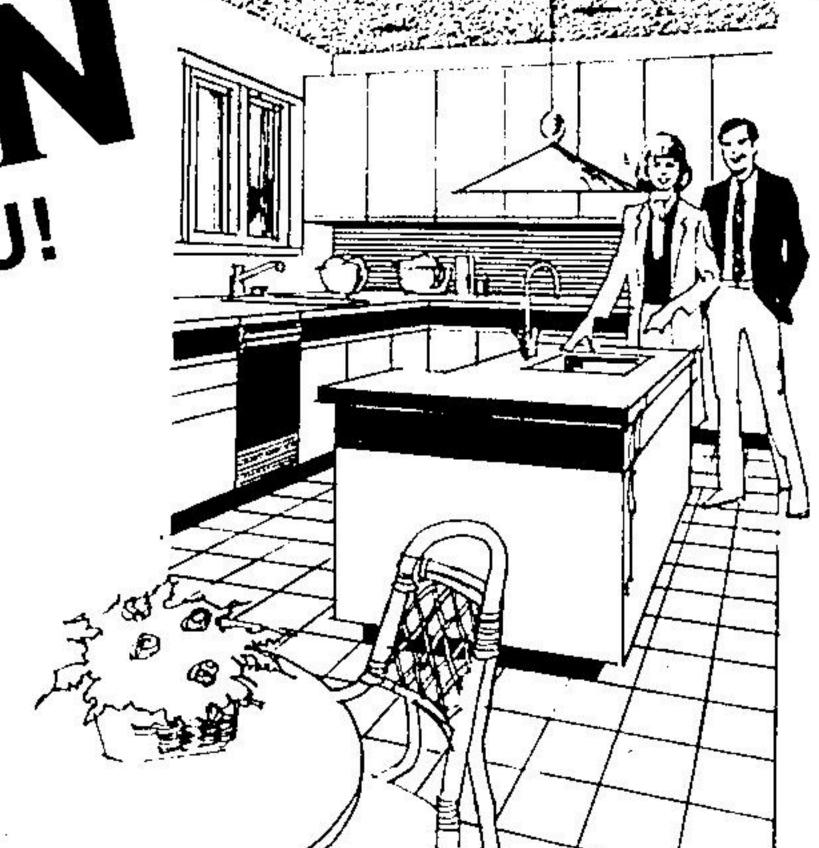
While this means that those without company cars no longer subsidize the commuting to and from work of those who have company

cars. If will also make fewer vehicles available for these who wish to do volunteer work. The family car will spend more time on the road and company cars more time in the laneway Many two car families will become one and one half car families.

If you were unable to watch Against The Odds, Halton Cable 4, on Wednesday, then tune in Nov 19 at 6 p.m. My guests are Mr. Bill Roberts representing the Town of Milton and Val O'Hara, co-ordinator of elderly services, Region of Halton The topic is local and regional transportation for the वीक्कोलिय



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