

# Business owner says budget not harsh enough

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and reporters gathered around tables at the North Halton Golf and Country Club.

"Do something, take care of the money... you're in control," shouted one voice during the ques-

## Woman lays complaint

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Meers said Dr. Valerie Kumar - now the only gynecologist and obstetrician at the Georgetown hospital living in Georgetown - never appeared in three hours. Sometime between 2 a.m. and 2:30 a.m., Ms. Meers said she was transferred to Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga. An hour earlier, she had passed out from the pain caused by hemorrhaging.

Ms. Meers said she was told by the attending physician at Credit Valley Hospital that she had lost a lot of blood and that she had telephoned the Georgetown hospital to complain that she should never have been transferred in her condition. Ms. Meers said she was never given blood in Georgetown hospital.

Ms. Meers said she was told by doctors that her Fallopian tube may possibly have been saved if the operation had been performed sooner in Georgetown, but that the pregnancy could not have been saved.

With one Fallopian tube ruptured, Ms. Meers feels her chances of getting pregnant have now been cut in half.

The complaint filed with the college of physicians and surgeons names Dr. Sennik and Dr. Kumar.

"It was so poorly handled all the way through. I just can't believe it," said Ms. Meers of the March 17 visit.

She has retained a lawyer to in-

vestigate the incident.

Hospital Executive Director Mark Rochon said he could not comment on any patient at the hospital without permission from the patient, citing medical privacy. Handed written permission to discuss the case signed by Ms. Meers, Mr. Rochon said only that he could admit that she was a patient at the hospital but that he could say nothing else because of potential law suits.

Ms. Meers said she was told by a doctor that Dr. Kumar would not come into the hospital to attend her on the March 17 visit. Dr. Kumar said yesterday that she has never met Ms. Meers and that anyone who's come under her care is aware she would never refuse to see a patient. Dr. Kumar also said she did not suggest Ms. Meers be transferred to another hospital. That transfer was arranged by Dr. Cook, she said.

Dr. Kumar said she could not elaborate because of pending legal implications in the case.

Dr. Ng said he is the physician of record for Ms. Meers, but she was really under the care of Dr. Ford. Dr. Ford was unavailable for comment at press time.

Dr. Ng, along with Dr. Cook, said they could not comment on the case because of the possible legal implications.

Dr. Sennik could not be reached for comment at press time.

tion and answer period following the 2½ hour session which included presentations from Mr. Turner, Clarkson and Gordon partner Ron Bogart and Taxation Advisory Council member Colin MacKinnon.

Mr. Turner responded to the man's claims that a "serious" government would undergo many more budget cuts, including politicians' salaries.

"I'm not going to stand here and take that," Mr. Turner said. He added that his government tried hard to reduce the deficit and that he personally took a salary cut of 50 per cent by entering politics.

One attendant at the breakfast said he was disappointed that the federal government had chopped

over \$6 billion off the child care program.

"Single mothers are a fact of life in this country today," said Howard Elmer of E.A. Mitchell Ltd. Realty.

Mr. Elmer said his wife could not work fulltime because of the cost of day care. "The government's original plan (to fund day care) was in the right direction," he said.

Mr. Turner responded to the man's concerns by saying budget cuts are the "hard reality of the situation."

Most other questions posed to Mr. Turner during the post-budget breakfast related to the manufacturer's sales tax which was 12 per cent, and is now an across-the-

table nine per cent. Mr. MacKinnon assured local business owners the tax "doesn't ever get into your inventory" but is a sales tax.

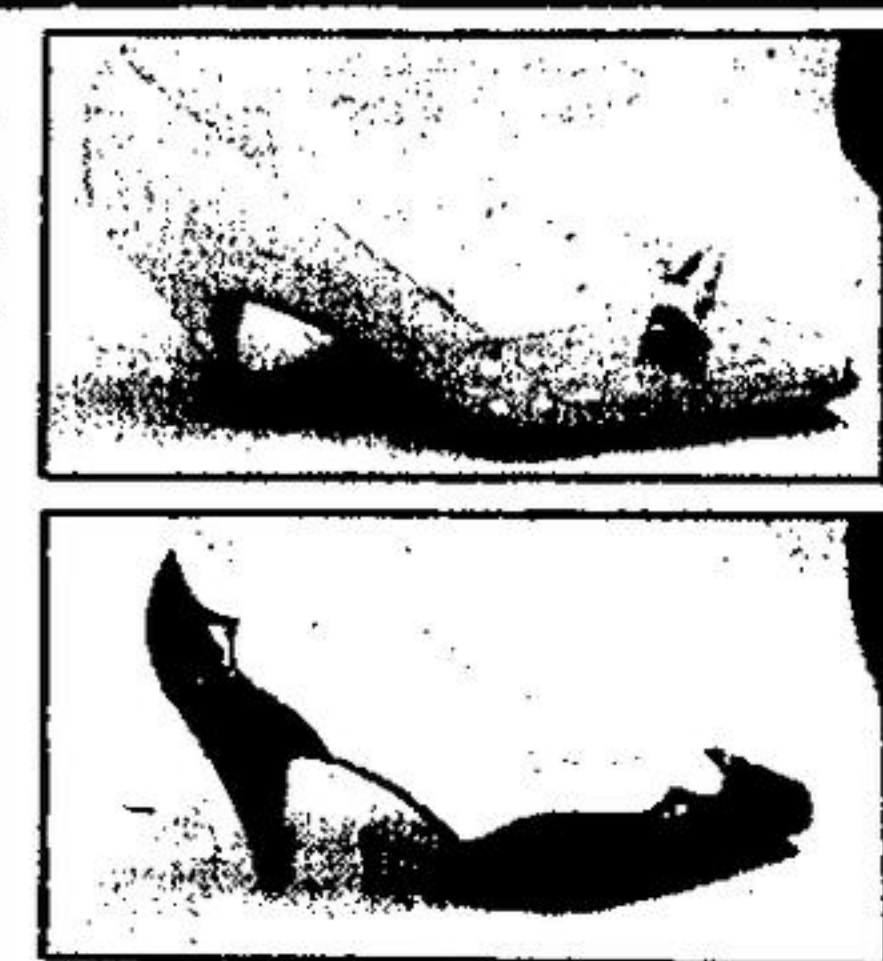
He added that there was no tax on goods imported from the United States. One audience member said it would be cheaper to buy stock south of the Canadian border.

Mr. MacKinnon said his experience in New Zealand, where a tax similar to Canada's is imposed, has been positive. He said the tax is "self-policing" and prevents tax evasion. When asked if this applies also to Canada, Mr. Turner said the new sales tax claim system would provide "a very powerful incentive to declare the whole (tax) process."

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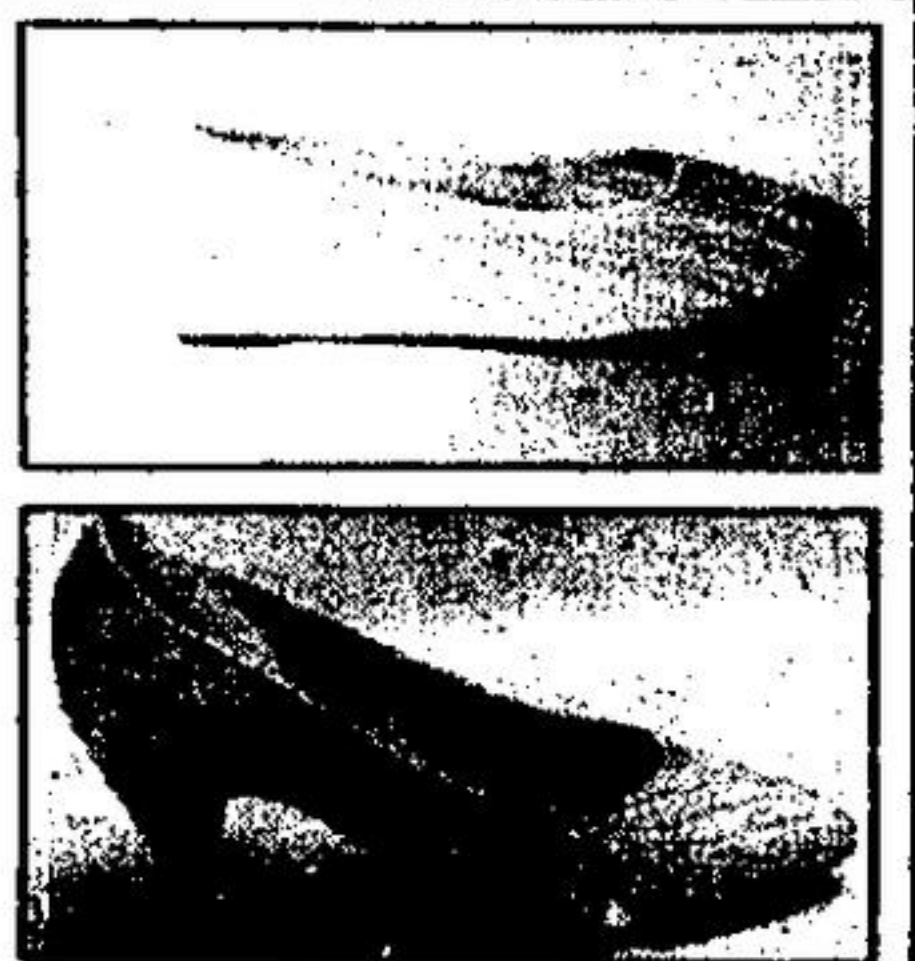
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