

Market value assessment — how are you affected?

With all this talk and controversy surrounding Halton Region's plans to implement market value assessment next year, we want to know how it will affect you, our readers.

Local officials are urging Halton Hills residents, businesses and industries to call the provincial assessment office, to find out how the new tax is going to affect their 1993 property tax bills.

Are they going to go up or

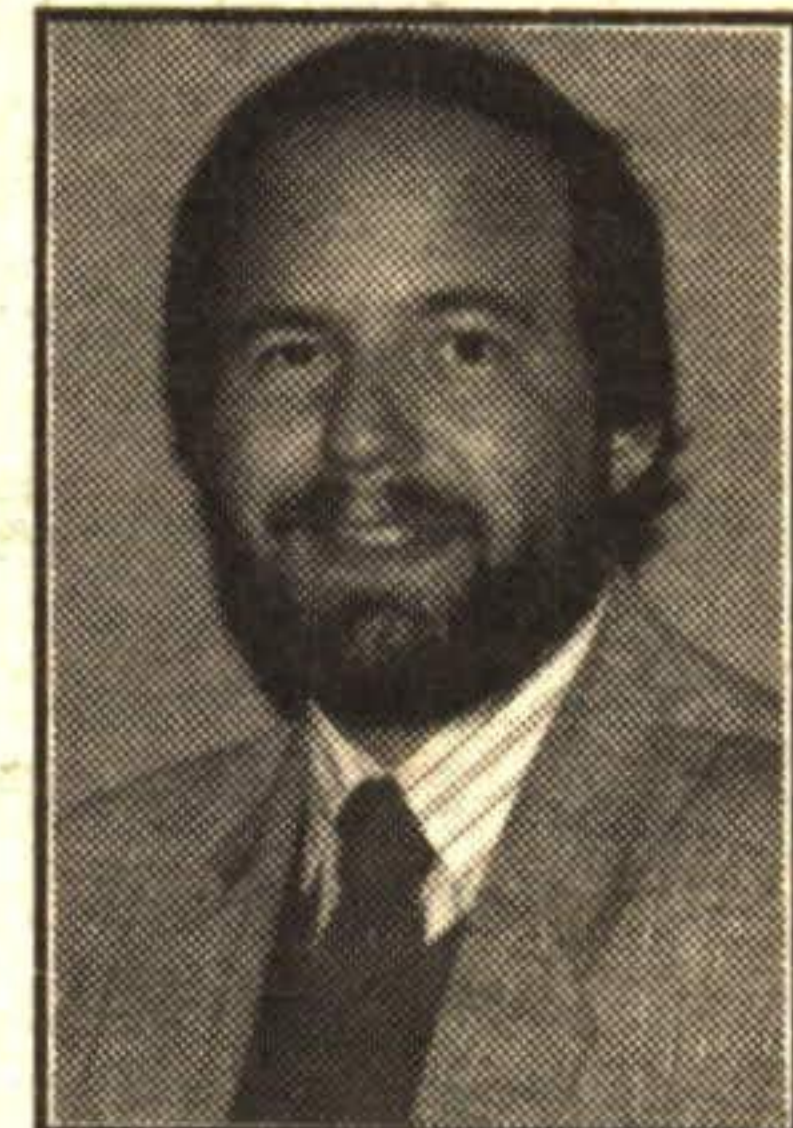
down?

Fearing that a large portion of the community, especially Acton homeowners, are going to be hit hard with the new tax, your local politicians are attempting to hit back first.

Led by councillor Rick Bonnette, the Halton Hills reps sitting on regional government (Mayor Russ Miller and councillors Bill Robson, Marilyn Serjeantson, Pam Johnston) need

the community's support behind them as they try to fight back and stop, or at least change, market value assessment.

They want to take the information



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you send us, *the Independent/Free Press*, and show their regional colleagues just how hard hit the community is going to be in the years to come.

"We're afraid people are going to be hit over the head when they open their tax bills, so we just want them to be prepared," Bonnette said.

"It's critical that we hear from all sectors of the town, to give us the ammunition we need to fight it

at the region."

So, call the assessment office at 1-800-387-5909, and then please drop us a line to let us know what you found out.

The information you provide will be kept confidential and will provide us with an idea of how the community as a whole will be affected.

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Blood clinic Monday

The fall Blood Clinic will be held Monday, November 9, 1:30-8:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Church Hall in Georgetown. Please bring photo-signature I.D.



along with your donor cards (eg. driver's licence or health card).

Bring Santa's letters

The Georgetown Lions Santa Claus Parade will be held this Saturday, Nov. 14, starting at 1 p.m. Parade route starts at Moore Park, down Main St. to Maple Ave and up Guelph St.

The theme for this year's parade is "A Canadian Christmas, in honor of our country's 125th birthday."

Santa's elves remind all children to bring their letters to Santa Claus to the Georgetown parade where they will be picked up enroute by the post office staff.

No tricks, just food

The third annual Trick or Tanning Food Drive hosted by Georgetown Christian Reformed Church Young People's Society, collected 1,460 pounds of food for the Love in Christ food bank. Over 50 youths from as far away as Scarborough and Orillia participated in the drive.

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Top marks for excellence

Several students from Georgetown District High School were recognized for their achievement overall and in specific subjects recently at three awards assemblies at the school in October. A group of the medal winners got together recently for a picture. Some of this year's medal winners include from front left; Ben Zimmer received a gold medal because he had 95.3 average in Grade 12, Mark Peterson received a bronze for his 90.5 average in Grade 9, Micah Zartnke received a bronze for his 90.4 average in Grade 10,

Kevin Young received a bronze for his Grade 11 89.4 average, Bruce Davison was awarded a silver for a 91.9 average, back left; Sachi Kron received a silver for her Grade 10 average, Andrea Schneider received a silver for her 90.8 average in Grade 12, Greg Taylor received a gold for a 91.6 average in Grade 10, Sherrie Carter received a gold for a 92.3 Grade 11 average, and Sabrina Bassett took a gold for a Grade 9 91.1 average. See page 8 for Acton High School's top students.

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P.C. leader would repeal labor law, if elected

By TED BROWN
 Staff writer

Mike Harris has a vision for Ontario — making the province more attractive to industry and investors by creating a more favorable economic climate based on lower taxes and job retraining programs.

The leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario delivered his message to more than 100 members of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce at a wine tasting night at Sacre Coeur Hall, Tuesday.

"When Ontario adopted the 'Yours to Discover' slogan a few years back, this province was the envy of the whole world," said Harris, "But it's not the same today."



MIKE HARRIS

"Today, we have doubts creeping into the industry and companies wishing to build a new factory or plant are looking at other provinces or states," he continued.

Harris cited the introduction of Bill 40—labor act reform, as one of the major deterrents to industry, scaring away investors and new business due to a fear of too powerful labor unions. Harris, a longtime opponent to Bill 40, put forward a resolution in the Legislature to have it dropped earlier that day. However, the bill became law Thursday.

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Mysterious death at Mohawk Raceway

The cause of death of a Mohawk Raceway employee remains a mystery.

Paul Pond, 27, a groom at the Guelph Line track, was found dead by a co-worker Oct. 30 in a backstretch equipment room where he slept.

While an autopsy has revealed he likely died from a "sudden heart irregularity," the death is still under investigation, said acting inspector Mike Eacrett of the Halton Regional Police Service.

Initial reports indicated the man may have been kicked in the stom-

ach by a horse the previous day, but no evidence of a related injury turned up in the autopsy, police said. Foul play is not suspected in the death, said Eacrett.

Police are now waiting for test results from the Centre of Forensic Sciences in Toronto.



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