

Bonnette will seek re-election in Nov.

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The Acton Tanner

Veteran incumbent Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette will run for the Ward 1 Town and Regional Councillor's seat in November's municipal election.

On Monday Bonnette squelched rumours that he would run for mayor.

"With the dance floor already crowded with six mayoralty candidates, and the possibly of two more, I feel that it is in the best interest of Acton that I continue as Regional Councillor," Bonnette explained.

"With the retirement of Mayor Russ Miller and two current Regional Councillors vying for his job, my experience and expertise will be needed at Halton Regional Council."

Bonnette, 38, was first elected to Halton Hills Council in 1982 as local Councillor, the youngest ever elected to Town Council.

In 1985 Bonnette was elected as Regional Councillor and has held the position ever since.

In 1988 Bonnette was acclaimed and he faced one challenger in the last municipal election in 1991.

Bonnette gained regional recognition last term with his successful fight against Market Value Assessment, which would have resulted in four of five Acton residents facing increased property taxes.

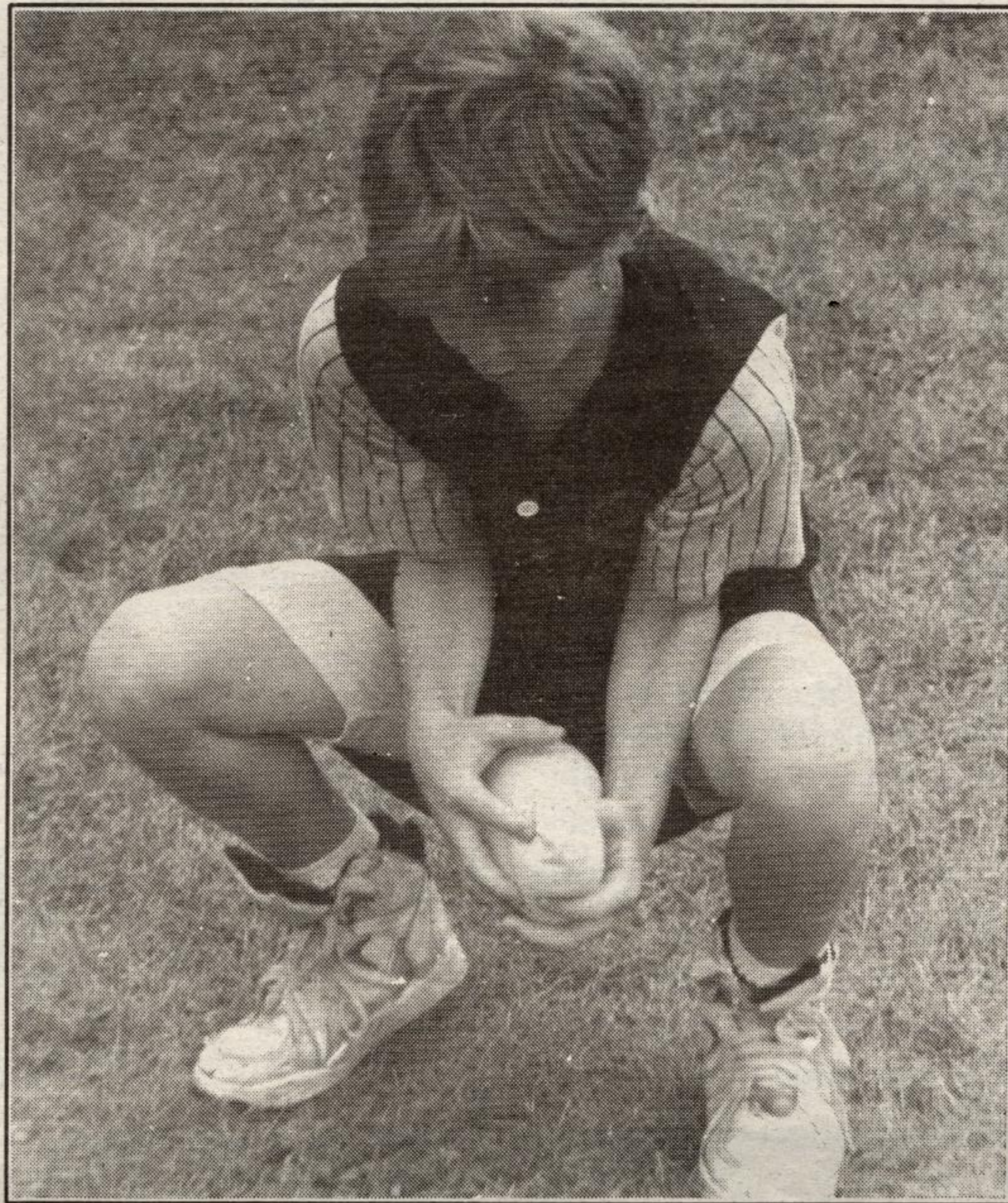
Heading into what promises to be a very interesting election, Bonnette said the major issues are replacing the old Acton arena and encouraging growth that will lead to increased business opportunities and jobs.

"I think the Regional Review will be important this term and I will oppose any proposal that will take away one of Halton Hill's regional representatives," Bonnette stressed.

Halton Hills currently has five Councillors on the 24-member Region Council.

Now that Provincial operating funding is in place, Bonnette is anxious to finalize plans for the Seniors' Recreation Centre.

"Above all, I plan to continue to promote the needs of Acton at both levels of Council. I've always enjoyed working with and for the people of Acton and with my two Acton colleagues I hope to continue to do so after Nov. 14."



GOOD HANDS! Sean Canary, 8, handles a "loaded" water balloon at the last day of the Rec and Parks summer program at M.Z. Bennett. (Doug Harrison photo)

Long distance changes

A change in the way we make long distance calls will soon affect Acton telephone users.

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