

THE RIGHT CHOICES

Securing your family's future

How the 2003 Ontario Budget benefits you and your family

✓ Securing our future

Ontario's budget is balanced for the fifth year in a row, and we've paid down \$5 billion of the debt! Our economy is strong and will continue to grow in 2003-04. We'll focus our spending in priority areas and continue to eliminate unnecessary spending, including \$500 million this year.

✓ Ontario's tax cuts are key

We'll complete our commitment to reduce personal income taxes by 20% by January 1, 2004, and eliminate punishing income surtaxes for 470,000 people earning less than \$75,000. We'll reduce the tax rate for 125,000 small businesses to 4% by 2005, and begin eliminating the capital tax with a reduction of 10% in 2004.

✓ Investing our health dollars wisely

Health care remains a top priority for Ontarians, so we're increasing total health care funding by \$1.9 billion, despite the federal government's contribution of only 17 cents on the dollar. This brings our total health care investment to \$28.1 billion—an increase of \$10.5 billion since 1995—including \$10.3 billion for hospitals (a 50% increase since 1998), and new funding for 252 nurse practitioners to help serve under-served areas.

✓ Supporting our seniors

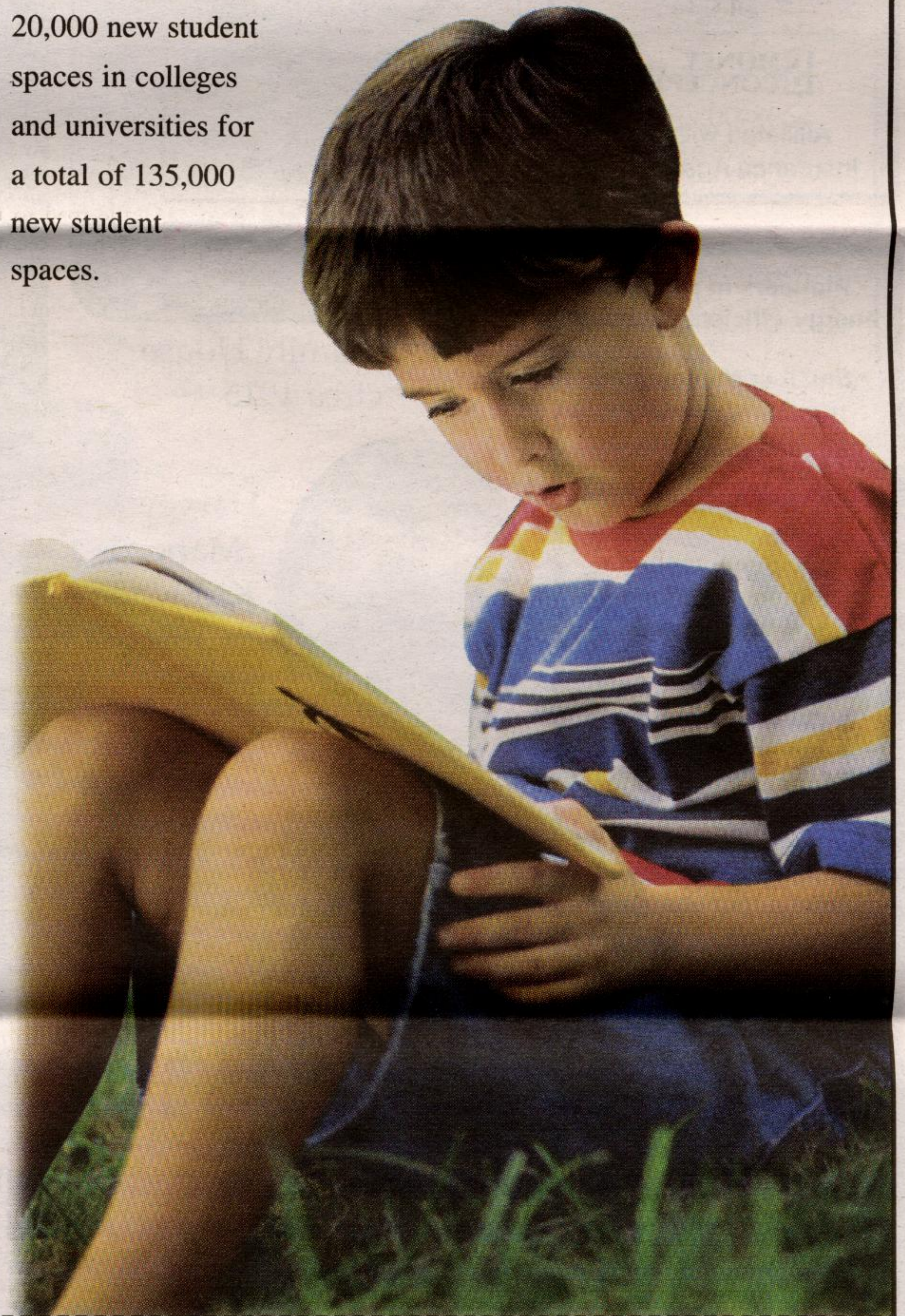
Thanks to our seniors, we have the freedom and prosperity we enjoy today. They deserve a safe and secure retirement. Every senior homeowner or tenant will receive a tax credit to reimburse the residential education tax that they pay—an average savings of \$475 for 945,000 senior households. We'll also fund an additional 15,000 cataract surgeries annually.

✓ Investing in safe and secure communities

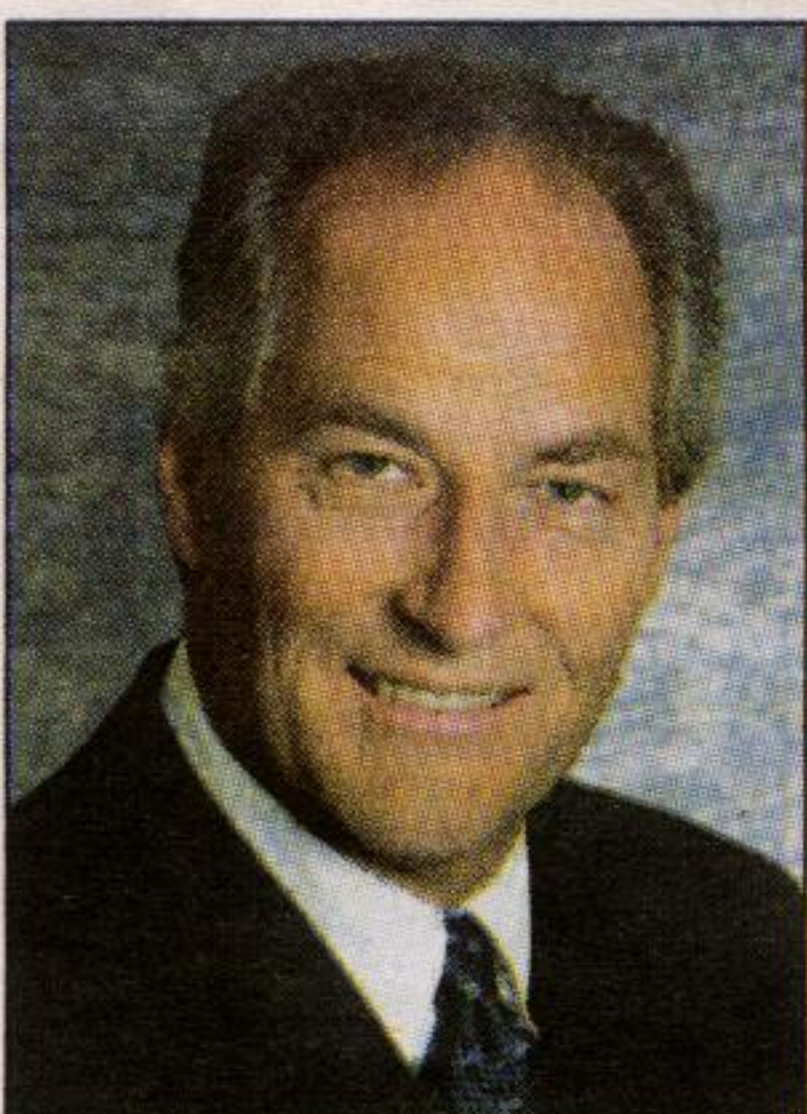
We'll invest \$750 million over three years to invest in safe drinking water, and increase funding to municipalities by 18% over the next three years. We'll invest \$271 million to support infrastructure renewal in eight major cities outside of the GTA, and \$31 million over 7 years to support services for victims. Funding to women's centres for services to help vulnerable women find jobs will be doubled.

✓ Investing in education

We are accepting the advice of Dr. Rozanski by increasing funding to school boards by almost \$2 billion—or 14%—over three years. We'll create 20,000 new student spaces in colleges and universities for a total of 135,000 new student spaces.



Your opinion is important—please fax, mail or drop off your comments to:



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