

# Brookville store man robbed

An attendant at Brookville General Store on the Guelph Line was abducted late last Wednesday night, January 16, as he closed the store for the night.

The store had been closed for the evening and as the attendant left he was confronted by four men, Halton police said. A handgun was seen and the store deposit was taken from the attendant, prior to him being bound and placed

into a van. He was driven to the Bathurst and Wilson St. area of Toronto before being released.

The victim made his way home and contacted York Regional Police who, in turn, contacted Halton Regional Police Criminal Investigations who attended the scene. The attendant had only minor injuries to his wrists.

Police said the only descriptions they have of the

suspects is they were four black males, with no indication of age. Investigation is continuing and Halton Police are encouraging anyone with information, or who was in Brookville General Store on the Wednesday evening, to call investigators at 12 Division Criminal Investigations 905-825-4777, extension 2405, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



**RECOGNIZE LEADERSHIP:** former Halton federal Tory Riding President Brian Penman, left, accepts thanks and an original Albert Casson artwork from current federal Tory Riding President Dan McGill, right. Mr. Penman was recognized for the leadership he demonstrated as Riding President over the last four years. It is unusual for someone to serve as a local Riding President over that length of time. - submitted photo.

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The kitchen is reached through a butler's pantry and the kitchen itself is an expansive space with a phone desk and a pantry - two practical additions that are sure to be appreciated by all the family.

Next to the kitchen, the family room has a gas fireplace and an entertainment unit, adding a cosy usefulness to a room designed for relaxation.

The rear of the family area is occupied by the laundry room reached through a door off the kitchen, a morning room - the family's informal dining space, and a covered porch.

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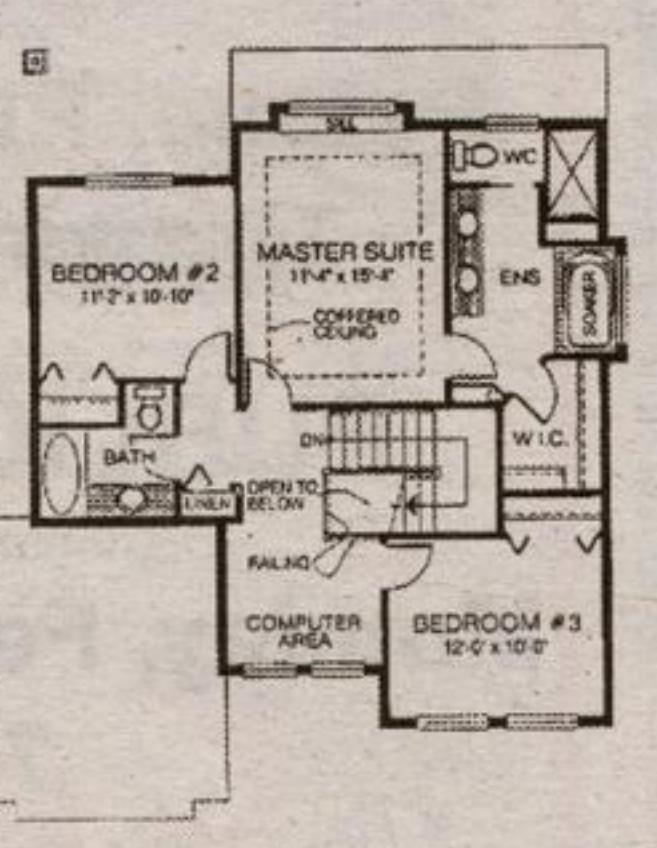
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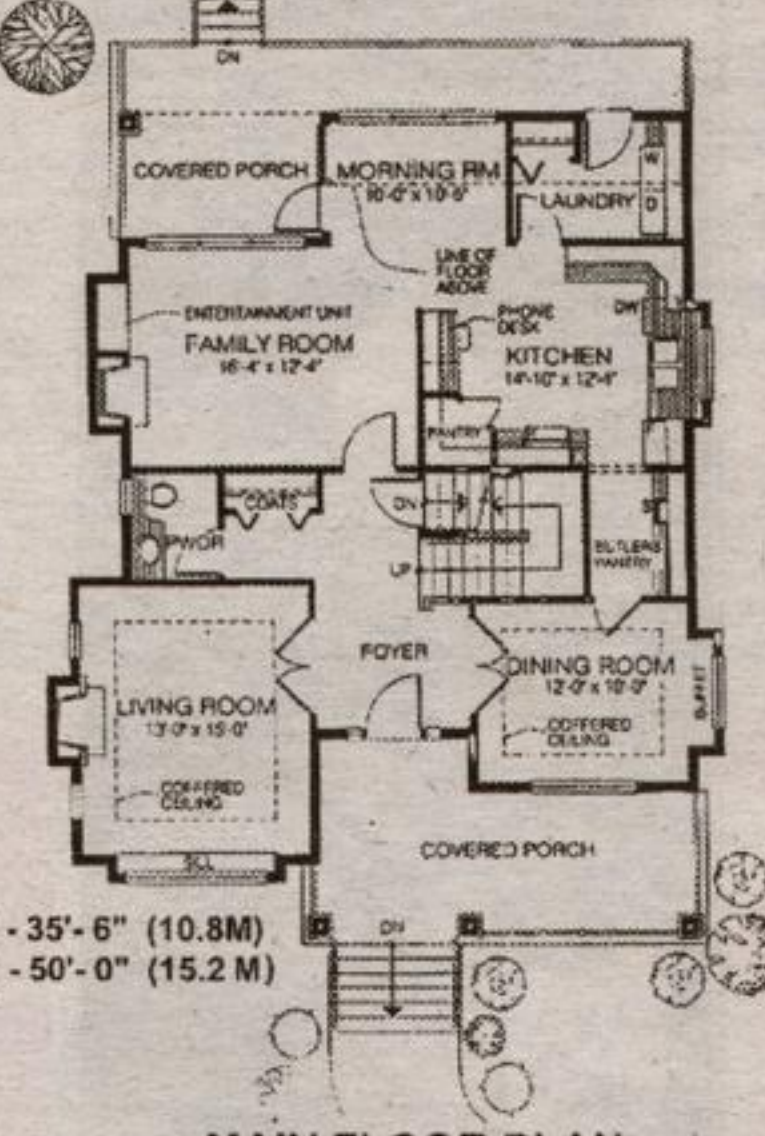
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# Ontario government not in red as letter writer alleges

Dear Editor:

Re: Open letter to Ted Chudleigh published January 10, 2002

The open letter by Richard Boychuk, published in your January 10 edition is so riddled with misconceptions, half-truths and blatant misrepresentations of the facts that I feel compelled to set the record straight.

Mr. Boychuk writes about the Ontario budget, government spending, tax cuts and leadership.

He offers no evidence to support his comments. The Ontario budget is not in the red as Mr. Boychuk contends. Simply stated there is a concern in government that revenue projections could be reduced and spending needs to be controlled to maintain a balanced budget. At no time has the government suggested that current or future Ontario budgets would not be balanced. The Ontario government has run three consecutive balanced budgets. This is the first time in 100 years this has occurred.

Currently, according to Stats Can figures, Ontario's economy is still producing more jobs than are lost. Growth has slowed but so far it has not stopped. Evidence so far suggests that this inevitable economic slow down will likely fulfill Ontario government predictions and be shallow in impact and short

in duration. Quoting total employment figures for Canada is misleading when referring to Ontario only.

Mr. Boychuk accuses the Ontario government of spending money to inform Ontarians about the federal government's unwillingness to fulfill its obligations and provide 50 per cent of health care costs. I believe that Ontarians need to know the facts on this issue. Would Mr. Boychuk prefer to be left in the dark? If the government did not provide this information Mr. Boychuk would likely accuse them of being secretive.

Regarding the spending of money to conduct province wide testing of students, I understand the testing process has flaws, however, the results provide parents with information on student achievement, and the strengths and weaknesses of schools, school boards, and the curriculum. How else are taxpayers going to know what value they get from the 20 per cent of provincial revenues that are spent on education?

Mr. Boychuk also calls into question the tax credit to parents of students in independent schools. Many people support that tax credit as long as schools are subject to Ontario standards. Does Mr. Boychuk not understand the difference between paying the money directly to schools

(which is not happening) and providing a tax credit to parents who are paying tuition and also paying education taxes? Or is he playing fast and loose with the facts?

Certainly his suggestion that the tax credit is going to cost \$500 million is far out of line with estimates that suggest little more than half that amount.

Mr. Boychuk's contention that corporate taxes should remain high ignores the rest of the world. We must keep Ontario competitive with other jurisdictions in order to keep jobs in Ontario. Those jobs provide the tax revenue that people value.

As for Mr. Boychuk's contention that Premier Harris is leaving just when times are getting tough, I suggest the opposite. Mike Harris took on the job when times were about as tough as they will ever be in Ontario. He guided the province out of a virtual depression and re-established it as the economic engine of Canada. He leaves when an economic slowdown is proving that his policies and reforms have insulated Ontarians from the depths we reached under previous governments.

I hope this sets the record straight.

Sincerely,  
Daryl Mason, Acton.

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If you would like to join the Seniors Day Program on their Outing of February 8, the van will pick you up at Squires Lodge at 11:30 am for a trip to CWRG's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chilifest in Fergus. Lunch includes chili, salad and dessert. There is also a silent auction. Cost is \$7.00 and all are invited to go, but please call Lynn at the Rockwood office to reserve. Tax season will soon be

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